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Route To:

Subject: Mt Baker Scenic Byway Management Plan

To: Robert Iwamoto, Forest Supervisor

Enclosed is the Mt Baker Scenic Byway Management Plan for your review and signature. This plan fulfills a requirement of the 2004 easement for the Mt Baker Highway, State Route 542. It represents a collaborative effort between Washington State Department of Transportation and the Forest Service over the last several years.

I have reviewed this document and recommend it for your signature.

If you have any questions regarding this Plan, please contact Ann Dunphy at 360-856-5700 ext 352.



JON VANDERHEYDEN
Mt Baker District Ranger

Enclosure: Mt Baker Scenic Byway Management Plan



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Cover Sheet

Mt. Baker Highway Scenic Byway Management Plan

SR 542 within the National Forest from Glacier to Austin Pass:

MP 33.54 to MP 57.26

Submitted By:

WSDOT, NW Region, Mt. Baker Area Headquarters
Planning Office & in partnership with
Mt Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest Service

Abstract:

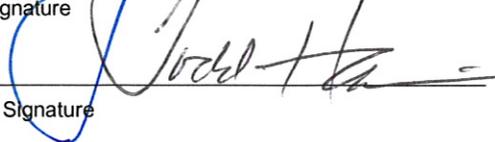
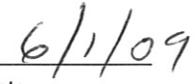
An easement adopted in 2004 provided guidance for the development of the Mt. Baker Highway Scenic Byway Management Plan. This Plan implements the terms of this agreement and clarifies and streamlines interagency processes.

Approval:

June 1, 2009

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RE: Mt. Baker Scenic Byway Management Plan

Dear Mr. Iwamoto:

I am pleased to attach the *Mt. Baker Scenic Byway Management Plan* for your approval and signature.

The *Mt. Baker Scenic Byway Management Plan* translates the terms of the 2004 easement into operating procedures that will guide transportation activities along State Route 542 within the National Forest Service Boundary. With focus on the safety of the traveling public, the plan provides for continued coordination in maintenance and project development. It includes strategies that reflect the special needs of this highway and incorporate Best Management Practices employed in our state. I am satisfied that it clarifies the easement requirements, provides a framework for future collaboration, and establishes realistic expectations where funding challenges exist.

This plan has had many starts and stops since the 2004 easement agreement was formalized, and this final edition represents a great deal of coordination between our two agencies. We look forward to finalizing this plan and continuing the productive partnership we have established through this planning effort.

Sincerely,

Todd Harrison
Assistant Northwest Regional Administrator
WSDOT Mt. Baker Area Headquarters

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