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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.



Eastern Federal Lands



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Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP)

Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands



North Carolina FLHP

NC FLHP road miles: **1,662**
Funding Authorized FY 98 – 07: **\$95,470,000**
Federal land acreage as percentage of total state area: **7.6%***
NC population: **8,856,505**

- National Park Service (12 units)
- U.S. Forest Service (1)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs/
Tribal Governments (1)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (10)



* 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 North Carolina. Newfound Gap Road is a 31-mile principal north-south roadway within Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the only roadway that completely traverses the park. It connects the Oconaluftee Visitor Center in Cherokee, North Carolina, to the Sugarlands Visitor Center near Gatlinburg, Tennessee. In addition to connecting the two communities, it provides access to a campground, fishing, historic sites, and many scenic viewpoints.

Currently, the National Park Service, in partnership with Eastern Federal Lands, is planning to rehabilitate the entire 31 miles of Newfound Gap Road. The first in a series of five projects to accomplish this task is now under construction, and includes 10.6 miles of roadway rehabilitation in North Carolina. The project includes a new roadway pavement structure, culvert reconditioning and replacement, stone masonry work, steel-backed timber guardrail addition and replacement, and pull-out and parking area rehabilitation.