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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)

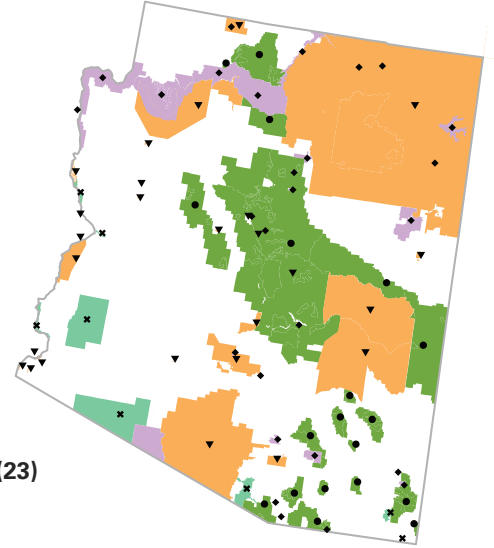
Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands



Arizona FLHP

AZ FLHP road miles: **12,881**
Funding Authorized FY 98 – 07:
\$720,140,000
Federal land acreage as percentage
of total state area: **57.3%***
AZ population: **6,166,318**

- National Park Service (25 units)
- U.S. Forest Service (6)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs/ Tribal Governments (23)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (8)



* 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

Arizona. Arizona Forest Highway 39, also known as General Hitchcock Highway, consists of 24.6 miles through the Coronado National Forest connecting Tucson to Summerhaven. This route traverses the sensitive Sonoran Desert, river banks, and high sub-alpine forest. The highway is traveled by over one million visitors each year, and was designated a National Scenic Byway on April 28, 1995. The original route had narrow, poor highway alignments, and a high accident rate.

In 1988 Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) began working on a series of seven projects along the General Hitchcock Highway in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and Pima County. The final Forest Highway Program funded segment (\$15.0 million) was completed four months ahead of schedule in 2007. The mitigation efforts consisted of careful selection of alignment and design alternatives that



minimize new visual impacts, special sculpting of new cut-and-fill slopes, intensive landscaping and revegetation of disturbed areas, and special construction requirements to minimize repercussions on threatened species, including the Mexican spotted owl, desert tortoise, lesser long-nosed bat, and long-tongued bat. The roadway won a prestigious 2005 Arizona Engineering Excellence Grand Award for Context Sensitive Design for minimizing damage to existing terrain.