

# MT. BAKER HIGHWAY SCENIC BYWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN



SR 542 from Glacier to Austin Pass: MP 33.54 to MP 57.26

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## 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

**USFS**

**WSDOT**

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USFS Signature

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WSDOT Signature

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# Fact Sheet

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**Project Name:**

**Mount Baker Highway Scenic Byway Management Plan**

**Project Description:**

The Mount Baker Scenic Byway Management Plan is a cooperative effort between WSDOT and the USFS, and is required for maintenance and capital improvements on Forest Service land. It implements the 2004 easement and clarifies the interagency review process. The plan defines how coordination, communication, and consultation between WSDOT and USFS will proceed on a wide range of issues stemming from transportation activities along SR 542. The intent is to provide clarity on the roles of both agencies, streamlined procedures, formulate realistic expectations, and capitalize on agency expertise.

The plan clarifies easement requirements in order to: 1) provide a framework for partnership opportunities between the agencies during program and project development; 2) expedite USFS approvals, particularly for maintenance and urgently needed repairs; and 3) manage expectations for how scenic byway-related treatments will be incorporated into needed capital improvements.

**Project Proponents:**

WSDOT & USFS

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