

Oregon's Mt. Hood Scenic Byway at Risk. Deny PWB! Addendum from Cindy Bennington

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Please view these four pages from the 2022, Oregon SCENIC BYWAYS, official Scenic Byways & Tour Routes Driving Guide, an official publication of the OREGON TOURISM COMMISSION and OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and funded in part by TRAVEL OREGON.

This further substantiates the value of the role our historic agricultural community plays in Oregon's tourism industry and as a part of the National Scenic Byways. Our community's major roads ... Bluff Road, Lusted Road, Orient Drive and Dodge Park Blvd are officially recognized as a part of the AMERICAN BYWAYS program. The PWB proposed Water Treatment Plant site and pipeline expansion are central to all of these roads.

I recently became aware that the Oregon Mt. Hood Scenic Byway sign located on Orient Drive, directing traffic to Dodge Park Blvd has been removed! A photo of the sign at this location was entered into the record as part of my testimony.

My husband spoke to a tree removal contractor while preparing an estimate to remove trees on the south side of Dodge Park Blvd. His map shows PWB removing the stand of trees along Dodge Park Blvd from where the pipe enters the boulevard and continuing west to Cottrell Road and beyond.

These trees are a critical visual, sound and dust barrier between Dodge Park Blvd and the PWB proposed Water Treatment Plant Buildings and possibly the eight-story communications tower.

Attachment 1: Publication Cover

Attachment 2: Table of Contents (lists Mt. Hood Scenic Byway a National Scenic Byway)

Attachment 3: Mt. Hood Scenic Byways

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The 81-page brochure publication can be found at [TRAVELOREGON.COM/BYWAYS](https://www.traveloregon.com/byways) or by calling the OREGON TOURISM DEPARTMENT.

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Official Driving Guide

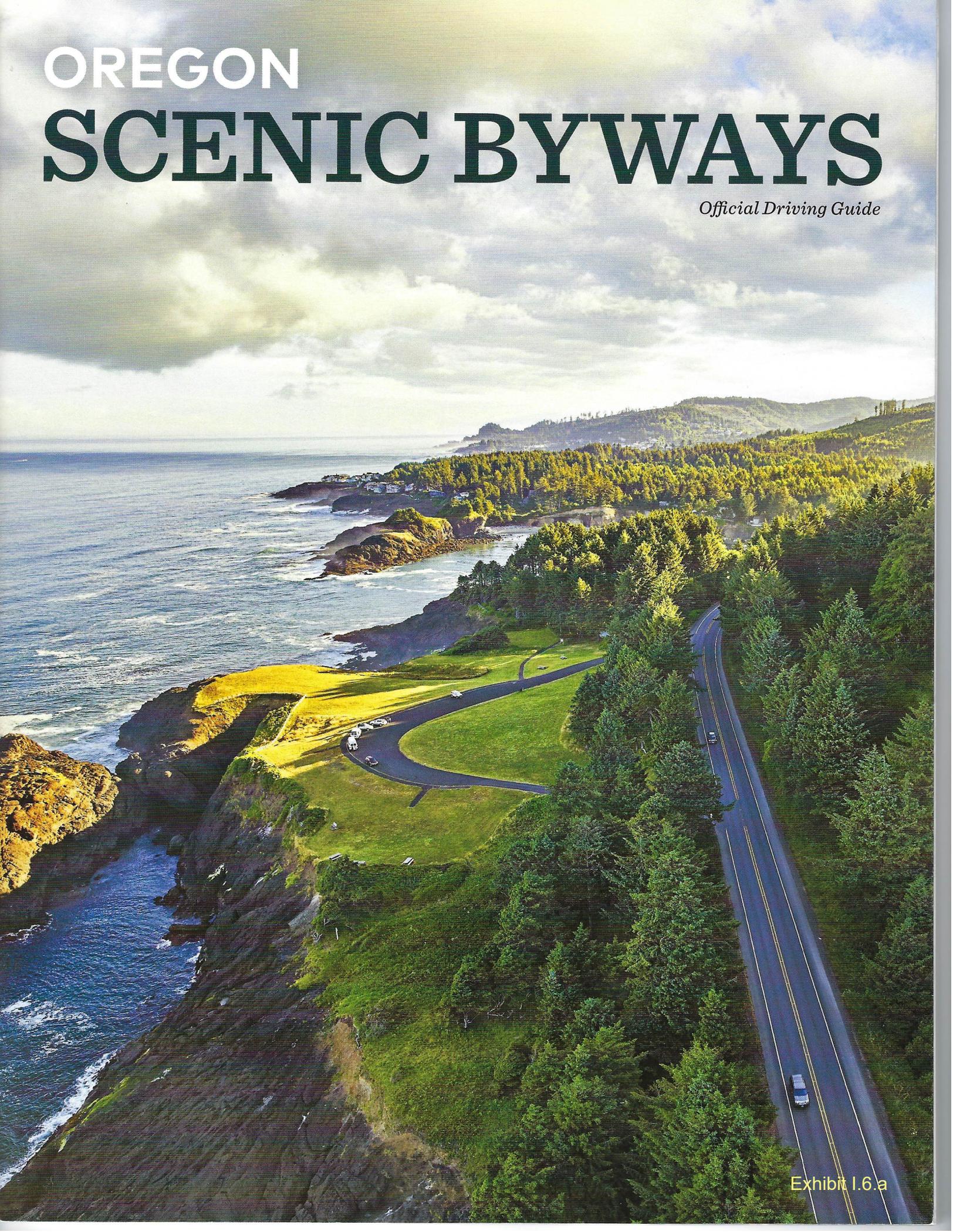


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Know that some areas are closed or partially reopened due to wildfire damage. Check for the latest conditions before you head out, respect all closures and proceed with caution in areas that have recently reopened.

*On the cover: Pacific Coast Scenic Byway by Gregor Halenda
(Pilot: Kenji Sugahara)*



Check TripCheck.com or call 511 for the most up-to-date information on road conditions, seasonal closures, incidents and weather impacts.



Drive with care as you are sharing the roads with bicyclists, farm equipment and wildlife.



NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

MT. HOOD SCENIC BYWAY

The glacier-caked summit of Oregon's highest peak creates a dramatic centerpiece for this 100-mile/161-kilometer route that skirts the mountain through fruit valleys and thick fir forest.

The Hood River Valley



majestic Timberline Lodge, a triumph of wood and stone craftsmanship built by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s. Perched at 6,000 feet/1,828 meters, **5 Timberline Lodge and Ski Area** offers dining, lodging, easy access to alpine hikes, North America's longest ski season, and the best view of Mt. Hood's summit you can get without crampons and mountaineering skills.

ZIGZAG TO SANDY

From Government Camp, it's downhill all the way to Wood Village. The steep descent was miserable for **Oregon Trail** travelers, who had to winch their wagons down a chute on the old Barlow Road at **Laurel Hill**, just past mile marker 51. Now it's a pleasant drive, with resorts, restaurants, hiking trails and other services welcoming visitors to the villages of **Rhododendron**, **Zigzag**, **Welches** and **Brightwood**.

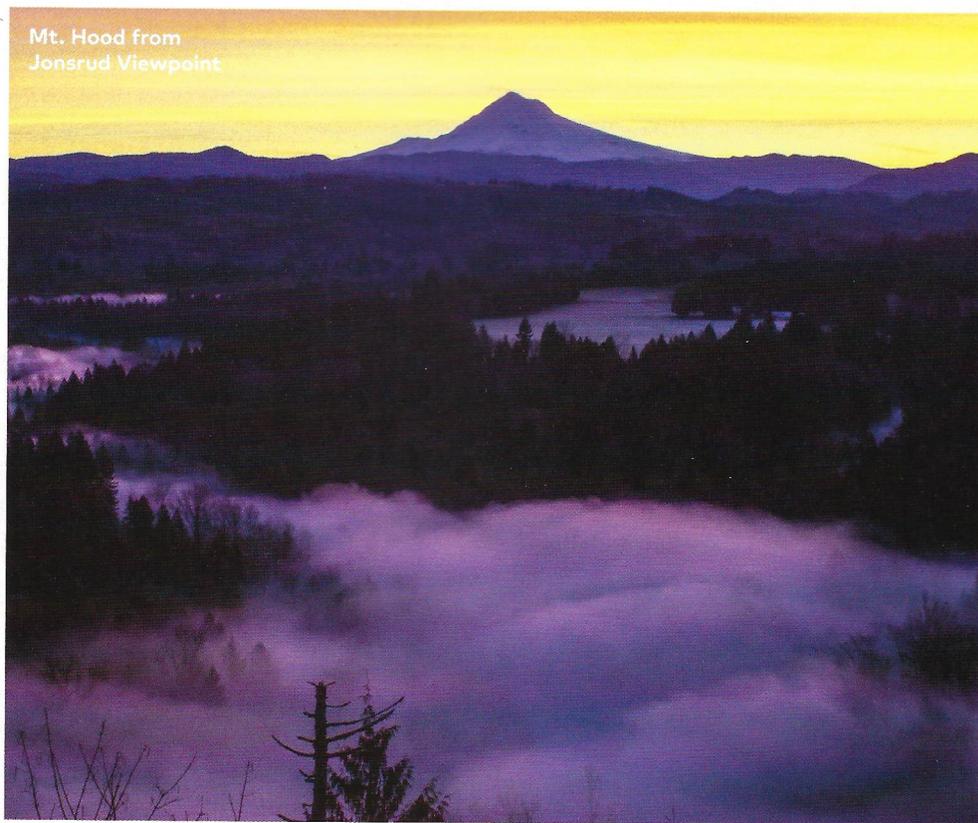
Past Welches, the **6 Wildwood Recreation Site** is a great place to learn about Oregon's environment, with interpretive trails along a wetland boardwalk and the lovely Salmon River. The **Cascade Streamwatch** window built into the bank gives a glimpse at the underwater life thriving in a tributary of this designated Wild and Scenic River.

SANDY TO TROUTDALE

If you prefer casting to watching, several fishing guides operate out of nearby **Sandy**. Mountain bikers now gather here too, thanks to a growing network of trails on federal lands at **7 Sandy Ridge Trail System**, about 11 miles/17.7 kilometers east of town.

Just north of downtown Sandy, the **8 Jonsrud Viewpoint** looks out across the expansive Sandy River Valley. Mt. Hood looms above, a view pioneers were no doubt relieved to have behind them.

The byway continues west along Bluff and Orient roads through an agricultural area known for nursery stock and berries, then into the Portland metro area through historic downtown **Gresham**, **Troutdale** and **Wood Village**. These cities near the Columbia River offer an appealing mix of urban and outdoor activities, with hiking and biking trails, river access, resorts, concert venues, art galleries, great shopping and dining at the western gateway to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.



Timberline Lodge

