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## Land Use and Fiscal Characteristics for Nye County, Nevada

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### FEDERAL LAND PAYMENTS

#### TOTAL FEDERAL LAND PAYMENT

**\$1.2M** ↑ **\$2M**  
2001 2017

#### PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

**\$952k** ↑ **\$1.7M**  
2001 2017

#### FOREST SERVICE

**\$269k** ↓ **\$251k**  
2001 2017

#### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

**\$0** **\$0**  
2001 2017

All amounts are shown in 2017 dollars

### FEDERAL LAND PAYMENT DISTRIBUTION



#### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**\$1.8M** ↑ **\$4.1M**  
2001 2017

#### GRAZING DISTRICTS

**\$0** ↑ **\$211k**  
2001 2017

### What does that mean?



**Payments in Lieu of Taxes** are amounts paid by the federal government in replacement of other revenue (such as property tax) that could otherwise be generated. It is to compensate the local communities for potential loss in revenue.



**Grazing Districts** are where grazing use is apportioned and regulated by the Bureau of Land Management

### LAND OWNERSHIP



Total Area **11,647,102 Acres**

2018

Private Lands

Federal Lands

State Lands

Tribal Lands

City, County, Other

2.6%

97.2%

0.1%

0.1%

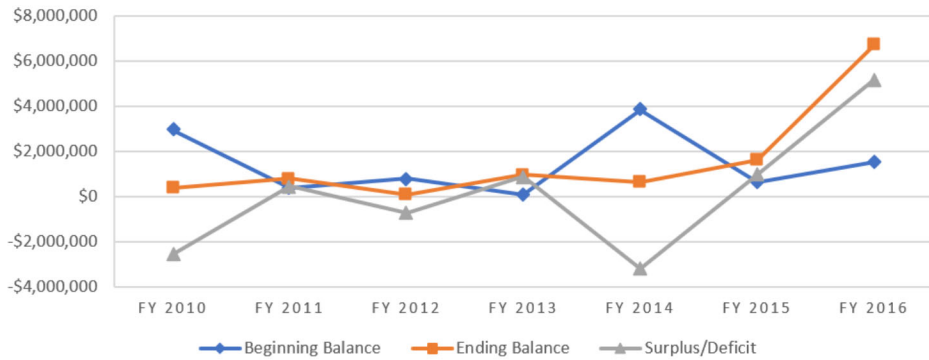
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**94.1% of Esmeralda's Land is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

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Each year the difference between revenues and expenditures contributes to changing the end balance (seen below). A higher end balance marks a surplus and a lower end balance a deficit. A deficit is fine, especially if it counteracts a surplus from a previous year.

## General Fund Ending Balance

For Nye, the general fund balance varies between 2010 and 2016. The beginning balance is as high as \$2.9 million (2010) and \$3.8 million (2014), as well as low as \$67k (2013).

\$360k     ↑     \$6.7M  
 2010                                  2016



### AD VALOREM

	2000		2009		2018
Assessed Valuation	\$916k	↑	\$2.1M	↓	\$1.7M
Net Proceeds from Mines	\$27k	↑	\$93k	↑	\$169k
Total Federal Payments	\$943k	↑	\$2.2M	↓	\$1.9M



**Definition:** Ad Valorem is a tax whose amount is based on the value of a transaction or of property, rather than on quantity or intrinsic value. In the state of Nevada, Ad Valorem most commonly refers to **property taxes**. The Net Proceeds from Mines Tax is a property tax assessed on minerals mined or produced in Nevada when they are sold or removed from the state.