

Federal Lands Access Program

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Overview

- Federal Lands Highway
 - FAST & FLAP
 - PDC & TAG
 - Investment strategies
 - Proposal selection process
 - Match requirement
 - Upcoming Call for Projects
 - Questions and hopefully some good answers
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Federal Lands Highway (FLH)

- FLH is an office within the FHWA
 - 3 Division Offices
 - Eastern, Central, Western
 - Deliver projects that access
 - National Parks
 - National Forests System Lands
 - National Wildlife Refuges
 - BLM Lands
 - US Corp of Engineers Lands
 - Tribal Lands
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Federal Lands Highway (FLH)



Federal Lands Highway (con't)

- Western Federal Lands (WFL)
 - Located in Vancouver, WA
 - Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska
 - About 200 staff
 - Provide
 - Planning
 - Project development
 - Construction
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FAST Act Overview

- Fixing America's Surface Transportation
 - Program authorized through 2020
 - Requires minimum 4 year program of projects
 - Includes Federal Lands Highway Program
 - Funds allocated annually
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Federal Lands & Tribal Transportation Programs

	Annual \$
Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP)	\$335-\$375 million
Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)	\$250-\$270 million
Tribal Transportation Program	\$465-\$505 million
Nationally Significant Federal Lands & Tribal Projects Program	\$100 million

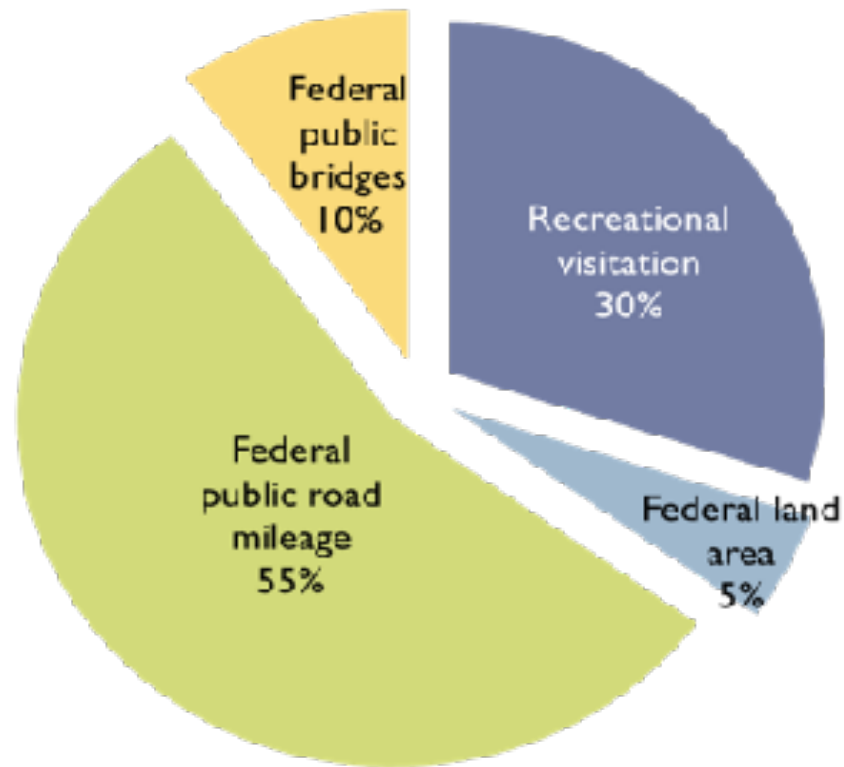
What is the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)?

- “Access Program” goals
 - **Improve transportation facilities** that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands.
 - **Supplements State and local resources** for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities
 - With an emphasis on **high-use Federal recreation sites** and **Federal economic generators**.

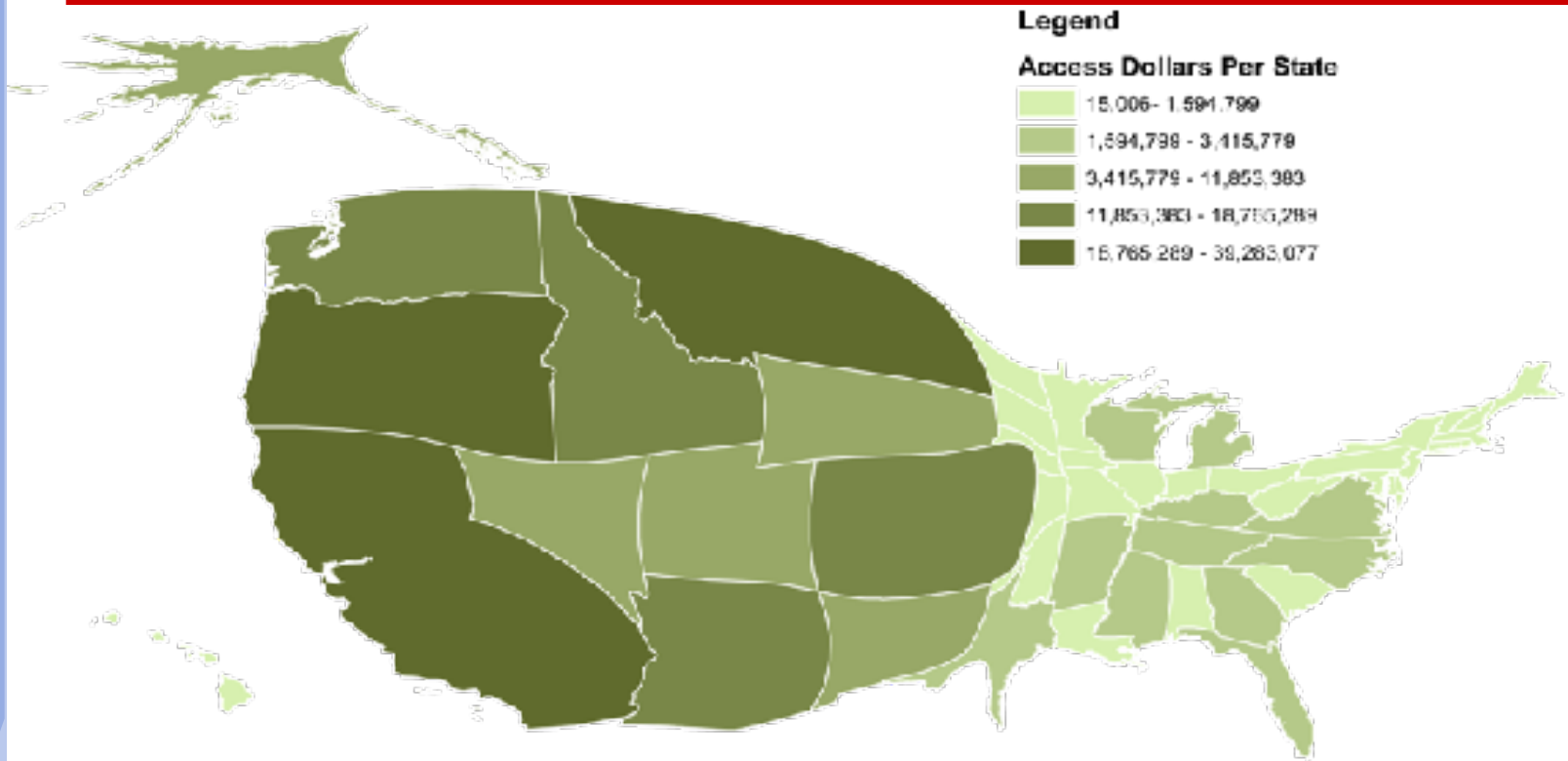


Federal Lands Access Program

FLAP Funding Distribution Formula



Access Program Dollars by State | A Cartogram



Source:
State Shapefile: US Census
Access Dollars: FHLD, Access Program Funding Table Dated 10/28/2012

Puerto Rico is not represented, but will receive around \$78,000 per year in Access Funds

Allocated by formula

Federal Lands Access Program

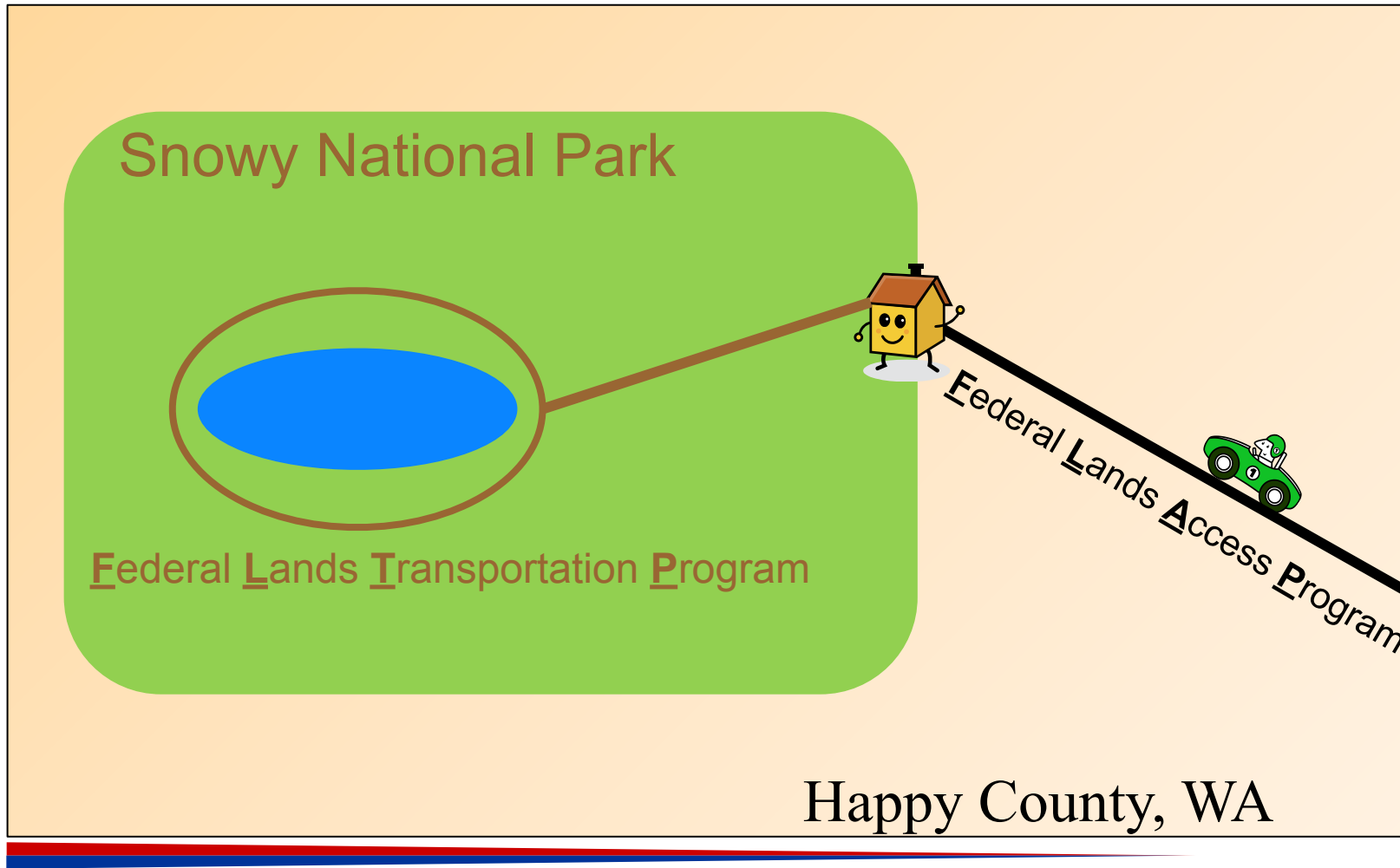
- Where can FLAP funds be spent?
 - On a Federal Lands Access Transportation Facility
 - public highway, road, bridge, trail or transit system
 - located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands
 - title or maintenance responsibility is vested with State, County, Local Government, or Tribe
 - Vested- bears majority of the cost



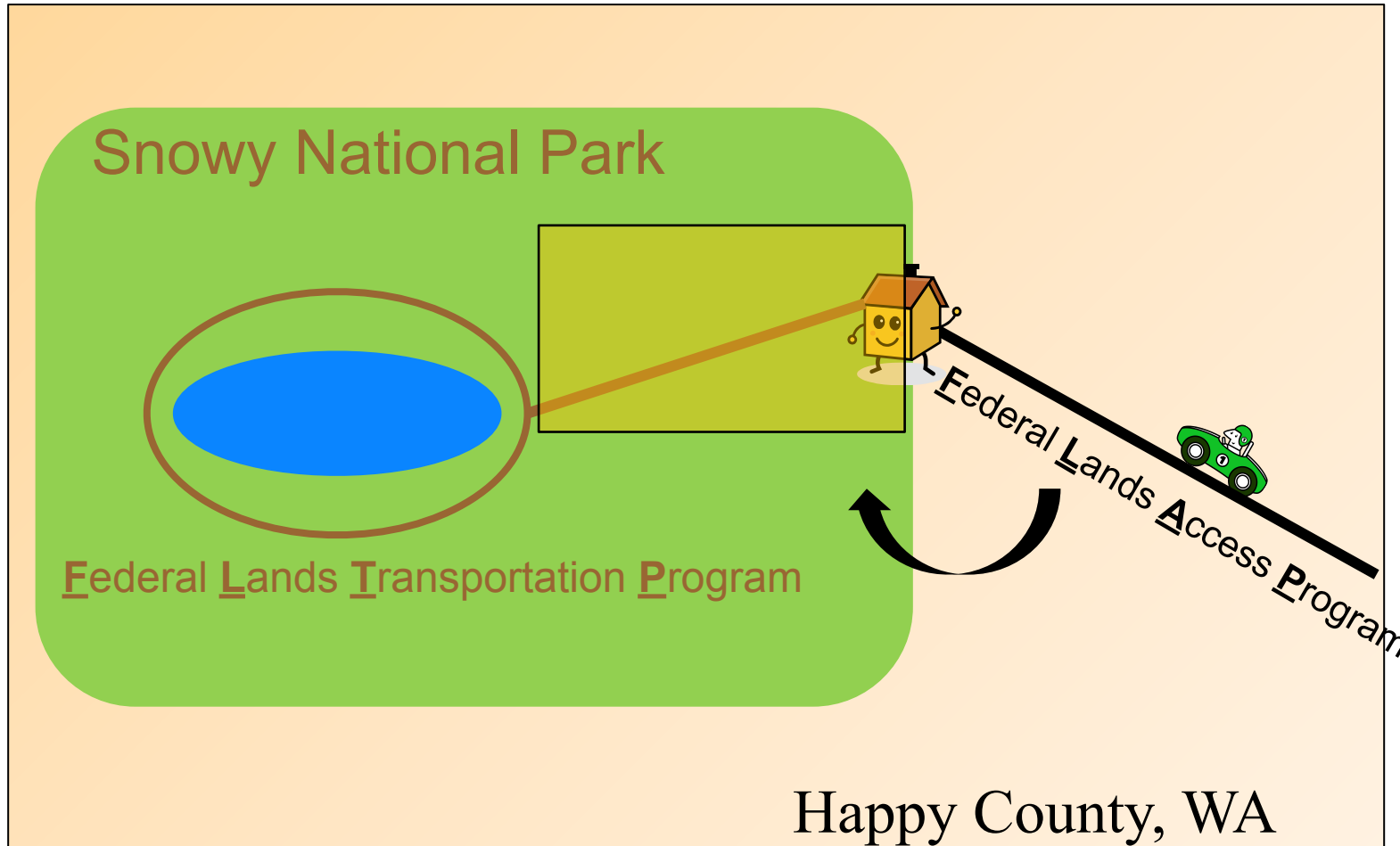
Federal Lands Access Program (con't)

- This is a transportation program, this is not a “grant” program.
 - Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands has stewardship and oversight responsibility of **ALL** projects
 - The emphasis is on access to Federal Lands thus, the name Federal Lands Access Program
 - Proposals are jointly submitted by local agency and FLMA.
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Where can funding be spent?



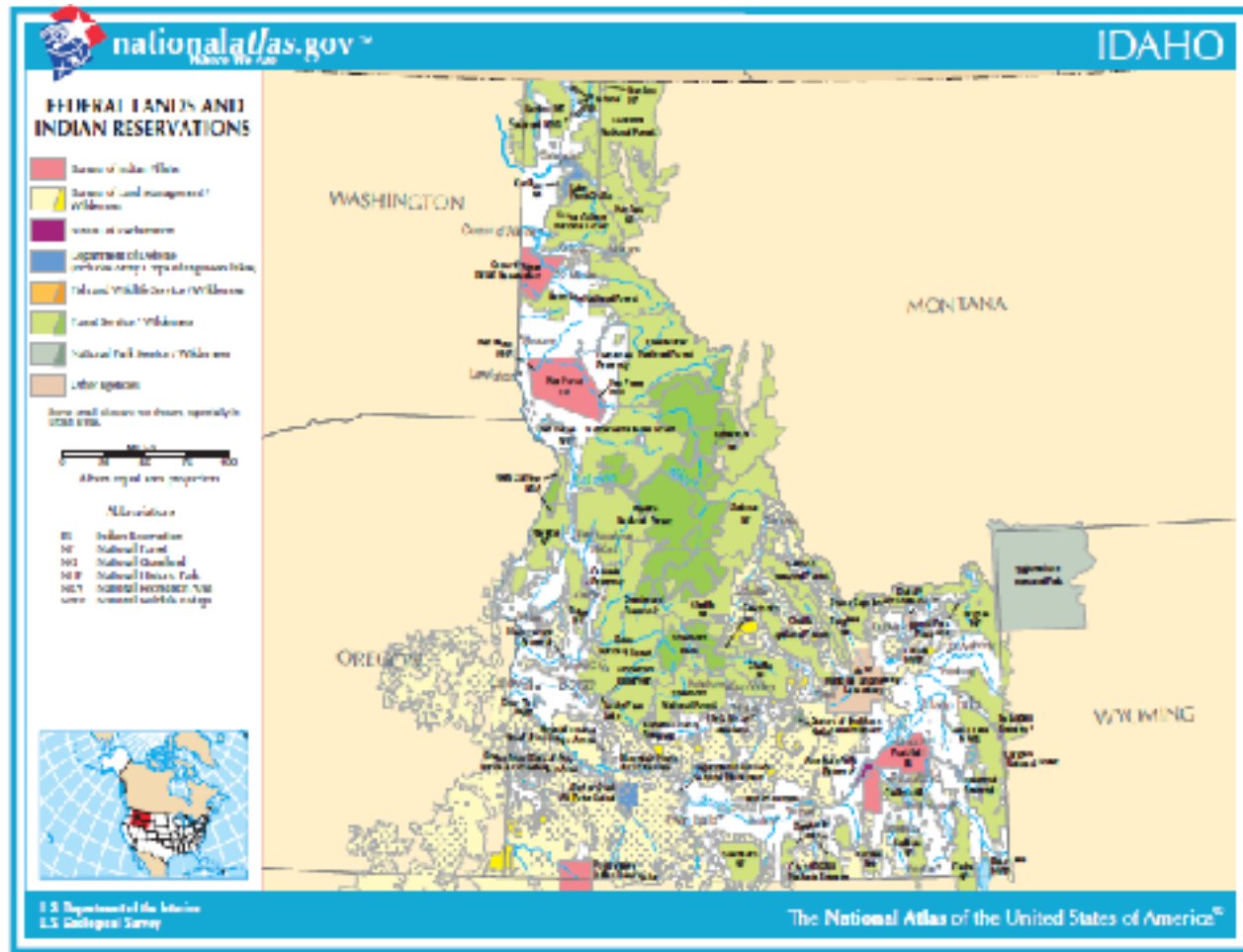
Title or Maintenance Responsibility?



Where can funding be spent?

- ***Transportation facilities that provides access to Federal Lands...***
 - BLM
 - BOR
 - USACE
 - NPS
 - USFS
 - USFWS
 - DOD
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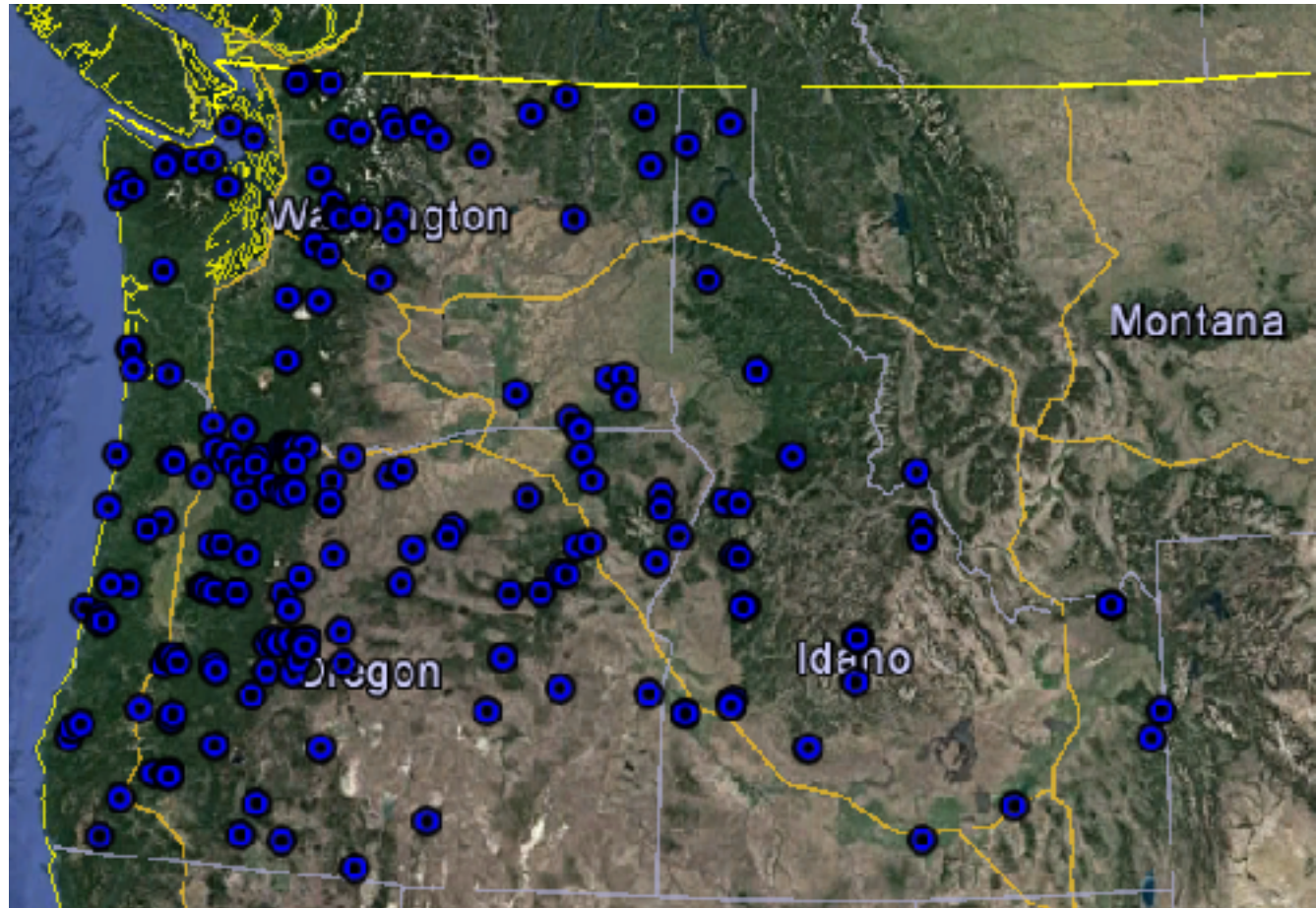
Federal Lands and Indian Reservations



Federal Lands Access Program Project Programmed

	Annual Allocation	No projects	Total amount
Idaho	\$14.7	31	\$198.6 million
Oregon	\$36.5	121	\$422.0 million
Washington	\$12.3	56	\$ 184.2 million

Federal Lands Access Program Project Programmed (con't)



Federal Lands Access Program Project (con't)

- ID Ketchum-Challis Highway
 - Rockfall mitigation and roadway improvement on ID 75 from MP 206.90 to 208.10
 - Total FLAP amount \$7,898,816
 - Amount of match funding provided by IDT: \$582,338



Federal Lands Access Program Project (con't)

- ID Lakeshore Drive
 - Reconstruct 0.4 miles of Lakeshore Drive from Caddy Lane to Duffers Lane in the City of Cascade, ID
 - Total FLAP amount \$1,836,649
 - Amount of match funding provided: \$138,136



Federal Lands Access Program Project (con't)

- OR Skyliners Road Improvements
 - Rehabilitate road accessing the forest, leading to popular recreation sites including a Sno-Park and mountain bike trailhead
 - Total FLAP amount \$8,300,000
 - Amount of match funding provided: \$1,020,000



Federal Lands Access Program Project (con't)

- OR Tiller Trail Highway
 - Realign curves, rehabilitate pavement, and improve drainage
 - Total FLAP amount: \$4,486,500
 - Amount of match funding provided: \$513,500



Federal Lands Access Program Project (con't)

- WA Cattle Point Road Relocation

- Relocate the road away from the eroding bluff and install new guard rail
- Total FLAP amount requested: \$3,712,145
- Amount of match funding provided: \$743,375



Federal Lands Access Program Project (con't)

- WA Eagle Creek Road Phase 1
 - 2.5 mile full depth pavement reconstruction, and cross culvert replacement
 - Total FLAP amount \$402,808
 - Amount of match funding provided: \$62,865
 - Other funds: \$687,134



Programming Decisions Committee (PDC)

- Who makes programming decisions?
 - The Programming Decisions Committee
 - Members include representatives from:
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - Western Federal Lands Highway Division
 - State Department of Transportation
 - Local Government representative
 - Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (ID)
 - Association of Oregon Counties (OR)
 - County Road Administration Board (WA)
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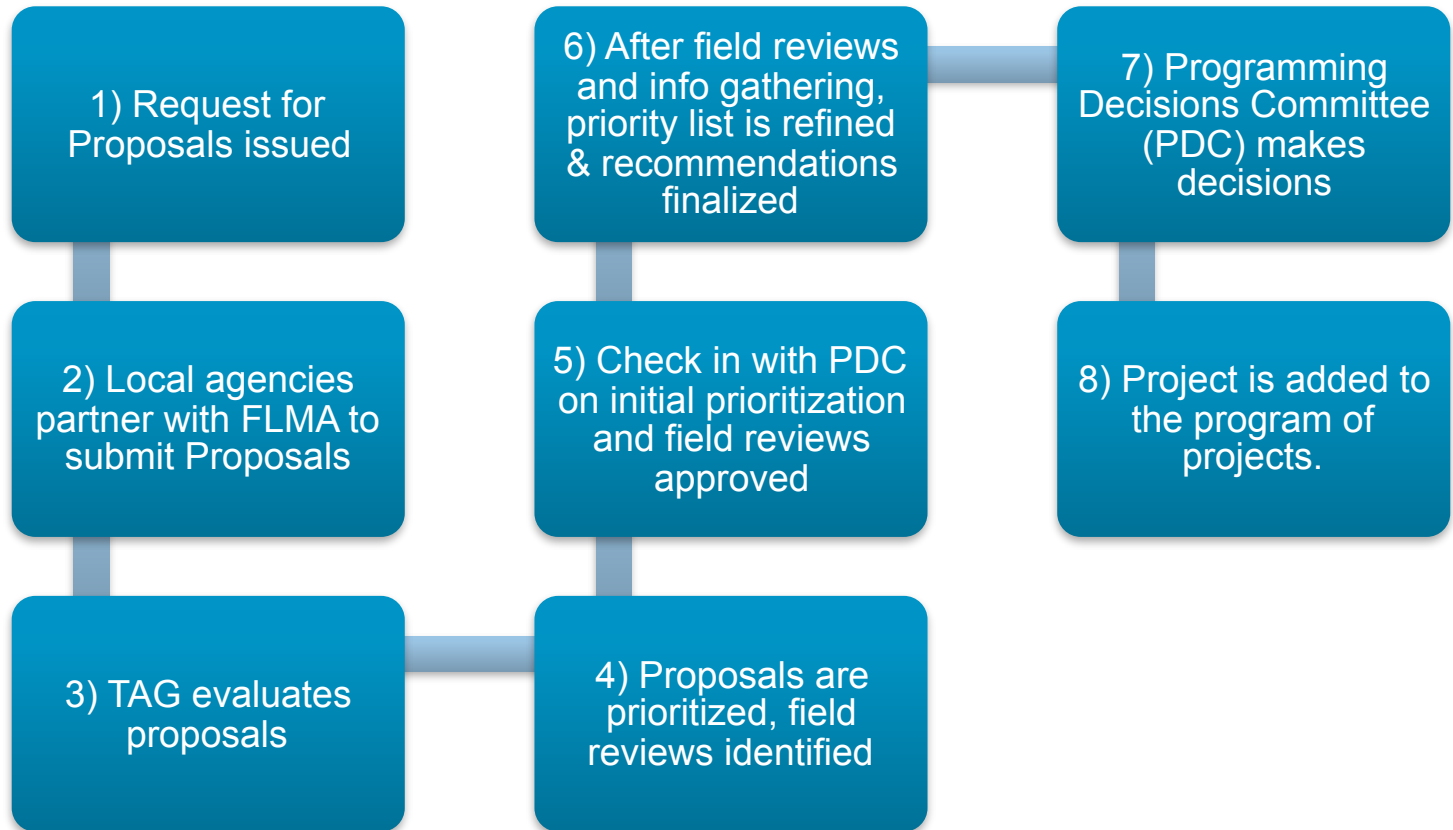
Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

- Who evaluates proposals?
 - A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is made up of several entities to help evaluate proposals that includes:
 - WFL
 - State Department of Transportation
 - Local Government representative
 - FLMA representatives from:
 - NPS, USFS, USACE, BLM, DOD, and USFWS
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Investment Strategy

- Maximize the use of limited funds annually by emphasizing :
 - Proposals that access high-use Federal recreation sites and Federal economic generators.
 - Preserving existing access to Federal Lands and restoring serviceability of the assets.
 - Proposals where important access will be lost
 - In general, investment levels should be proportional to the % of use that is directly related to Federal Lands.
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Proposal Selection Process



Proposal Selection Process (con't)

- PDC will make final decision also considering:
 - Agency priorities
 - Applicant's share of the costs, previous federal investment specifically related to project, availability of funds, leverage of funds
 - Project delivery schedules
 - Environmental and right-of-way constraints
 - Access Program contingent on available funding and authorizing legislation.
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Match Requirement

- Statute (23 USC 120); Fed-Aid Rules
 - Varies by State - ID is 7.34%
 - OR is 10.27%
 - WA is 13.5%
 - Match can be:
 - Cash (Non-Federal see below)
 - Services (labor), ROW, materials (rock, culvert, etc), equipment after agreement is signed
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Match Requirement (con't)

- Limitations:
 - Non-Federal Funds unless specific statutory authority otherwise. Exceptions include:
 - Federal Lands Transportation Program/Tribal Transportation Funds
 - Federal Land Management Agency funds (Non Title 23/49)
 - FLAP funds **cannot** be used as non-Federal match for other programs.
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Upcoming 2018 OR & WA FLAP Request for Proposals

- RFP will be announced late Fall 2017 and proposals will be due early spring 2018
 - Proposals must be submitted **jointly** by State, county, town, tribal, municipal or local government and the Federal Land Management Agency(ies) being accessed.
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Types of Projects

Capital Improvement

- Rehabilitation, restoration, construction, & reconstruction of roads & trails
- Safety improvements, widening, realignments, surfacing, culverts, bridges, signing & associated road appurtenances

Enhancement

- Road and trail improvements
- Interpretive signs, kiosks, viewpoints, restrooms, provisions for pedestrians and bicycles, scenic easements, trailheads, and improvements that reduce vehicle-wildlife conflicts

Transit

- Construction of transit facilities (passenger waiting shelters, ferry docks, helipads, etc.)
- Short term Operation & maintenance of transit facilities, including vehicles
- Purchase of transit vehicles

Planning

- Engineering studies, corridor management planning, bicycle and pedestrian planning, and alternative transportation system planning
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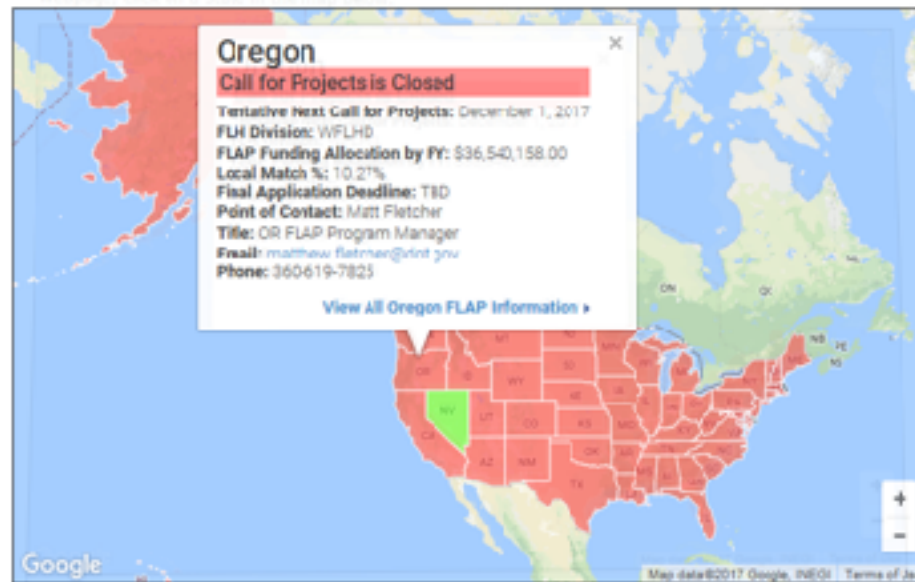
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Questions

