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Michael O'Loughlin  
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Dear Michael:

Congratulations again for the designation of the Historic National Road in Indiana as an All American Road. We were pleased that Joe Jarzen, Trish, Joy, Pat and Mark could travel to Washington, DC for the designation event and the special byway workshop on June 12 and 13. It was especially enjoyable to be part of the excitement the six Historic National Road states felt upon successfully completing their coordinated nomination.

Enclosed is our written feedback on the nomination application. As we mentioned in Washington, it reflects the key thoughts and observations of several people who reviewed the nomination applications and supporting materials. You will note that in preparing the feedback, we provided conversation notes to capture follow-up activities or actions resulting from our collective one on one session with all states.

When you forward the enclosure to the byway representatives, please extend our regards and congratulations. The National Scenic Byways Program is founded upon the strength of leaders like Joe, Mark, Pat, Trish and Joy along with other advocates who have continued their planning activities on behalf of the Historic National Road for so many years. It is no wonder the road was designated in all six states considering the vision and organizational efforts of the National Road Alliance. We look forward to participating, with all the Historic National Road partners, in the Interpretive Planning workshop sponsored by the America's Byways Resource Center in September, especially because it was one of the action items developed by the Alliance while here in Washington.

If you have any further questions about this information, please feel free to call Dennis Adams at 1-800-429-9297, ext.3 for information about the review and Cheryl Newman of the America's Byways Resource Center for information on services they can provide.

Sincerely,

*Written and signed by Dennis Adams for*

Rob Draper, Director  
National Scenic Byways Program

Enclosure

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## **Transportation Secretary Slater Announces All-American Roads, Scenic Byways in 19 States**

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater today announced that 33 roads in 19 states have been designated 1998 All-American Roads or National Scenic Byways because of their scenic, natural, historic, cultural, archaeological or recreational qualities.

"President Clinton and Vice President Gore have asked us to do all we can to protect and enhance communities and our environment," Secretary Slater said. "The National Scenic Byways program enables Americans to fully enjoy the roads that are important to us culturally, historically and esthetically."

This program will continue under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century which today is being signed by President Clinton.

The National Scenic Byways program, designed to recognize and enhance the best of America's national transportation corridors, is managed by the department's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Designations are made in two categories, All-American Roads and National Scenic Byways.

All-American Roads, the highest designation, provide visitors with a unique driving experience. They are roads that travelers want to enjoy, and they are destinations unto themselves. International visitors are encouraged to include these roads in their travels to the United States.

National Scenic Byways are exceptional roads that exemplify regional characteristics of the nation's culture, history and landscape. They are often "off the beaten path" and provide a taste of real Americana.

Today's announcement marks the second round of designations under the National Scenic Byways program. Twenty roads were designated in 1996.

One of the All-American Road roads included in the 1996 designations, the San Juan Skyway, helped boost the tourism industry in that region. Ken Francis, Friends of San Juan Skyway coordinator, said the designation has helped bring additional visitors to southwest Colorado and has helped move forward important byway resource protection initiatives.

Under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, \$74.3 million was awarded in Scenic Byway discretionary grant funds to 39 states, including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, for 538 projects. Under TEA-21, \$148 million will be made available for the scenic byways discretionary program. Highways designated as All-American Roads or National Scenic Byways will receive priority consideration for these funds which will be used for the development of programs and related services along scenic byways.

The roads receiving All-American Road and National Scenic Byway designations in 1998 were selected by a panel of experts, among whom were representatives from the tourism industry, historic preservation organizations, tribal communities, and other public and private organizations. They evaluated nominations submitted by states and federal agencies for the 1998 designations.

For additional information or to obtain brochures on the 1998 and 1996 designations, call 1-800-4-BYWAYS (1-800-429-9297). Digital photographs of activities at the event during which the designated roads were announced are available on the National Scenic Byways Program web site at [www.byways.org](http://www.byways.org). A list of the 1998 designations follows.

### 1998 All-American Roads and National Scenic Byways

#### All-American Roads

Oregon                      Historic Columbia River Gorge  
                                 Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway

Washington                Mather Memorial Parkway

#### National Scenic Byways

Alabama                    Talladega Scenic Drive

Alaska                      The Seward Highway

Arkansas                    Crowley's Ridge Parkway

Arizona                     Kaibab Plateau - North Rim Parkway

California                  Death Valley Scenic Byway

Colorado                    Frontier Pathways  
                                 Santa Fe Trail Scenic and Historic Byway  
                                 Top of the Rockies

Illinois                      Ohio River Scenic Route  
                                 Meeting of the Great Rivers

Indiana                      The National Road

Minnesota                  The Grand Rounds Scenic Byway

New Hampshire              White Mountain Trail

New Mexico                  Billy the Kid Trail  
                                 El Camino Real  
                                 Jemez Mountain Trail  
                                 Santa Fe Trail

North Carolina              Cherohala Skyway

Ohio                          Ohio River Scenic Route

Oregon                        Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway  
                                 McKenzie Pass-Santiam Pass Scenic Byway  
                                 Pacific Coast Scenic Byway  
                                 Outback Scenic Byway

South Carolina                Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway  
                                 Savannah River Scenic Highway

South Dakota                The Native American Scenic Byway

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