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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.



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Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP)

Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands



Colorado FLHP

CO FLHP road miles: **3,091**
Funding Authorized FY 98 – 07:
\$238,850,000
Federal land acreage as percentage
of total state area: **37.2%***
CO population: **4,753,377**

- National Park Service (15 units)
- U.S. Forest Service (13)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs/
Tribal Governments (2)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (7)



* This percentage includes Federal lands that are not part of the FLHP core program and not depicted on the map.

The Federal Lands Highway Program in

Colorado. Guanella Pass Road, also known as Forest Highway 80, is a 23.5-mile route that traverses the Pike and Arapaho National Forests at elevations of over 10,000 feet. It is designated by the State of Colorado as a Scenic and Historic Byway. Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) began working on Guanella Pass in the 1980s in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado Department of Transportation, Clear Creek County, Park County, and the Town of Georgetown.

Through more than 11 years of environmental and engineering analysis, reconnaissance and scoping reports, numerous public meetings, and one-on-one consultations with major stakeholders, CFLHD developed six alternatives for the road, including a no-build option. The alternative selected best balanced the transportation and maintenance needs with public concerns and the sensitive



nature of the environment. Work began in 2003 with \$20 million in Forest Highway Program funds for a 9-mile project. A new bridge was constructed in Georgetown to minimize construction traffic impacts on local traffic and businesses. The Federal Highway Administrator characterized this project as an ideal example of a context-sensitive solution to provide a safe, efficient transportation system sensitive to the human and natural environment.