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potential property taxes should the exemption lapse

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If the property tax exemption should lapse, the estimated property tax that would be paid to the local jurisdiction is estimated to be \$840,750. This is based on the local tax rate of 1.25% given in the AFC Section 5.10.2.4 applied to the 360 acres of private lands as a portion of the overall land area of the project.

According to the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act, Chapter 69, Title 31 of the United States Code, there are no property taxes assessed for the Federal lands held by the BLM. A payment in lieu of taxes is paid to local jurisdictions by the Department of Interior based on the total amount of Federally managed land within the jurisdiction. In 2008, there were 1,271,143 acres administered by the federal government within Imperial County. The total Payment in Lieu of Taxes made to Imperial County in 2008 was \$1,801,781.

I will get back to you with the amount of the R.O.W. fee.

Best Regards,

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