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**Federal Highway Administration**  
 Office of Federal Lands Highway



Mission: Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands by providing technical services to the highway transportation community.

This report only includes fiscal year (FY) 2013, FY 2014 and FY 2015, for updated information please visit: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-minnesota.aspx>

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## Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

Improving access to and within federal and tribal lands

# Minnesota

MAP-21 Funding Authorized:

FY 2013: \$1,345,862

FY 2014: \$1,355,972

FT 2015: \$1,328,788

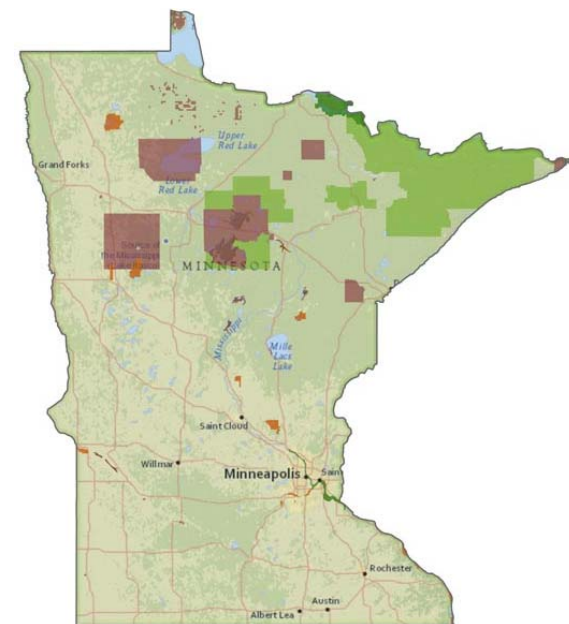
Federal land acreage for the five core FLMAs: 6.79%

Federal public road miles: 1,186.8

Number of Federal public bridges: 72

Recreational visitation: 7,314,255 visitors per year

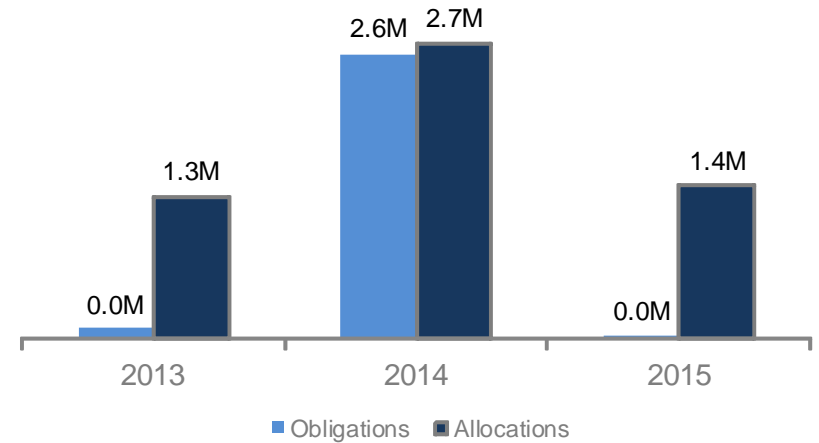
**Success story:** Mississippi River Trail through Spring Lake Park Reserve - This project will construct a 10-foot wide, five-mile long, multi-use paved trail on the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) Spring Lake Park Reserve which is the final piece of the off-street 27-mile MRT in Dakota County. The project is entirely in the National Park Service's Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and within Dakota County's Spring Lake Park Reserve, a unit of the Metropolitan Area's regional park system. The MRT is a 3,000 mile, ten state, National Millennium Trail that is the park's primary bicycle/pedestrian facility. This segment will complete the trail through the most remote and rugged area of Spring Lake Park Reserve and the Mississippi River Trail in Dakota County. The trail will have an asphalt surface and will be maintained year-round for bicycling and walking. Earthwork needs will be extensive for short segments, including a rock cut to maintain FHWA-compliant grades over a 160-foot elevation gain. The trail includes two pedestrian/bicycle bridges, one at 400 feet over challenging terrain and another at 200 feet. The 400-foot bridge will be a scenic asset to the trail, as it will bridge a gap in the bluffs where a ravine empties into Spring Lake (Mississippi River). The trail will adhere to AASHTO and FHWA standards. The completed project includes overlooks, landscaping, natural resource restoration, natural/cultural resource interpretation and wayfinding. The trail is expected to increase the number of tourists to the region by serving visitors and commuters, particularly in the Twin Cities metro area that has a growing reputation as a bicycle tourism destination.



MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL TRAIL  
 SPRING LAKE PARK RESERVE

### 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 August 1, 2013 until October 1, 2014, that generated 9 applications totaling \$8,927,725 funds requested.



### FLAP Program of Projects\*

Project Name	Improvement Type	FLMA Accessed	Federal Land's Unit	Delivery Year	Delivery Agency	Owner Agency
FH 3 Reconstruction to enhance safety and overall condition	4R Maintenance-Restoration & Rehabilitation	FS	FS- Chippewa National Forest	TBD	Jackson County	Beltrami County
Minnesota River Greenway Black Dog Trail	Facilities for Pedestrians & Bicycles	FWS	FWS- Minnesota Valley NWR	TBD	Monroe County	City of Burnsville
Mississippi River Trail MISS-Spring Lake Park Reserve	Facilities for Pedestrians & Bicycles	NPS	NPS- Mississippi National River and Recreation area	TBD	MDOT	Dakota County

\*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.