

# Press Release



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## ***North Dakota Scenic Byway/Backway Program Accepting Applications***

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Scenic Byway Program is accepting applications for Scenic Byway/Backway designation. Applications are accepted every other year with this year's nomination cycle closing on July 1, 2008.

Application forms can be found on the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department website, [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov).

Upon receiving the applications, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Director's Task Force evaluates the nominations. The Director's Task Force meets and then formulates a recommendation, typically by August. The recommendation is then passed on to the director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation who makes the final decision for designation. Evaluation of the Scenic Byways applications will result in one of four possible recommendations:

- **Scenic Byway Designation:** Applies to qualifying corridors recommended for Scenic Byway designation with an acceptable Corridor Management Plan.
- **Scenic Backway Designation:** Applies to corridors that satisfy the intrinsic qualities requirements with an acceptable Corridor Management Plan, but have substandard design and safety features, and/or inadequate tourist amenities such as service stations, restrooms, interpretive areas, etc.
- **Denial with conditions:** Nominations with incomplete information or those that require corrective action to bring the corridor within minimum acceptance criteria may be denied with specified conditions. The conditions would specify what additional information is required to make a final recommendation, or what corrective action is required for designation, and a time frame for a response to be considered.
- **Denial:** This will occur for Nominations that are inconsistent with the goals of the North Dakota Scenic Byways program. Reasons for denial will be communicated in writing.

Applicants will be notified via phone and letter as to the status of their application after the final decision is made.

For complete information about the North Dakota Scenic Byway Program, go to [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov).

*Play in our backyard!*