



Resourceful Information

Chairman Doc Hastings

Governors Take a Stand Against Obama Administration's Decision to Sequester SRS Payments

[Alaska Governor Sean Parnell](#)

April 28, 2013

“On behalf of the proud forest communities that received FFY 2012 Secure Rural School aid in January of 2013, I maintain that neither the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, nor the Anti-Deficiency Act, authorize you to request repayment of Tide I and Tide III outlays. As such, I will not request the Alaska State Legislature consider such an appropriation.”

[Montana Governor Matthew Mead](#)

April 19, 2013

“Wyoming will not reimburse any portion of Title I or III funds. These payments were rightfully paid to 19 Wyoming counties on January 16, 2013 - weeks before the Budget Control Act of 2011 went into effect. Counties use these funds for public schools, roads, conservation, emergency services and wildfire protection projects. I have yet to see a legal justification for the United States Forest Service to require the State or counties to pay back funds to which they were rightfully entitled and which have been lawfully distributed.”

[Washington Governor Jay Inslee](#)

April 19, 2013

“In response to a letter I received on March 19, 2013, pertaining to Secure Rural Schools payments having been previously received by and allocated to the State, I wish to inform you that the state of Washington will decline to accept a reduction in the allocation of Title II funds, or to repay previously received Title I and Title III funding, unless and until the state can be convinced of the United States Forest Service's (USFS) legal authority to reclaim these funds.”

[Alabama Governor Robert Bentley](#)

April 30, 2013

“Bentley responded to Tidwell on April 30, asking for “the legal basis for the demand to return the funds.”

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