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TO: Oregon Scenic Byway Proponents, Oregon Parks and Recreation, US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Travel Oregon, Oregon Scenic Byway Committee

FROM: Pat Moran, State Scenic Byway Program Manager
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RE: National Scenic Byway Funds – FY 2009

Applications are being accepted for Fiscal Year 2009 National Scenic Byway funds. National Scenic Byway funds are available from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The funding program is administered in Oregon by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Qualifying projects must be along an Oregon Scenic Byway or Tour Route. This is a reimbursable program, not a grant program. Funds must be expended in advance of repayment through the program.

Federal Applications need to be submitted electronically to the FHWA via the National Scenic Byways Program web site at:

<http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/application>

A hard copy of the Federal Application and the Oregon Application forms must be submitted for each project. Copies of the Oregon Application Packet are available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/SCENICBYWAYS/index.shtml>

Funding applications are due to ODOT or postmarked by Friday, February 6, 2009

The Oregon Scenic Byway Committee will evaluate and prioritize the applications. To ensure that your project has the best chance of moving forward, please read the Oregon Application Packet carefully and note the following:

- Applications must be submitted as a hard copy to ODOT **and** electronically to FHWA. Faxes will not be accepted.
- Projects must have a 20 percent **local** match, which must be identified and authorized.
- The FHWA application lists eligibility requirements that are adhered to strictly.
- Byway proponents submitting more than one project proposal per Scenic Byway must prioritize those projects.
- Projects must be consistent with the Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. Copies of the plan should be available through local planning departments, but they can also be obtained through this office.
- An Intergovernmental Agreement guaranteeing the local match must be executed between local agencies and ODOT upon approval of the federal funding.

For additional information concerning the Federal Electronic Application Process, see Attachment 1.

If you have any questions, please call me at (503) 986-4261, Gwen Riche at (503) 986-3745 or Jaime Patzer at (503) 986-3765.