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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

Puerto Rico

MAP-21 Funding Authorized:

FY 2013: \$70,880

FY 2014: \$71,412

Federal land acreage for the five core FLMA's: 1.5 percent

Federal public road miles: 18

Number of Federal public bridges: 6

Recreational visitation: 2,249,350 visitors per year

Success story: The Laguna Cartagena Access Road project consists of the rehabilitation of a 1.35 mile segment of the road off of PR-305 that provides the only access to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Laguna Cartagena National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in the Municipality of Lajas, PR. The work includes aggregate base to rehabilitate the existing roadway section, resurfacing the roadway with aggregate surface course, guardrail replacement, and removal of the debris and vegetation from existing ditches to improve drainage.

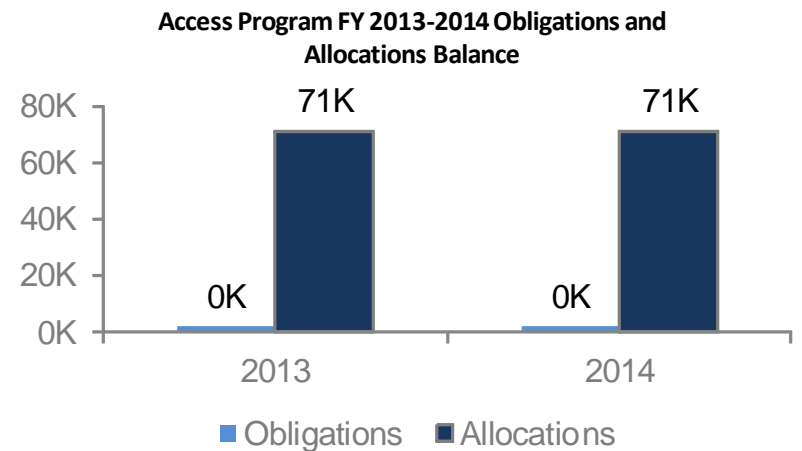
The project will bring this road in compliance with basic safety standards and will provide visitors with unrestricted year round access to Laguna Cartagena NWR. This road is the only access for refuge personnel to manage the freshwater lagoon by manipulating water levels for the benefit of wildlife and to control flooding to nearby communities during heavy rains associated with tropical storms.



Current Condition of the Access Rd to Laguna Cartagena NWR

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 May 1, 2014, until August 1, 2014, that generated one application totaling \$120,000 funds requested.



FLAP Program of Projects*

Project Name	Improvement Type	FLMA Accessed	Federal Land's Unit	Delivery Year	Delivery Agency	Owner Agency
Laguna Cartegena NWR Access Road	3R	FWS	Laguna Cartegena National Wildlife Refuge	TBD	TBD	Municipality of Lajas

*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.