

### Organizational Overview

### Federal Lands Highway (FLH)

Nearly one-third of the land area of the United States is Federally-owned and administered. The Federal Government has a special interest in and responsibility for highways on/or serving these Federal Lands. Congress has established various programs to fund the construction of highways on Federal lands and has authorized the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to perform engineering and related services in connection with their



improvement. The FHWA administers the Federal Lands Highway Program, including survey, design and construction of forest highway system roads, parkways and park roads, refuge roads, Indian reservation roads, defense access roads, and other Federal lands roads.

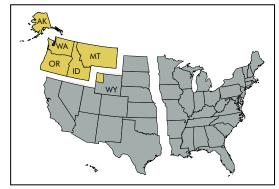
# Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD)

Based in Vancouver, Washington, the WFLHD is one of three field Division offices responsible for the Federal Lands Highway Program. The WFLHD provides our partners with transportation program administration and engineering services for planning, environmental compliance, design, contract administration,

construction, and rehabilitation of highway and bridges on or providing access to federally-owned lands in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and two National Parks located in Wyoming.

# WFLHD Project Delivery

The core business of Project Delivery is to design and oversee construction of highways and highway improvements on Federal lands in a multi-state area. The Project Development Branch employs approximately 45



full-time employees engaged in highway design engineering and environmental compliance. The Construction Branch employs a staff of approximately 50 field employees engaged in highway construction engineering. The program impacts the traveling public by providing safe and scenic

means of surface transportation in and adjacent to National Forests and National Parks. Projects are carried out region-wide, but in many cases, are of wider importance because they involve nationally traveled U.S. Forest highways and National Park roads, and other treasured national resource areas.

### Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

Through this program, the WFLHD hires college students to fill short term staffing needs in highway construction. Students typically work during the summer months, the peak of construction season in the Pacific Northwest. This program is the primary mechanism for recruitment into entry-level positions within the WFLHD Project Delivery Branch. Through this program, the students gain highway construction experience that complements academic study, provides an excellent opportunity for on-the-job experience, and prepares the student for future consideration for employment within the Federal Highway Administration and the transportation industry.

Students are assigned to highway construction projects throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and Wyoming. Students must be available for assignment in any of the six states as mobility is a condition of employment. Typical assignments may include inspection of contractor's grading, placement of surfacing or paving materials, drainage installation, monitoring testing of highway materials and soils; or assisting with field office work, such as making computations in connection with plotting field notes, cross sections and profile data, computing areas, and checking field calculations.



For complete application instructions visit <u>www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov</u> click on Student Employment Opportunities

For specific questions, please contact WFLHD Human Resources at 360–619–7700 or via e-mail at <u>careers@mail.wfl. fhwa.dot.gov</u>