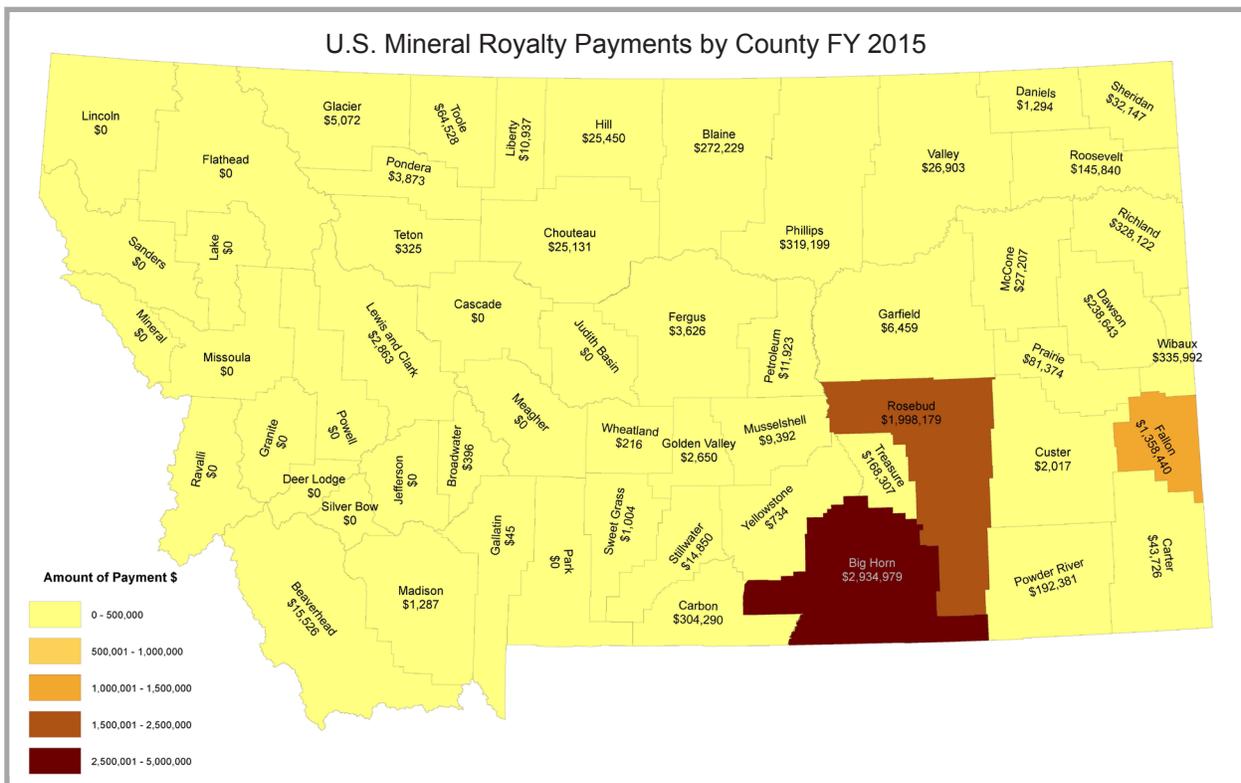
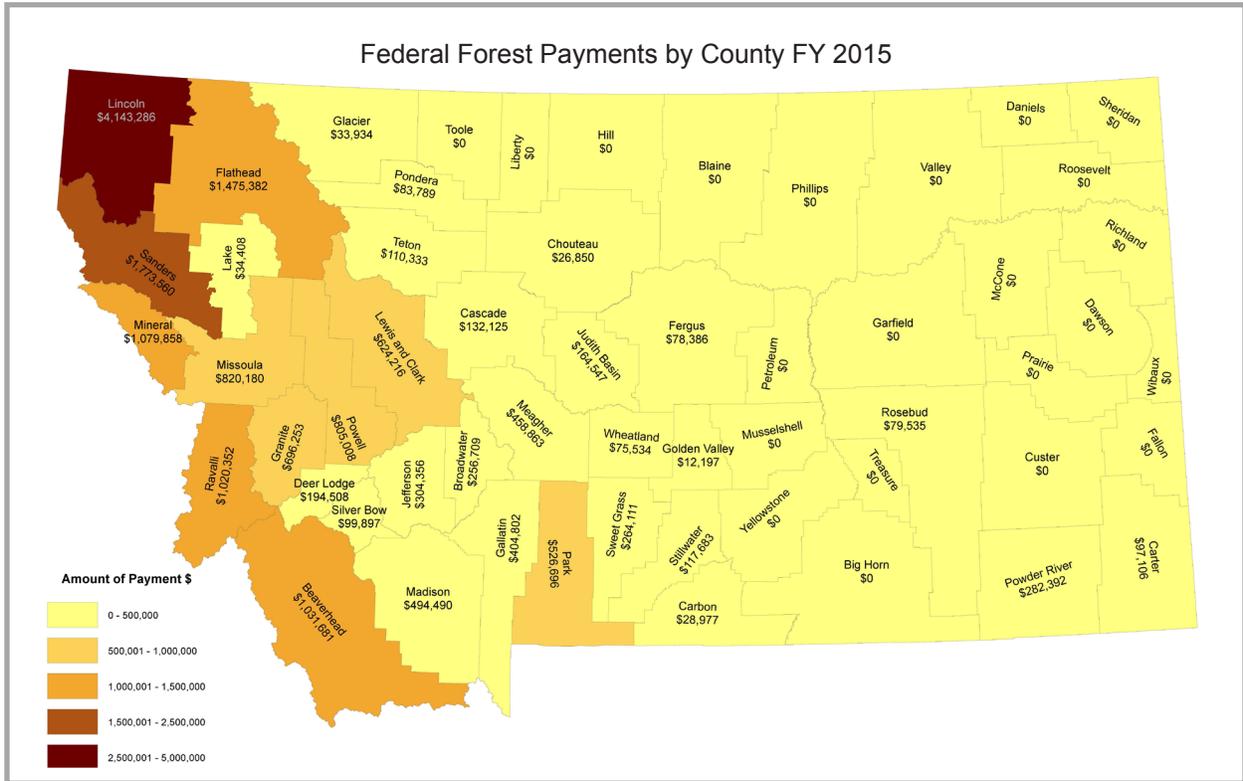


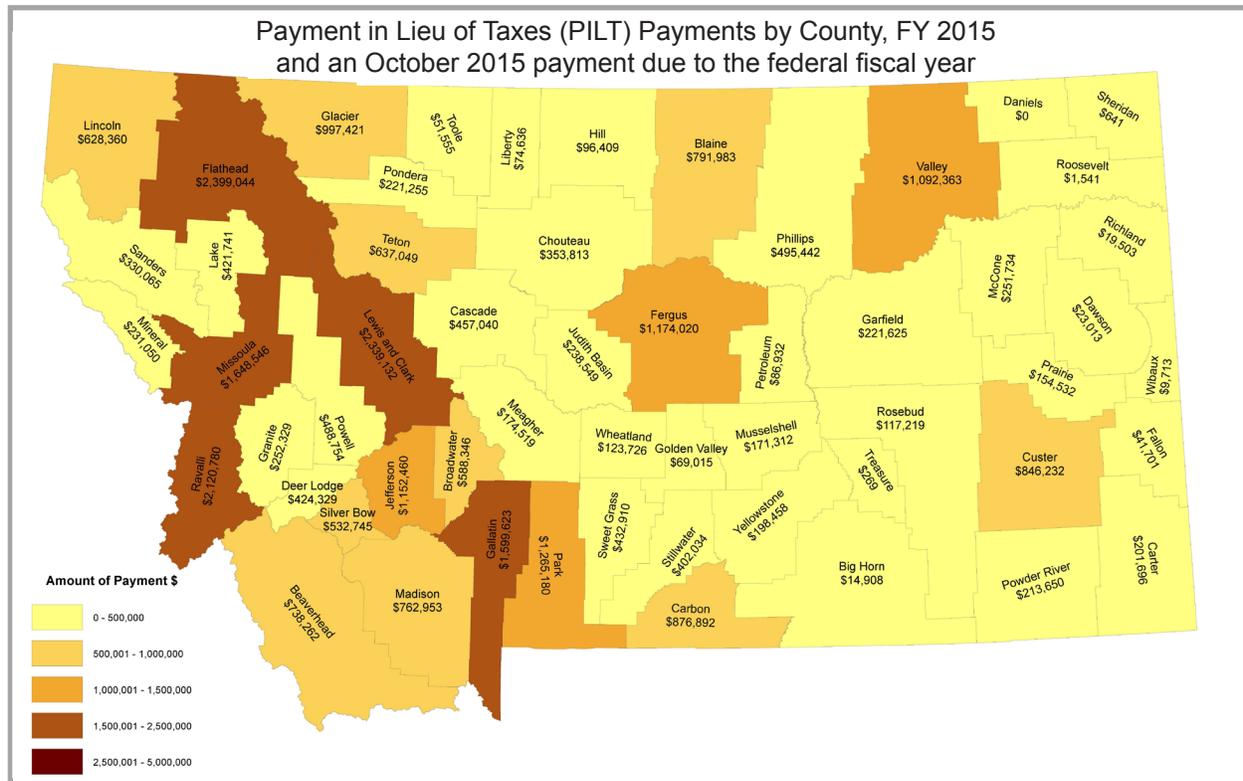
The above map shows the combination of mineral royalty, forest, and PILT federal payments to Montana counties. The distribution of federal resources differs from county to county, which is broken out in the following three maps from FY 2015.



U.S. mineral royalty payments are made to the state from leasing and extraction of federally owned minerals such as oil, gas, and coal, provided in [MCA 17-3-240](#). Distributions are largely concentrated in oil and coal producing counties, seen in the darker colors above.



Federal forest payments from timber harvest sales are made to Montana counties. Funds are divided among county roads and schools, with about 22% returned to the state, as well as other specific authorized purposes. More information can be found in this LFD Brochure: [“Federal Forest Receipts Distribution.”](#)



The above chart includes PILT payments from FY 2015 and an October 2015 payment, due to the federal fiscal year. PILT are payments to counties from the U.S. government for federal land that is not subject to property tax, in order to partially offset that loss.