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## Resolution 2017-01 SRS and PILT Funding

**Whereas**, the membership of the Western States Sheriffs' Association recognizes the impact to counties and specifically, Sheriffs due to the lack of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding being reauthorized by Congress in 2015 and;

**Whereas**, SRS funding has long been a critical source of funding to over 400 counties and 4000 school districts across the United States and;

**Whereas**, the lack of SRS funding, coupled with a lack of active management of our nations National Forests has led to a decline in adequate and sustainable funding to our counties and schools causing a decrease in services and closure of rural schools and;

**Whereas**, the absence of immediate action on the part of Congress to fully fund both Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and SRS will lead to further reductions in county services and in some cases elimination of county services and additional closures of schools;


**Therefore**, be it resolved that the membership of the Western States Sheriffs' Association calls on Congress to take immediate action to restore SRS funding and continue to fully fund PILT.

**Furthermore**, WSSA urges Congress to provide clear legislative direction to the U.S. Forest Service to implement the Northwest Forest Plan to the extent authorized by law,

**And Finally**; The membership of the WSSA asks that Congress put forth meaningful legislation that addresses the long term benefits of active and effective management of our nations forest lands and implement law that provides for survival of our nations rural counties and schools.

**Hereby resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 at the annual conference of the Western States Sheriffs' Association.**

  
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**Sheriff Danny Glick, President  
Western States' Sheriffs Assn.**

  
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