

Dear City Council members,

I am forwarding the information below to correct my assertion that through truck traffic may be restricted through the *National Scenic Byways* Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation. I am informed below that the Gorge does not hold that status. It appears that we are back at square one with WASDOT being the source of any solution to the issue of through truck traffic.

Best regards,

Brian

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From: Brian McNamara <bmcsurfs@yahoo.com>

To: "Jensen, Gary (FHWA)" <Gary.Jensen@dot.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 1:34 PM

Subject: Re: Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Byway and Are through truck traffic restrictions

Thank you Mr. Jensen,

I appreciate your information and clarification. I got the impression that the Columbia River Gorge enjoyed Scenic Byway status from the WASDOT website below [Columbia River Gorge Scenic Byway and Area](#). Your response will allow concerned citizens to seek other alternatives to reduce through truck traffic in our area.

Best regards,
Brian McNamara

Columbia River Gorge Scenic Byway and Area

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Cc: "SpilkeE@wsdot.wa.gov" <SpilkeE@wsdot.wa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 1:02 PM
Subject: RE: Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Byway and Are through truck traffic restrictions

Mr. McNamara,

Thank you for your interest in the Columbia River Gorge. The Columbia River Gorge is a National Scenic Area administered by the U.S. Forest Service. For more information on the National Scenic Area and contact information for the Forest Service, please see: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/crgnsa/home>.

The route, however, is not designated a National Scenic Byway under the National Scenic Byways Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation. **That said, national byway designation in itself does not involve any commercial vehicle restrictions.** In this case, it appears that jurisdiction of the route would lay with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

By copy of this email, I am forwarding your concerns to Mr. Ed Spilker, our byways contact at the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Thank you,
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From: Brian McNamara [<mailto:bmcsurfs@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 6:12 PM
To: Jensen, Gary (FHWA)
Subject: Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Byway and Area through truck traffic restrictions

Hello Gary,

My name is Brian McNamara. I am writing you to enquire about how local communities in the Columbia Gorge Scenic Byway and Area corridor can restrict commercial trucks which have no pick ups or deliveries along Washington State HWY-14. The scenic corridor extends for nearly 90 miles along the Washington side of the Columbia River. Semi truck traffic is ever increasing along this rural 2 lane highway causing safety and road maintenance issues. Interstate Highway I-84 runs along the Oregon side of the river throughout the corridor and is far better suited to handle large trucks safely. Due to the two states using different methods of taxing commercial trucks many drivers choose to avoid Oregon toll booths by driving on the Washington side. Could you kindly direct me to any resources which our status as a National Scenic Byway and Area would allow our communities to use to restrict non essential truck traffic?

Kind regards,

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