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Federal Lands Highway provides planning, design, and engineering services to support the highways and bridges that provide access to and within federally owned lands.



US Army Corps of Engineers



## Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP)

Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands



# United States FLHP

**What is the Federal Lands Highway Program?** Approximately 30 percent of land in the United States is under Federal jurisdiction. There are approximately 300,000 miles of public roads serving Federal and Indian lands which support the economic vitality of adjacent communities and regions. The U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Federal Lands Highway (FLH) works with Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA) to manage transportation needs through the Federal

Lands Highway Program (FLHP). FLHP was created in the 1982 Surface Transportation Assistance Act, which recognized the need for all Federal Public roads to be treated under uniform policies. FLHP funds may be used for purposes that include, but are not limited to, planning, design, construction and rehabilitation of the highways and bridges that provide access to and within federally owned lands.



### Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program

94,400 miles of roads

### Park Roads and Parkways (PRP) Program

9,550 miles of roads

1,414 bridges

63 tunnels

### Public Lands Highway (PLH) Program

29,200 miles of roads (*Forest Highways*)

### Refuge Roads (RR) Program

4,900 miles

265 bridges

5,153 parking lots

Lands and facilities are also administered by other Federal Lands Highway Program partner agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Defense.

- Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Governments
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service

## Programs

The following are the FLHP core programs. FLHP also supports FLMA partners by providing funding (about \$6 million per year) for integrated transportation planning, bridge inspections, and other technical assistance. FLH also administers the Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads Program (ERFO), which repairs and restores roads damaged by natural disasters or catastrophic failures.

**Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program** provides funding for public roads that grant access to or within Indian or Native Alaskan reservations, lands, or communities. SAFETEA-LU funding included a new bridge program under IRR for replacement or rehabilitation purposes. *SAFETEA-LU Authorizations (FY05 – 09): \$1.93 billion*

**Park Roads and Parkways (PRP) Program** provides funding for public roads that make access available to or within national parks, recreation areas, historic areas, or other units of the National Park System. *SAFETEA-LU Authorizations (FY05 – 09): \$1.05 billion*

**Refuge Roads (RR) Program** maintains and improves public roads that provide access to or within units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. *SAFETEA-LU Authorizations (FY05 – 09): \$145 million*

**Public Lands Highway (PLH) Program** has two components – the Public Lands Highway Discretionary (PLHD) Program and the Forest Highway (FH) Program – both of which provide funding for public roads serving Federal and Indian lands that are on the Federal-aid primary and secondary systems (state and/or local owned public roads). *SAFETEA-LU Authorizations (FY05 – 09): \$1.41 billion*

- 29,000 miles of state or locally owned public roads are forest highways; these receive 66% of PLH program funds.
- 34% of PLH funds are available for PLHD roads, which are congressionally selected transportation projects providing access to, within, or adjacent to Federal and Indian lands.



**US Highway 93 through the Flathead Indian Reservation in Montana (IRR)**



**Going to the Sun Road in Glacier National Park in Montana (PRP)**



**Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado (RR)**



**Forest Highway 22 through the Chippewa National Forest in Minnesota (FH)**