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**Federal Highway Administration**  
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Mission: Improving transportation to and within Federal and tribal lands by providing technical services to the highway transportation community.

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## Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

Improving access to and within Federal and tribal lands

# North Carolina

MAP-21 Funding Authorized:

FY 2013: \$2,557,209

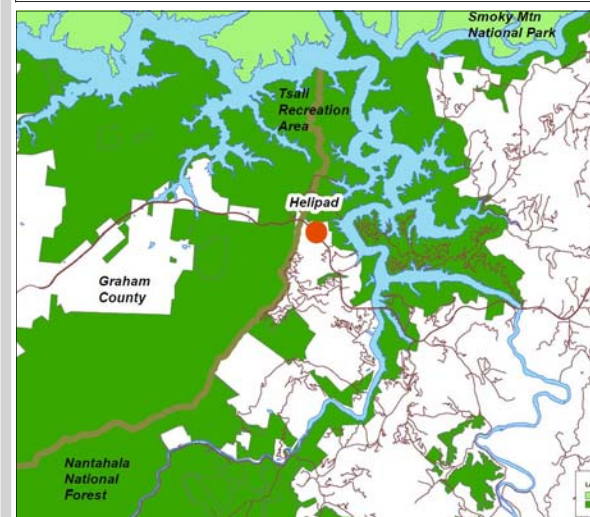
FY 2014: \$2,576,419

Federal land acreage for the five core FLMAs: 6.33 percent

Federal public road miles: 1,740

Number of Federal public bridges: 189

Recreational visitation: 40,315,266 visitors per year



Swain County Helipad, North Carolina

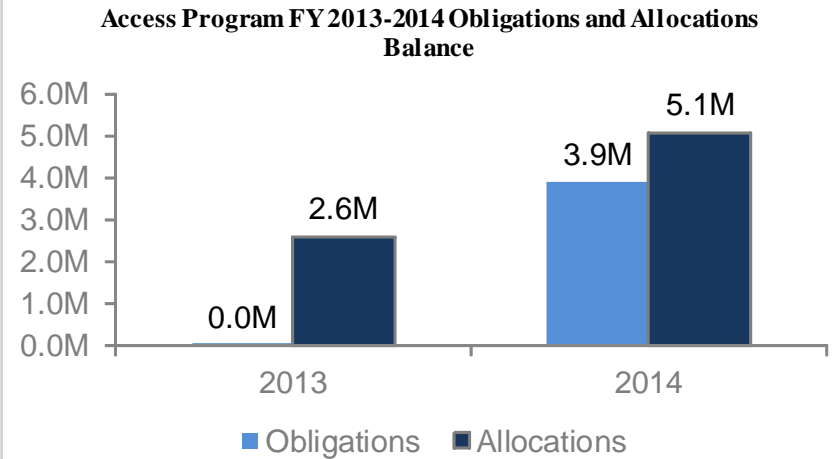
**Success Story:** Swain County, North Carolina-The project will construct a small helipad in a remote area of Swain County near the Nantahala National Forest-Tsali Forest Service Recreation Area and on the border of Swain and Graham County. This project will significantly enhance mobility for emergency situations for safe landing of a helicopter and provide a more feasible way to the hospitals that are located 2- hours away by vehicle.

The Tsali Recreation Area Helipad project will consist of preliminary engineering, construction engineering services, and construction of the helipad. The project will construct a 60-foot by 60-foot concrete helipad. A 200-foot long by 10-foot wide concrete path with a small turning area will be constructed to provide vehicular access to the helipad from NC 28.

This centrally-located helipad will provide visitors with quick, life saving emergency response access for National Forest users such as: motorcyclists, campers, bicyclists, hikers, horseback riders and rafters. By increasing a safe reputation this project may also positively impact the economies for Swain and Graham counties by attracting visitors, recreation associations and new tourism-based small businesses.

### FLAP Project Selection Process

Each FLAP project was selected from a pool of applications submitted by the facility owner in response to a state-wide call for projects. The applications were screened, rated, and ranked using PDC approved rating criteria. The PDC unanimously agreed which projects met the established State program goals and conformed with the project ranking criteria contained in the “Call for Projects SOP.” Based upon these evaluations, the proposed projects were recommended for programming within the available funding for each State. Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) were coordinated and executed for each programmed project prior to obligation of FLAP funds. There was one call for projects, from July 19, 2013, until October 31, 2013, that generated twelve applications totaling \$7,045,400 funds requested.



### FLAP Program of Projects\*

Project Name	Improvement Type	FLMA Accessed	Federal Land's Unit	Delivery Year	Delivery Agency	Owner Agency
Gateway trail connection with KM national Military Park	Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles	NPS	Kings Mountain National Military Park	TBD	Cleveland County	Cleveland County
NC 12 Improvements and Drive to New Inlet Access Area	Vehicular parking areas	FWS	FWS- Pea Island NWR	TBD	NCDOT	NCDOT
Replace Bridge #46	Bridge Replacement	FS / NPS	FS- Pisgah National Forest and Blue Ridge Parkway (NPS)	TBD	NCDOT	NCDOT
Replace Bridge #73	Bridge Replacement	FS / NPS	FS- Pisgah National Forest and Blue Ridge Parkway (NPS)	TBD	NCDOT	NCDOT
Replacement of bridge no. 80 in Jackson Co	Bridge Replacement	FS	FS- Nantahala National Forest	TBD	EFLHD	NCDOT
Swain Co Helipad	Construction for Helipad	FS	FS- Nantahala National Forest	TBD	Swain County	NCDOT

\*This information is an overview of the FLAP projects information. It is subject to change at any time. For additional details or clarifications, please contact the Federal Lands Highway Division offices or visit the State FLAP webpage.