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Oregon awarded \$800,000+ for eight Scenic Byway projects

Oregon is one of 42 states sharing in more than \$22 million in federal grants for 207 projects that improve and promote highways designated as scenic byways, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta announced this month.

The grants are part of the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program, recognizing and enhancing roads based on archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational or scenic qualities. The grants will be used for projects such as scenic overlooks, visitor information centers, pedestrian trails, bike paths, safety upgrades and educational and promotional materials. Since 1992, the National Scenic Byways Program has awarded more than \$250 million in grants for more than 1,800 state and nationally designated byway projects.

"Scenic byways capture our imagination, lead us to understanding, and fill us with wonder," Mineta said. "This investment ensures that we can protect and promote the roads that make America great."

"The grants we're announcing today will help preserve and promote a collection of diverse American roads that provide unique travel destinations and support countless small businesses," said Federal Highway Deputy Administrator J. Richard Capka.

Oregon is home to four All-American Roads, six National Scenic Byways, five Oregon Scenic Byways and nine Oregon Tour Routes. The **Mt. Hood Scenic Byway** between Troutdale and the intersection of Highways 35 and 30 in Hood River became Oregon's sixth and latest National Scenic Byway in March 2005.



Oregon Projects (\$808,693)

- ◆ **Elkhorn Scenic Byway** - Interpretive Sites \$302,000
- ◆ **Pacific Coast Scenic Byway** - South Tillamook Vehicle Turnouts \$258,000
- ◆ **Hells Canyon All-American Road** - Interpretation Plan Phase II \$108,593
- ◆ **Volcanic Legacy All-American Road - Crystal Springs Byway** Orientation Station \$39,500
- ◆ **Oregon Volcanic Legacy All-American Road** - Corridor Management Plan \$25,000
- ◆ **Hells Canyon All-American Road** - Corridor Management Plan \$25,000
- ◆ **Pacific Coast Scenic Byway - All-American Road** Marketing Brochure \$25,600
- ◆ **Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway** - Corridor Management Plan \$25,000

Editors:

- ◆ More information on Oregon's Scenic Byways is at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/SCENICBYWAYS/
- ◆ *A Driving Guide* is at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/SCENICBYWAYS/driving_guide.shtml
- ◆ More information on the National Scenic Byways Program is at www.bywaysonline.org

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