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To: Tooele County Council  
From: North Tooele Fire District  
Re: PILT Funding

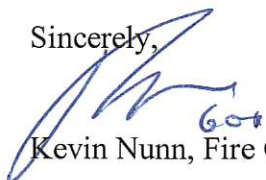
Using GIS to perform a land survey of our District, our boundaries include Private, State and Federal of approximately 1 million acres. After removing all State and Private lands, we cover approximately 663,000 acres of Federal land. Even though these are untaxable parcels, we are expected to perform firefighting and medical rescue on these lands. PILT funding is the Federal Government's answer to this paradox. We understand that only a portion of the PILT compensation is for firefighting – included in the definition is firefighting, search/rescue, police protection, construction of public schools and road maintenance

According to public records, Tooele County receives 4.3 million dollars in PILT funding to cover 2.1 million acres of federal, untaxable land. Simple math says that Tooele County receives 2 dollars an acre for care, maintenance and emergency response to federal lands. We understand that firefighting and rescue operations is only a portion of that 2 dollars, so we are not asking for 1.2 million dollars (663,000 acres x 2 dollars). As stated in the original meeting with Andy and Brittney, we are asking for 400,000 dollars to provide firefighting crews along I-80, in the Stansbury Mountains, in Skull Valley, at the Knolls Recreation Area.

We understand funding this magnitude will not immediately fund a Station; however, over time, it allows us to build toward that. As PILT funding is annual funding, so is our ask. We can put that in an annual request document if necessary. With this funding, in the initial year, Tooele County can expect NTFD's coverage toward Wendover to improve. We can staff crews that would be immediately available for response to I-80 including assistance to Wendover.

At this time, there are no crews who are immediately available to provide badly needed services between Lake Point and Wendover along I-80. In our discussions with Tooele County Emergency Management, Senator Sandall, Senator Thatcher, Representative Jimenez, and Congresswoman Malloy, they all have indicated their desire for better emergency response towards Wendover. We can provide this coverage with funding from PILT.

Sincerely,



Kevin Nunn, Fire Chief

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