



## AGENDA SHEET

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** July 7, 2025  
**AGENDA CATEGORY:** Action Item  
**DATE OF AGENDA SHEET:** June 30, 2025  
**PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY:** Jamaica Watts

### **SUBJECT:**

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS FROM THE NATIONAL FOREST RESERVES 2024 (Received in 2025)

### **BACKGROUND:**

The County is in receipt of **\$725,775.81** of National Forest Reserve payments for 2024 to be distributed in 2025 as follows:

- Title I - \$725,775.81

On June 9, 2025, the Board appointed three Garfield County representatives to a County-School District panel to determine how the Title I funds would be distributed.

By formula, the County only has the obligation to distribute 25% (or \$181,443.95) of the total amount to the school districts.

On June 30, 2025, the County-School District panel met and recommended that in addition to the minimum distribution of 25% (\$181,443.95) to schools within Garfield County, that an additional \$96,566.05 be distributed, bringing the total distribution to schools to \$275,000.00. The reasoning was that this amount is similar to levels previously distributed.

The remaining \$450,775.81 will be distributed to the Garfield County Road and Bridge fund.

Per state law, this is a recommendation with the final decision being made by the Board of County Commissioners.

### **REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Consideration and approval of the above distribution of receipts from the National Forest Reserves, 2024, and direct staff to finalize the IGA so that the Garfield County Treasurer can make the disbursement as follows:

- \$275,000.00 to the school districts whose boundaries fall within Garfield County, in the proportion that its pupil enrollment bears to the aggregate pupil enrollment of all districts in the County; and
- \$450,775.81 to the County's Road and Bridge Fund

# COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

**Dave Young**  
State Treasurer



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Deputy Treasurer

May 1, 2025

REF: National Forest

The Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Act, P.L. 116-94 has not been authorized and expired on September 30, 2023. Counties will receive 25% 7-year rolling average payment without reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act per the 1908 Act as amended. Each state and county are accountable for the proper use of funds under the Single Audit Acts.

The National Forest payments were remitted via EFT if applicable. Otherwise, a check is issued for your County's National Forest payment. The EFT should be received by your County within a few days. The Taylor Grazing and Sale of Land and Materials will be distributed as soon as funds are received. As of yet, the funds have not been received.

The information attached to this email will be provided on the Treasury website in a few days. This is a supplemental worksheet only to assist, and any technical questions should be addressed with Mia Gonzales with the Department of Local Affairs at 303-864-7744 or email [mia.gonzales@state.co.us](mailto:mia.gonzales@state.co.us). Please use the figures from the attached worksheet as these are the figures that will be used by the State Auditors for the PILT audit.

In addition to the worksheet, the US Forest Service link is available on the Colorado State Treasury website. The website can be accessed with this link; <https://treasury.colorado.gov/federal-funds-distribution>.

For the allocation directive on splitting the funds between the county's public schools and its road and bridge fund, please refer to C.R.S. 30-29-101(3) and to the informational "Minimum Distribution to School Districts" column in the enclosed worksheet. For any technical questions, please contact Mia Gonzales with the Department of Local Affairs.

Thanks,

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COUNTY	Sale of Lands & Materials BLM \$35-45-108(3) xx/xx/xx	Taylor Grazing BLM \$35-45-108 xx/xx/xx	Na'I Forest	NATIONAL FOREST				Grand Total	Informational Only		
			Recv'd & Paid to Counties	Title I	7 year	Grand Total	FFY 2024 SFY2025	Minimum	Title I less		
			by State Treasury	County Share	Rolling Average	National Forest	Treasury	Distribution to	Minimum		
			ASR-19-01	ASR-19-01	County Share	Title III	To Counties	School Districts	Distribution to		
			ASR-19-01	FFY24	25%	County Share	Paid	SL&M + Forest	Na'I Forest	School Districts	
			04/30/25						x 25%		
ADAMS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
ALAMOSA	0.00	0.00	2,544.72	0.00	2,544.72	0.00	2,544.72	2,544.72	25%	636.18	1,908.54
ARAPAHOE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
ARCHULETA	0.00	0.00	58,399.00	0.00	58,399.00	0.00	58,399.00	58,399.00	25%	14,599.75	43,799.25
BACA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
BENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
BOULDER	0.00	0.00	24,195.97	0.00	24,195.97	0.00	24,195.97	24,195.97	25%	6,048.99	18,146.98
BROOMFIELD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
CHAFFEE	0.00	0.00	79,350.72	0.00	79,350.72	0.00	79,350.72	79,350.72	25%	19,837.68	59,513.04
CHEYENNE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
CLEAR CREEK	0.00	0.00	577,746.86	0.00	577,746.86	0.00	577,746.86	577,746.86	25%	144,436.71	433,310.14
CONEJOS	0.00	0.00	35,991.00	0.00	35,991.00	0.00	35,991.00	35,991.00	25%	8,997.75	26,993.25
COSTILLA	0.00	0.00	68.33	0.00	68.33	0.00	68.33	68.33	25%	17.08	51.25
CROWLEY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
CUSTER	0.00	0.00	28,505.88	0.00	28,505.88	0.00	28,505.89	28,505.89	25%	7,126.47	21,379.41
DELTA	0.00	0.00	51,640.88	0.00	51,640.88	0.00	51,640.88	51,640.88	25%	12,910.22	38,730.66
DENVER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
DOLORES	0.00	0.00	45,900.57	0.00	45,900.57	0.00	45,900.57	45,900.57	25%	11,475.14	34,425.43
DOUGLAS	0.00	0.00	30,490.75	0.00	30,490.75	0.00	30,490.75	30,490.75	25%	7,622.69	22,868.06
EAGLE	0.00	0.00	871,736.85	0.00	871,736.85	0.00	871,736.85	871,736.85	25%	217,934.21	653,802.64
EL PASO	0.00	0.00	20,790.02	0.00	20,790.02	0.00	20,790.02	20,790.02	25%	5,197.50	15,592.51
ELBERT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
FREMONT	0.00	0.00	17,461.97	0.00	17,461.97	0.00	17,461.98	17,461.98	25%	4,365.49	13,096.48
GARFIELD	0.00	0.00	725,775.81	0.00	725,775.81	0.00	725,775.81	725,775.81	25%	181,443.95	544,331.86
GILPIN	0.00	0.00	52,740.78	0.00	52,740.78	0.00	52,740.78	52,740.78	25%	13,185.20	39,555.59
GRAND	0.00	0.00	1,922,251.11	0.00	1,922,251.11	0.00	1,922,251.11	1,922,251.11	25%	480,562.78	1,441,688.33
GUNNISON	0.00	0.00	289,921.54	0.00	289,921.54	0.00	289,921.54	289,921.54	25%	72,480.39	217,441.16
HINSDALE	0.00	0.00	88,582.90	0.00	88,582.90	0.00	88,582.90	88,582.90	25%	22,145.73	66,437.18
HUERFANO	0.00	0.00	25,121.86	0.00	25,121.86	0.00	25,121.87	25,121.87	25%	6,280.46	18,841.39
JACKSON	0.00	0.00	256,367.09	0.00	256,367.09	0.00	256,367.09	256,367.09	25%	64,091.77	192,275.32
JEFFERSON	0.00	0.00	29,217.63	0.00	29,217.63	0.00	29,217.63	29,217.63	25%	7,304.41	21,913.22
KIOWA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
KIT CARSON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
LA PLATA	0.00	0.00	55,650.86	0.00	55,650.86	0.00	55,650.86	55,650.86	25%	13,912.72	41,738.15
LAKE	0.00	0.00	28,542.95	0.00	28,542.95	0.00	28,542.95	28,542.95	25%	7,135.74	21,407.21
LARIMER	0.00	0.00	113,734.01	0.00	113,734.01	0.00	113,734.01	113,734.01	25%	28,433.50	85,300.51
LAS ANIMAS	0.00	0.00	4,056.21	0.00	4,056.21	0.00	4,056.21	4,056.21	25%	1,014.05	3,042.16
LINCOLN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
LOGAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
MESA	0.00	0.00	292,838.40	0.00	292,838.40	0.00	292,838.40	292,838.40	25%	73,209.60	219,628.80
MINERAL	0.00	0.00	64,807.72	0.00	64,807.72	0.00	64,807.72	64,807.72	25%	16,201.93	48,605.79
MOFFAT	0.00	0.00	32,919.73	0.00	32,919.73	0.00	32,919.73	32,919.73	25%	8,229.93	24,689.80
MONTENZUMA	0.00	0.00	35,651.63	0.00	35,651.63	0.00	35,651.63	35,651.63	25%	8,912.91	26,738.72
MONTROSE	0.00	0.00	99,423.67	0.00	99,423.67	0.00	99,423.67	99,423.67	25%	24,855.92	74,567.75
MORGAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
OTERO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
OURAY	0.00	0.00	42,912.39	0.00	42,912.39	0.00	42,912.39	42,912.39	25%	10,728.10	32,184.30
PARK	0.00	0.00	155,603.74	0.00	155,603.74	0.00	155,603.74	155,603.74	25%	38,900.94	116,702.81
PHILLIPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
PITKIN	0.00	0.00	720,912.82	0.00	720,912.82	0.00	720,912.82	720,912.82	25%	180,228.20	540,684.61
PROWERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
PUEBLO	0.00	0.00	5,773.22	0.00	5,773.22	0.00	5,773.22	5,773.22	25%	1,443.30	4,329.91
RIO BLANCO	0.00	0.00	441,828.32	0.00	441,828.32	0.00	441,828.32	441,828.32	25%	110,457.08	331,371.24
RIO GRANDE	0.00	0.00	33,073.61	0.00	33,073.61	0.00	33,073.61	33,073.61	25%	8,268.40	24,805.21
ROUTT	0.00	0.00	445,676.66	0.00	445,676.66	0.00	445,676.66	445,676.66	25%	111,419.17	334,257.50
SAGUACHE	0.00	0.00	126,565.94	0.00	126,565.94	0.00	126,565.94	126,565.94	25%	31,641.49	94,924.46
SAN JUAN	0.00	0.00	24,710.26	0.00	24,710.26	0.00	24,710.25	24,710.25	25%	6,177.56	18,532.69
SAN MIGUEL	0.00	0.00	56,457.28	0.00	56,457.28	0.00	56,457.28	56,457.28	25%	14,114.32	42,342.96
SEDGWICK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
SUMMIT	0.00	0.00	1,115,059.78	0.00	1,115,059.78	0.00	1,115,059.78	1,115,059.78	25%	278,764.94	836,294.83
TELLER	0.00	0.00	26,877.57	0.00	26,877.57	0.00	26,877.57	26,877.57	25%	6,719.39	20,158.17
WASHINGTON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
WELD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
YUMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25%	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	9,157,879.01	0.00	9,157,879.01	0.00	9,157,879.01	9,157,879.01		2,289,469.75	6,868,409.26



## AGENDA SHEET

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** June 9, 2025  
**AGENDA CATEGORY:** Public Meeting  
**DATE OF AGENDA SHEET:** June 4, 2025  
**PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY:** Jamaica Watts

### **SUBJECT:**

#### DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS FROM THE NATIONAL FOREST RESERVES 2024

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The county is in receipt of **\$725,775.81** National Forest Reserve payments for 2024, which is more than we received last year by approximately \$438 thousand dollars. Congress did not pass the bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Act by September 30, 2023. As a result, the distribution for counties that had previously elected this payment method has been processed according to the provisions of the 1908 Act, as amended (or "Traditional 25% Payment"). There will be no Title II or Title III funding. All receipts will be considered Title I to be used for either roads or school purposes.

Per State Statute C.R.S. § 30-29-101 (3), Title I funds shall allocate a minimum of 25% to the county road and bridge fund and 25% to the public schools in the County; except that the county may allocate less than 25% to the road and bridge fund in order to maximize the receipt by the county of federal payments in lieu of taxes "PILT". The allocation of the remaining 50% of the national forest payments shall be determined by 3 representatives of School Districts and 3 representatives of the County which form the School-County panel.

#### **REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Appoint three Garfield County representatives to a County-School District panel to determine how the funds will be distributed, to either the School Districts or the Road and Bridge Fund.