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Sen Murkowski: PILT Payments Essential to Alaskan Communities *Welcomes Interior Department's PILT Payments for 2015*

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, today welcomed the announcement that Alaska municipalities will receive \$26.2 million from the Department of the Interior as compensation for federal lands within their jurisdictions. Approximately 1,900 local jurisdictions received a total of \$404.6 million in PILT payments this year.

“With the federal government managing more than 60 percent of the land within Alaska’s borders, we know well the importance of PILT,” Murkowski said. “These funds are essential to providing vital emergency services like fire-fighting, police protection, and search-and-rescue operations to communities with federal lands located in their jurisdictions.”

The Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program provides monetary compensation to local governments that contain National Forests, Bureau of Land Management public lands, National Parks and other lands dedicated to water resource development projects. The revenue helps local governments provide vital services, such as firefighting and police protection, construction of public schools and roads, and search-and-rescue operations.

An additional \$37 million made available for PILT after October 1, 2015, by the NDAA, would be issued to counties as a supplemental check through a provision included by Murkowski in the 2016 Interior Appropriations bill, that if enacted, would provide full funding at the authorized level for FY2015.

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COUNTY	PAYMENT	TOTAL ACRES
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	\$489,495	2,663,160
ALEUTIANS WEST	\$889,537	2,341,559
BETHEL	\$1,632,135	15,635,727
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	\$148,294	63,165
DENALI BOROUGH	\$295,565	4,610,634
DILLINGHAM	\$791,551	3,010,742

FAIRBANKS NORTHSTAR BOROUGH	\$399,674	170,239
HAINES BOROUGH	\$317,302	957,030
HOONAH-ANGOON CENSUS AREA	\$339,575	4,624,769
JUNEAU CITY & BOROUGH	\$1,916,143	1,675,847
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	\$2,651,067	6,700,970
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	\$1,017,188	3,054,614
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	\$1,370,176	2,816,103
LAKE & PENINSULA BOROUGH	\$260,895	8,535,699
MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH	\$3,149,012	3,010,422
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE	\$603,106	287,074
MUNICIPALITY-SKAGWAY	\$139,441	192,546
NOME	\$1,107,911	7,271,886
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	\$1,107,911	40,150,940
NORTHWEST ARTIC BOROUGH	\$1,036,368	17,476,099
PETERSBURG CENSUS AREA	\$596,631	1,799,528
PRINCE OF WALES	\$889,537	2,815,354
S.E. FAIRBANKS	\$977,138	4,759,277
SITKA CITY BOROUGH	\$604,742	1,823,990
VALDEZ/CORDOVA	\$1,107,911	14,953,743
WADE HAMPTON	\$1,036,368	9,573,996
WRANGELL BOROUGH	\$379,944	1,600,602
YAKUTAT BOROUGH	\$101,635	4,438,108
YUKON KOYUKUK	\$889,537	58,403,601
TOTAL	\$26,245,789	225,417,424

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