

OKANOGAN COUNTY

RESOLUTION 82 - 2023

***Election to Receive Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Funding
and Allocation of Title II and Title III funds***

WHEREAS, Congress reauthorized the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) in PL 117-58; and

WHEREAS, the law calls for the County to elect to either receive a share of the SRS state payment or a share of the State's 25-percent payment based on the 7-year rolling average annual receipts; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Treasurer's office collects and compiles said elections by all affected counties for transmittal to the U.S. Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, Okanogan County's share of the State payment is greater than \$350,000 (\$1,766,900) so the county must allocate 15-percent to 20-percent of its share to Title II (Resource Advisory Council approved projects), Title III (Specific County approved projects); or a combination of both, except that the allocation for Title III projects may not exceed 7-percent. The total percentage allocated to Title II and Title III combined must be no less than 15-percent and no greater than 20-percent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of County Commissioners hereby elects to receive the SRS payment in lieu of 25% of actual receipts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Board of County Commissioners hereby elects to allocate 15% of the Full County Payment to Titles II and III; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Board of County Commissioners hereby elects to allocate 8% of the Full County Payment to Title II and 7% to Title III; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that the Clerk of the Board will transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of State Treasurer for transmittal to the Forest Service.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 14th day of July, 2023.



ATTEST:

[Signature]
Laleña Johns, CMC
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

[Signature]
Chris Branch, Chairman

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Andy Hover, Member

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Jon Neal, Member

FY 2023 Forest Service Payment to States, Public Law 117-58

Election to Receive Payment

Election to Allocate the State Payment

By August 1, 2023 (midnight, mountain time), please complete and return all pages of this form to the U.S. Forest Service, Albuquerque Service Center, All Service Receipts (ASR) Section.

By email: sm.fs.asc_asr@usda.gov

By fax: (877) 684-1422, ATTN: ASR

A county's election to receive a payment and to allocate the State payment must be transmitted by the Governor's office or other appropriate executive office of the state such as State Treasurer, on behalf of the Governor. The Forest Service will not accept an election directly from a county or from any non-governmental organization acting on behalf of a county.

Election to Receive Payment

The State must transmit, for each county in which a national forest is situated, the county's election to receive a share of the Secure Rural Schools Act State payment or a share of the State's 25-percent payment based on the 7-year rolling average annual receipts. The State may use this form to transmit county elections to the Forest Service. If the State fails to transmit a county's election by the deadline of August 1, 2023 (midnight, mountain time), the county will be considered to have elected to receive a share of the State payment.

To assist States and counties in making an informed decision between the Secure Rural Schools Act and the 1908 Act Amended payment methods the Forest Service has created a worksheet with estimated payment amounts under both methods. These estimated State Payments are calculated using the formula described in the Act and the currently available data for historic payments, acreage, per capita personal income and assumes all affected counties will elect to receive a share of the State payment. The actual county shares of the State payment will be calculated only for counties that elect to receive a share of the State payment or the county payment (for BLM lands in western Oregon) and will be calculated using the updated acreage and per capital personal income amounts available in the fall of FY2023.

Election to Allocate the State Payment

Each county that elects to receive a share of the State payment must make an additional election to allocate the State payment. The guidelines for making the allocation vary depending on the amount of the county share of the State payment.

- **\$100,000 or less. (Minor distribution)** An eligible county that elects to receive a share of the State payment that is \$100,000 or less (a minor distribution) may elect to use 100-percent of its share for public roads and schools under Title I. **A county that elects to receive a minor distribution must make an affirmative election to use the 100-percent of its share for Title I purposes.** In the alternative, the county may opt to allocate 15-percent to 20-percent of its share to Title II, Title III, or a combination of both. The total percentage allocated to Title II and Title III combined must be no less than 15-percent and no greater than 20-percent. The county also may opt to return its allocation, in whole or part, to the Federal Government.
- **\$100,001 to \$349,999 (Moderate distribution)** If the county share of the State payment is more than \$100,000 but less than \$350,000, the county must allocate 15-percent to 20-percent of its share to Title II, Title III, or a combination of both. The total percentage allocated to Title II and/or Title III must be no less than 15-percent and no greater than 20-percent. The county also may opt to return its allocation, in whole or part, to the Federal Government.
- **\$350,000 or greater (Major distribution)** If the county share of the State payment is \$350,000 or greater, the county must allocate 15-percent to 20-percent of its share to Title II, Title III, or a combination of both, except that the allocation for Title III projects may not exceed 7-percent. The total percentage allocated to Title II and Title III combined must be no less than 15-percent and no greater than 20-percent. The county also may opt to return its allocation, in whole or part, to the Federal Government.

To provide maximum flexibility, projects funded under Title II must be initiated (reviewed and recommended by a resource advisory committee) by September 30, 2025, and Title II funds must be obligated by September 30, 2026. In addition, projects funded under Title III must be initiated by September 30, 2025, and Title III funds must be obligated by September 30, 2026.

An eligible county that fails to elect to allocate its share of the State payment shall be considered to have elected to expend 80-percent of the share for public schools and roads. The remaining 20-percent will be available to the Forest Service to carry out projects in the eligible county to further the purposes of Title II.

Instructions for transmitting county elections.

In the following table, each state and county name are already populated to assist in the preparation of the form.

Enter an X in Column B for each county that elects to receive a share of the State's 25-percent payment (the 7-year rolling average of national forest receipts). Enter an X in Column C for each county that elects to receive a share of the Secure Rural Schools Act State payment.

For each county that elects to receive a share of the Secure Rural Schools Act State payment, refer to the allocation guidelines above and then enter a numerical percentage to indicate the county's allocation of its share of the State payment:


- Column D, enter the percent of county share of State payment to be allocated to public schools and roads;

- Column E, enter the percent of county share of State payment to be allocated to title II, Special Projects on national forests;
- Column F, enter the percent of county share of State payment to be allocated to title III, County Funds for uses authorized under title III;
- Column G, enter the percent of county share of State payment to be returned to the U.S. Treasury, if any:

State Name: <u>Washington</u>	Election to Receive Payment		Allocation of the Secure Rural Schools Act State Payment				
	25-percent of 7-year rolling average receipts	Secure Rural Schools Act State payment	Percent for Public Schools & Roads (Title I)	Percent for Title II, Special Projects	Percent for Title III, County Funds	Percent to Return to U.S. Treasury	Total of Column D, E, F, G
County Name	For each county enter X in one of the columns below		For each county with an X in Column C, enter a percentage (number) in the columns below, not to exceed 100 total				
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G	Total
Asotin (003)							0
Chelan (007)							0
Clallam (009)							0
Clark (011)							0
Columbia (013)							0
Cowlitz (015)							0
Douglas (017)							0
Ferry (019)							0
Garfield (023)							0
Grays Harbor (027)							0
Jefferson (031)							0
King (033)							0
Kittitas (037)							0
Klickitat (039)							0

State Name:	Election to Receive Payment		Allocation of the Secure Rural Schools Act				
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<u>Washington</u>							
County Name	For each county enter X in one of the columns below		For each county with an X in Column C, enter a percentage (number) in the columns below, not to exceed 100 total				
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G	Total
Lewis (041)							0
Mason (045)							0
Okanogan (047)		X	85	8	7		100
Pend Oreille (051)							0
Pierce (053)							0
Skagit (057)							0
Skamania (059)							0
Snohomish (061)							0
Stevens (065)							0
Thurston (067)							0
Walla Walla (071)							0
Whatcom (073)							0
Yakima (077)							0
*** Please refer to page 4 for signature requirements ***							

****Required Contact Information****

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