

Turquoise Trail Corridor Management Plan

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Preface

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING PLAN

The Turquoise Trail Association held special monthly planning meetings of the Scenic Byway Advisory Council during 1999. The Council included members of the Turquoise Trail Association and other community groups (see Chapter 2). Meeting minutes were published on the organization's web site and made available to all interested parties. Public input was sought continuously. The SBAC specifically chose an informal, colloquial writing style for this document, since they are the implementers of the plan. Critics have said the style is too informal, and this comment will be taken into consideration when the plan undergoes its first revision.

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Changes and Revisions

This is Version 1.0, dated December 1999, of the Turquoise Trail Corridor Management Plan. There currently are no changes or revisions to this version.

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CMP Requirements Cross-Reference List

The left hand column lists the minimum requirements necessary for a Corridor Management Plan published in the Federal Register / Vol. 60. No. 96 / Thursday, May 18, 1995, pp. 26759-26762. The right hand column lists the chapters in this document that meet those requirements.

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GLOSSARY

Acronyms

CMP - Corridor Management Plan

DOT - New Mexico Department of Tourism

MRGCOG - Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments

NMSH&TD - New Mexico State Highway & Transportation Department

SBAC - Scenic Byway Advisory Council

TAI - Tourism Asset Inventory

TT - Turquoise Trail

TTA - Turquoise Trail Association

TTSB - Turquoise Trail Scenic Byway

USFS - United States Forest Service

Definitions

Attraction - A specific site, building, structure, event, or other occurrence that can be physically entered, attended, or seen. Example: Museum, aquarium, park, monument, festival.

Corridor - The road or highway right-of-way and the adjacent area is visible from and extending along the highway. The distance the corridor extends from the highway could vary with the different intrinsic qualities. (Federal Register, National Scenic Byways Program, 1995)

Corridor management plan - "A written document that specifies the actions, procedures, controls, operational practices, and administrative strategies" to maintain the scenic, cultural, historic, recreational, archeological and natural qualities of the scenic byway. (Federal Register, National Scenic Byways Program, 1995).

Intrinsic qualities - The basic characteristics of a scenic byway, corridor or trail. For scenic byways, the intrinsic qualities are categorized according to scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, natural, and archaeological factors (Nomination Instructions, 1995).

Resource - An asset, attribute, or source of information that is associated with an entire community, region, or other area. Although information about a resource can be communicated to visitors at specific attractions or sites, these attractions or sites usually comprise only a part of the entire resource. EXAMPLE: community history, northern deciduous forest, agriculture industry.

Scenic byway: - "A public road having special scenic, historic, recreational, cultural,

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Scenic byway: - "A public road having special scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, archaeological, and/or natural qualities that have been recognized as such through legislation or some other official declaration" (Federal Register, National Scenic Byways Program, 1995).

Site - A specific location.

Site-specific interpretation - Interpreting information to visitors at a specific attraction or site.

Theme - The concept, message, or idea that an interpretive program communicates to visitors.