

RESOLUTION # 1850

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA ELECTING TO RECEIVE FOREST RESERVE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF THE FULL SAFETY NET PAYMENT AS PROVIDED IN THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

WHEREAS, counties having United States National Forests within their boundaries have received Forest Reserve funds for roads and schools since the passage of the Agricultural Reapportionment Act of 1908 based on revenues generated from these forests; and

WHEREAS, these counties contain substantial areas of land in public ownership which can neither be developed nor taxed to generate revenue from economic activity or taxation; and

WHEREAS, during most of the 20th century, Forest Reserve payments were a consistent although cyclical source of income for schools and counties; and

WHEREAS, during the past decade, changes in public policy have substantially reduced and, in some cases, virtually eliminated economic activity on national forests resulting in significant reductions the amounts of Forest Reserve payments to counties and schools; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the reductions in Forest Reserve payments, the demands for education and roads have, in most jurisdictions, continued to increase; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Congress of the United States in recognition of the above-referenced circumstances enacted the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (hereinafter the "Act") which allow counties to elect to receive either the traditional 25% Forest Reserve Receipts payments or enhanced "Full Payments" which are allocated as a portion of total State Forest Reserve Payments based upon a formula set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted H.R. 527 which extends the Act through fiscal year 2013; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1424 requires that counties elect a payment category by December 31, 2013 and that notice of the election be transmitted to the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States by the Governor of the State of Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Yavapai County hereby elects to receive the Full Payment Amount as provided in the Act.
2. That a copy of this Resolution, once approved and adopted, be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Arizona no later than December 31st, 2013 with a request that it be promptly transmitted to the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States as provided in the Act.
3. That a copy of this Resolution, once approved and adopted, be provided to each jurisdiction within Yavapai County that receives Forest Reserve payments.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THIS
16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.**

/s/ A.G. "Chip" Davis
A.G. "Chip" Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Ana Wayman-Trujillo
Ana Wayman-Trujillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Jack Fields
Deputy County Attorney