OREGON SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM



PROPOSAL NAME: Vineyard and Valley State Scenic

**Tour Route** 

PROPONENT: Washington County Visitors Association

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NARRATIVE: The Vineyard and Valley tour route winds 60 miles through scenic Washington County in Oregon's northern Willamette Valley. While only minutes from Portland, the route is rural in character, emphasizes the valley's noted agriculture and viticulture, and features numerous farms, wineries, orchards, vineyards, nurseries, and "u-picks." Scenery is varied and appealing, and consists of fertile plains, rolling hills covered with vineyards and forests, rugged Coast Range foothills, and majestic views of Cascade Mountain Range peaks, particularly Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens. Access to recreation such as camping, hiking, horseback riding, paddling, and fishing is offered nearby at the Tillamook State Forest, Stub Stewart State Park, Banks-Vernonia State Trail, Hagg Lake, and Tualatin River. The route also offers excellent wildlife viewing at four noted public wetlands, including the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Lodging, dining, shopping, and other services are readily available in nearby Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Sherwood, and other cities.

STRENGTHS: First route to showcase Oregon's vineyards, wineries and northern Willamette Valley.

CONCERNS: Volume of waypoints resulting from designing as a bidirectional route will require

accurate and appropriate signage.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval as State Scenic Tour Route.



