

# Oregon's Mt. Hood Scenic Byway at Risk. Deny PWB's Water Treatment Plant!



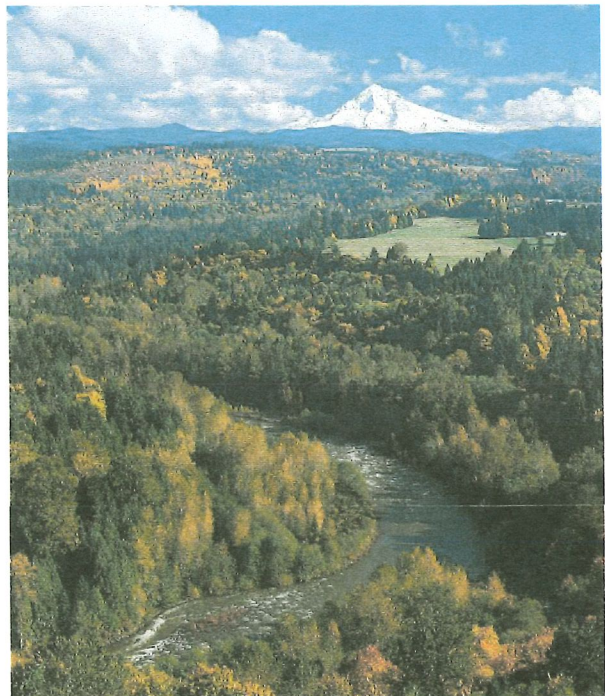
*Mt. Hood Scenic Byway (Orient Drive and Dodge Park Blvd.)*

## Mount Hood Scenic Byway

The Mount Hood Scenic Byway is a part of the National Byways Scenic program — a grass-roots collaboration effort established to recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads throughout the United States based on archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational or scenic qualities. These roads are collectively known as America's Byways.



*Mt. Hood Scenic Byway in Sandy, OR. Signage directs visitors from Hwy. 26 to Bluff Road.*



*View from Jonsrud Viewpoint. Upwards of 1.2 million people visit Mt. Hood National Forest each year primarily to view the scenery from vehicle or to visit historic and scenic wa*

The Oregon Mount Hood Scenic Byway starts at the end of the Historic Columbia River Highway where the Troutdale Bridge crosses the Sandy River, into downtown Troutdale, eventually connecting with **Orient Drive, Dodge Park Boulevard, Lusted Road** and Ten Eyck Road. The Byway continues into Sandy to Jonsrud Viewpoint on **Bluff Road**.

These local roadways are visited by tourists and local recreators in-route along the Byway to Mt. Hood and multiple Sandy River parks. They come in recreational vehicles, hot rod cruises, motorcycle rallied, cyclists touring, joggers and runs like Hood to Coast.

The proposed PWB site sits on nearly 100 acres of prime agricultural land between two major byway roads, **Dodge Park Blvd** and **Bluff Road**. This area is known worldwide for having some of the best and largest ornamental tree farms in the USA. Hundreds of family farms (many generational) and co-op farmers grow flowers, raspberries, strawberries, peaches, apples and other organic fruits and vegetables which supply our local farmers markets. Many invite the public to u-pick products and have embraced agri-tourism with corn-mazes and pumpkin patches, etc.

**If approved the construction of this Water Treatment Plant facility and pipeline will do irreparable damage to a cherished community and way of life. It is not just the safety, environmental, and livability issues during the four plus years of construction disruption. Lost will be the soul and character of a cherished community and way of life that our ancestors preserved and protected for over a century.**



*Children riding bikes along the Mount Hood Scenic Byway, east on Dodge Park Blvd. and Short Road.*



*Heading into Gresham from Hwy. 26. Directs traffic right to Orient Dr., then left onto Dodge Park Blvd.*

The National Scenic Byways program was established to recognize, Preserve, and promote, selected roads throughout the United States. Roads are selected for National Scenic status based on these attributes: archaeological, cultural, historic, recreational, and scenic qualities.

These roads are collectively known as, **America's Byways**.

It is an honor for our rural East County community to be recognized as an American Byway, and, to be a part of, Oregon's Mount Hood Scenic Byway.

The Oregon Mount Hood Scenic Byway starts at the Columbia River Highway, then into downtown Troutdale. It continues south to **Orient Drive, Dodge Park Blvd, Lusted Road and Ten Eyck Road, then through the city of Sandy, to the Viewpoint, on Bluff Road.**

Locally, there are five Mt Hood Scenic Byways, directional signs, taking traffic through this route. Some of the signs are pictured here. (Which I will enter into the record)

Our local Byway roads are visited by tourists as well as local recreationist, in-route to Mt. Hood, and the many parks along the Sandy River.

*I live on Dodge Park Blvd, just across the street from the proposed PWB sight, so I am well positioned to tell you that we see many recreational vehicles, hot rod cruises, motorcycle rallied, touring cyclists, and joggers enjoying this Byway.*

*Just this last weekend, I watched 25 beautiful vintage corvettes as they came up the hill. After that we saw and heard, a very large, and loud, group motorcyclist as they road down the hill. Everyday there are many groups of cyclists laughing and chatting it up as they ride by.*

Currently there are hundreds of thousands of nursery trees growing on the prime agricultural land on the PWB site. This land sits between Bluff Road and Dodge Park Blvd. Our community is known **worldwide** for having some of the best and largest ornamental tree farms in the USA. There is also hundreds of family farms, (many generational), and co-op farmers who grow flowers, raspberries, strawberries, peaches, apples and other organic fruits and vegetables that supply our local farmers

markets. The public comes great distances, to u-pick these products. Many farms have embraced agri-tourism, hosting corn-mazes, hayrides and pumpkin patch events.

*For nearly 25 years our family has grown Ornamental Maples on three acres, which put our son's through college. Unfortunately, we do not have a well, and it no longer pencils out for us to grow anything but field grass due to Pleasant Home Water District rate increases, since putting in the water tanks.*

**I am here today to sound the alarm!**

If you approve of the construction of this Water Treatment Plant facility, it will do irreparable damage to a cherished community, and way of life. It is not just the safety, environmental, and livability issues during four plus years of construction disruption. **Lost**, will be the soul and character of a cherished community, and way of life, that our ancestors have preserved and protected, for over a century.

**I'd like to conclude with . . .**The Department of Community Services Land Use Planning Division mission statement:

***The Land Use Planning Division ensures the preservation and protection of forest lands, farm and nursery production, wildlife, streams, scenic views, and the Columbia River Gorge.***

*I pray this is true! If true, Portland Water Bureau's application for a Water Treatment Plant will be soundly rejected by you. The mere presence of an industrial facility of this nature insults every attribute and aspect of your mission statement and is inconsistent with the character of this treasured Multnomah County community.*

***PLEASE, don't breach the promises made by your own mission statement!***

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