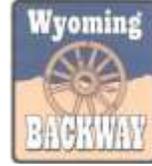


# THE WYOMING SCENIC BYWAYS AND BACKWAYS PROGRAM



## NOMINATION PACKET



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PLANNING PROGRAM  
CHEYENNE, WY 82009

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### INTRODUCTION

The objective of the Wyoming Scenic Byways and Backways Program is to select and develop an outstanding system of routes which will promote and enhance tourism in the State as well as develop an understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage.

The emphasis of the Program is to identify and select Wyoming's most scenic and/or culturally significant routes as Scenic Byways or Backways. The features of these routes are to be identified and interpreted in the application so that the Scenic Byways Advisory Committee can determine those routes which are truly outstanding.

The Scenic Byways Advisory Committee is a group of individuals from various State and Federal agencies. The Committee meets a few times a year to evaluate Scenic Byway and Backway Applications. The Nomination process begins in June with the distribution of application materials. The deadline for submission of nominations is November 15. The Committee's evaluation period extends from December to March, with a recommendation for the Transportation Commission by April. The Transportation Commission then meets to discuss the designation of the Byway or Backway.

Nominations can be sponsored by any agency, organization, or group of individuals. The nominations are to be made on the enclosed forms, and in accordance with the following submittal requirements.

Nominations of routes which possess exceptional and/or distinctive scenic characteristics, or cultural resource values (historic or prehistoric) are encouraged. The determination of whether a nominated route is best qualified as a Byway or a Backway will be made by the Wyoming Scenic Byways Advisory Committee after your nomination has been submitted.

Similarly, the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) will determine the functional classification, and will examine the design and safety features of each proposed Byway and Backway.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - for Nominating a route as a Scenic Byway or Backway.**

1. Review the enclosed, bound Report entitled The Wyoming Scenic Byways and Backways Program.
2. If you plan to nominate more than one route as a Scenic Byway or Backway, use a separate set of forms for each route.
3. All references in the nomination forms to Figures, Policies, Standards, or Appendices are referring to the Report referenced in item 1, above.
4. You may add pages, as needed, to respond to any of the information requested.
5. Nine copies of the nomination form for a Scenic Byway or Backway must be submitted to:

Wyoming Department of Transportation  
Planning Program  
Attn: Scenic Byways Coordinator  
5300 Bishop Blvd.  
Cheyenne, WY 82009

6. Applications are due by November 15. Include good photos of the route, from more than one season if possible.

Abbreviations:

WYDOT- Wyoming Department of Transportation

AASHTO- American Association of State Highway and Transportation

Officials

USFS- United States Forest Service

BLM- Bureau of Land Management

USGS- U.S. Geological Survey

AADT or ADT- Average annual daily traffic or average daily traffic

# NOMINATION FORMS

## WYOMING SCENIC BYWAY OR BACKWAY

What is the name(s) (existing or proposed) and/or route number(s) of route being nominated?

The road is located in what county or counties? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the route proposed for a Scenic Byway or Backway:  
Where does it begin and end?

What is the total mileage?

Who are the primary abutting and adjacent land owners (private, BLM, USFS, State Lands, etc.)?

What is the approximate time to travel?

If you add pages to supplement the information on Page 4, label as Page 4(a), 4(b), etc.

Please include relevant maps showing the route of the proposed byway. These maps

should be one or more of the following: USGS quad maps, county road maps, BLM or Forest Service maps. For short routes of a few miles, the USGS quad maps may be appropriate, whereas long routes can be best illustrated on county, BLM or Forest Service maps.

Is the use of the proposed Byway or Backway subject to seasonal limitations?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe:

Should the use of proposed Byway or Backway be subject to vehicle type, size or weight restrictions?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe:

Is it feasible to construct a turnout near each end of the proposed Scenic Byway or Backway?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please identify the location(s).

Please describe how the proposed Byway meets each of the six nominating criteria listed and described on the following pages.

If you add pages to supplement the information on Page 5, label as Page 5(a), 5(b), etc.

The nominated roadway must possess exceptional and/or distinctive scenic characteristics or cultural resource values.

Discuss those features which are part of the proposed route. (Note: A proposed route does not need to have all of the above features, but please include information about all that do apply.) Be specific. For example, if the route has scenic features, describe what they are and why they may be exceptional or distinctive. If there are historic or prehistoric sites and/or districts along the route, briefly describe each site/district and its historic or prehistoric significance. Also include an annotated map which identifies the locations of the distinctive or exceptional features which are located along the proposed route. Photographs keyed to the map should be included to support the discussion of features. See Appendices F and G for additional information.

If you add pages to supplement the information on Page 6, label as Page 6(a), 6(b), etc.

The nominated roadway must be functionally classified as an arterial or collector and meet basic design and safety standards to be eligible for designation as a Wyoming Scenic Byway, or must be functionally classified as a minor rural collector or local road to be eligible for designation as a Wyoming Scenic Backway.

(As indicated on Page 2, WYDOT will determine the functional classification and prepare the safety analysis for each proposed Byway and Backway. However, please respond to the following paragraph.)

Describe the general roadway conditions, and identify the location of any problem locations such as sharp curves or narrow bridges. Identify any anticipated road improvement projects which would affect the condition or status of the proposed Byway or Backway.

If you add pages to supplement the information on Page 7, label as Page 7(a), 7(b), etc.

The nominated roadway must be a public road as defined by Wyoming Statutes.

Briefly discuss below the accessibility of the route. Is it a public road under the jurisdiction and maintenance of a public entity and open to the public? Is it open year round. (Note: Proposed Byways do not necessarily need to be open year round.) How accessible is the route to services such as food, fuel, lodging and sanitary facilities?

If you add pages to supplement the information on Page 8, label as Page 8(a), 8(b), etc.

The nominated roadway must have strong local support and proponents must demonstrate coordination with relevant agencies.

Identify the individual(s) or organization(s) preparing the nomination. Show evidence that local counties, communities, agencies, landowners (including federal and state) and private citizens have been involved in the nomination process. Coordination with these entities as well as local historical societies, municipal and county road departments (as appropriate), and the appropriate engineering district of the Wyoming Transportation Department is essential. A signed statement of support and/or disapproval of the nomination from each of the counties, communities, and relevant agencies is required; however, it is strongly recommended as a suitable method of demonstrating support and coordination from affected parties. If a Byway Marketing Association has been formed, indicate the membership and include minutes of meetings. A proposal must have substantial local support to be recommended for approval by the Advisory Committee.

If you add pages to supplement the information on Page 9, label as Page 9(a), 9(b), etc.

The nominated roadway must be accompanied by a conceptual management plan, as specified in the nomination process.

A conceptual management plan is a preliminary, abbreviated version of the corridor management plan which must later be developed by the sponsoring organization once the nominated route has been designated (see Appendix E). It must therefore address, in summary form, all the elements which are required to be part of the full corridor management plan. For the conceptual management plan, these include a summary of the following:

- An identification and evaluation of significant resources present along the nominated route (do not repeat information on Page 4)
- A plan for the development, interpretation, and protection of the outstanding characteristics of the route with special emphasis on the protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources
- The formation of a Byway Marketing Association
- A marketing plan
- An implementation plan which addresses the byway/backway organization and management, funding and financing, and implementation.

Discuss how the nominating organization proposes to promote and market the route on the local and regional level. Include promotional activities, placement of historical markers (if applicable), and proposed improvements or development along the route. Include sketches or design plans if available.

Describe the availability of financial resources with which to upgrade, develop, sign, promote and otherwise make the scenic road and its corridor available for its intended uses. If no funding is presently available, indicate how the organization plans to locate funding sources.

Describe future public use and development along the route and include evidence of a commitment to preserve, enhance and protect the scenic and historic qualities of the proposed byway.

If you add pages to supplement the information on Page 10, label as 10(a), 10(b), etc.

Roads that form a loop or are part of a network of scenic roads are preferred. A dead-end road may be included in the system if it has strong attractions at its terminus.

Identify the geographic relationship of the route being nominated to the existing network of designated Wyoming Scenic Byways and Backways. (See Figure 1 and Appendix A). Provide a map if appropriate. If this route would link with the existing network of designated routes or if this route would extend a previously designated route, identify how the scenic, historic or cultural features along the nominated route compare with those of the existing routes to which they connect. For nominated routes which are dead-end roads, be especially careful to describe and illustrate that the scenic, historic or cultural features along the road are of such quality to justify travel on a dead-end road.

If you add pages to supplement the information on Page 8, label as Page 8(a), 8(b), etc.

**ASSURANCES**

The Sponsoring Group for this nomination is: (Name and Address)

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The Sponsoring Group has authorized the submission of this nomination to the Wyoming Department of Transportation.

The Sponsoring Group has familiarized itself with the Requirements, Standards and Policies indicated in the Wyoming Scenic Byways and Backways Program, and will comply with said Requirements, Standards, and Policies, if the route(s) nominated by the Sponsoring Group is approved as a Wyoming Scenic Byway or Backway.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Position in Sponsoring Group)

Please provide the name, address and phone number of the lead contact for the nominating organization. This person will be responsible for informing other organization members about correspondence, requests and other questions or comments from the Advisory Committee or Committee Staff.

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Please include letters of support from Local Governments, Land Owners, Economic Development or Business Groups, in addition to letters from land management agencies such as the Forest Service, Park Service and Bureau of Land Management.