

MT. BAKER HIGHWAY SCENIC BYWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN

ANNUAL COORDINATION

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Annual coordination topics

The Mt. Baker Highway Scenic Byway Management Plan was produced to provide guidance that takes into account the unique attributes of the SR 542 corridor within the National Forest boundary, and fulfills the requirements of the easement entered into by USFS and WSDOT. The goal of this document was to articulate the roles and responsibilities of WSDOT and the USFS in the management of this highway system. The easement also specifies the need to jointly coordinate activities along the corridor at an annual meeting with the forest supervisor and WSDOT. Below is a summary of topics to discuss:

1. Preservation of aquatic and fisheries resources: The forest supervisor and WSDOT shall jointly coordinate and consult annually to address Aquatic and fisheries resource matters of concern or non-compliance. This annual coordination and consultation may include representatives or guidance from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Lummi Nation, Nooksack Tribe, other Federal agencies and other interested parties as may be appropriate. The forest supervisor shall initiate this annual coordination.

2. Storage: WSDOT shall establish no borrow, sand, or gravel pits; stone quarries, permanent storage areas, sites for highway operation and maintenance facilities, camps, supply depots, or disposal areas within the right of way; unless shown on approved construction plans, without first obtaining approval of the forest supervisor, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. It would be helpful to establish vista areas that could be used in case of emergency. The Forest Supervisor and WSDOT shall meet annually to coordinate and agree upon suitable sites for disposal of slide and waste debris, hazard tree storage areas, for temporary or permanent use as required.

3. Noxious weed prevention and control: Coordination of control measures used, type and amounts of chemical treatment, timing of activities, such as mowing, identify areas to be treated, and monitoring of results. WSDOT adherer's to the Washington State Noxious Weed list.

4. Funding coordination: Planning and prioritization of projects desired to enhance scenic byway aesthetics associated with new construction or retrofits along the corridor. Joint priority list developed to seek outside funding for capital projects from scenic byway program, and other funding sources.



5. Ongoing coordination:

- Emergency maintenance.
- Coordination of maintenance schedule for snow removal needed to open the road to Artist Point. Herbicide use, mowing timing to coordinate hand pulling schedule. Hazard tree identification and removal.
- Special event coordination and any access management development if circumstances require alteration and traffic control planning.
- WSDOT will consult with USFS during development of the WSDOT six-year highway construction program. Preconstruction coordination for new construction and non-routine maintenance projects
- Cultural and archeological compliance.

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6. Plan amendment:

The easement established that review and update of this plan are to occur not less than every five years. Amendments should take on the same formality as the initiation of this plan. It will require the signatures of both the forest supervisor as well as the WSDOT assistant regional administrator to amend this plan. At the annual meeting the parties should determine if any items need to be revisited, amended or augmented as part of that years work program.

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Date:

WSDOT maintenance annual coordination report to the USFS for SR 542

1. Storage areas. How are they working. Are any additional areas needed.

2. Noxious weed control- schedule of mowing

3. Hazard tree Identification scheduling review in spring, removal in summer

4. Artist Point road opening schedule

4. Emergency maintenance

5. Anticipated special events

6. Other coordination



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**WSDOT and USFS coordination and prioritization for partnership
funding needs for projects along SR 542**