

# Oregon Trail Historic Byway Nomination

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The Oregon Trail Historic Byway Committee

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## State of Wyoming



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Director

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Wyoming Transportation Commission

**FROM:** Talbot Hauffe, Scenic Byway Coordinator

**DATE:** September 23, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Oregon Trail Historic Byway Nomination

The Oregon Trail Historic Byway Committee has submitted a nomination to the Wyoming Department of Transportation for designation of US Highway 26, from the Wyoming – Nebraska State line to Interstate 25 at Dwyer Junction, as a State Scenic Byway. This nomination has been recommended for designation by WYDOT's Scenic Byway Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee consists of one representative from each of the following: The U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Division of Tourism, the Division of State Parks and Recreation, the Wyoming Department of Transportation, and the private sector tourist industry.

The materials submitted with this nomination package include: 1) The nomination booklet for the proposed route, 2) Local community resolutions and, 3) Letters of support from state and federal agencies, as well as local economic development organizations, requesting official designation.

The Oregon Trail Historic Byway Committee is requesting Commission action to officially designate this proposed route for inclusion in the State Scenic Byway Program.

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