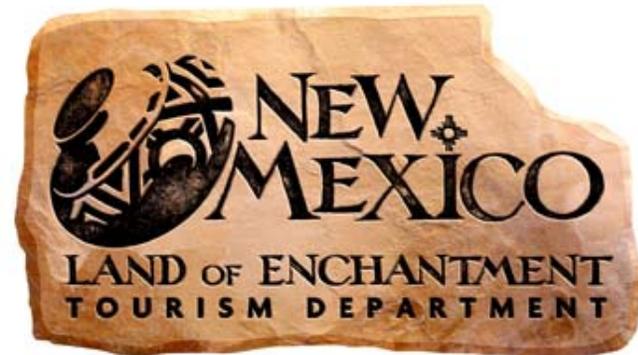
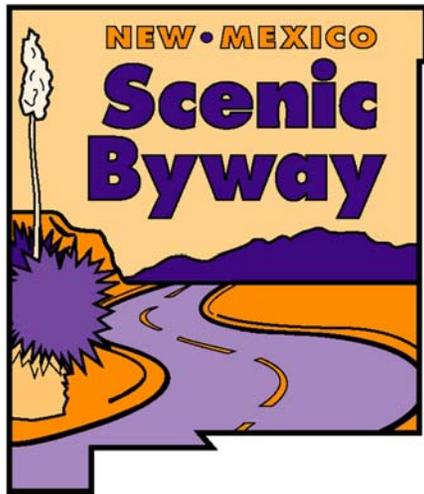
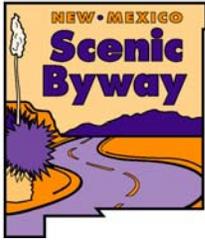
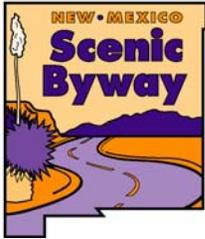


Interaction between the Scenic Byways Program and the NPS's National Historic Trails Program in New Mexico

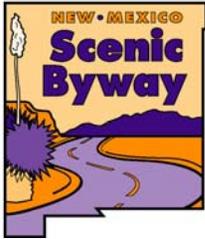




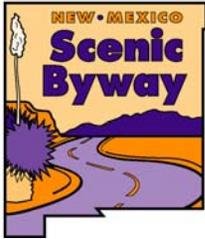
- The New Mexico Scenic Byways program has been in existence since 1991, when it was first funded through federal transportation legislation.
- To be designated a Scenic Byway, a corridor must exhibit one or more of six intrinsic qualities: cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, natural, and scenic.



- New Mexico has 26 Scenic Byways. Two of them, Santa Fe Trail National Scenic Byway and El Camino Real National Scenic Byway, are also National Historic Trails.
- The National Historic Trails program has an office in Santa Fe which works with partners to identify and prioritize preservation needs along the historic corridor of Route 66, which is also a National Scenic Byway.

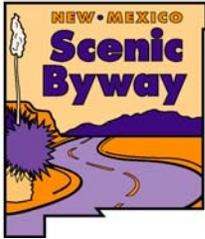


The New Mexico Byways program and the National Historic Trails office have worked together for many years where designated routes coincide.



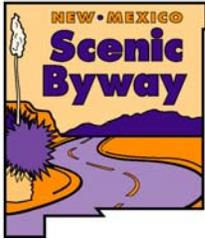
The Scenic Byways program works with the NPS National Historic Trails Office on our grant application process:

- Run grants received for El Camino Real, Santa Fe Trail, and Route 66 by the NPS.
- Include staff from the Trails Office, if available, on the Byways Council which reviews and ranks the grants.

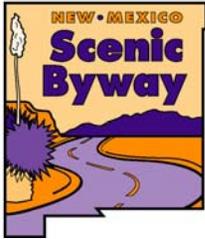


Scenic Byways program and Trails office include each other in miscellaneous events where the programs intersect:

- Route 66 commemorative license plate
- Signage on El Camino Real
- Neighborhood group trying to enhance section of Route 66/Santa Fe Trail

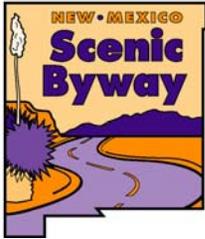


- Provided information on the Scenic Byways program to Route 66 Summit in summer 2006
- Scenic Byways Coordinator asked for input on NPS management plan for El Camino Real



Cooperate on Scenic Byways projects, where possible:

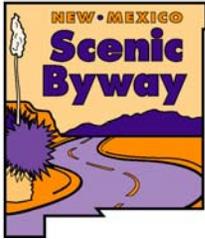
- Design for Cimarron streetscape project
- Signage for Santa Fe Trail
 - ✓ NPS staff attends meetings
 - ✓ Map of sign locations
 - ✓ Proposal to mount signs for both programs on common posts



Problems:

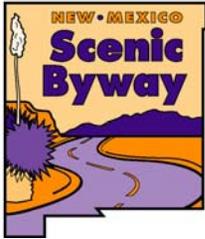
- Coordinating Trail Auto Tour Routes and Byways:
 - ✓ Byways in State Administrative Code
 - ✓ Auto Tour Routes are written into National Historic Trails Act
 - ✓ Auto Tour Routes can be on Interstate; Byways in New Mexico cannot

It would be less confusing to the public if we the routes coincided.



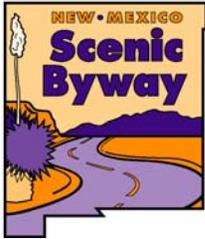
Problems:

- Application by NPS Trails office last grant process was not approved to go forward by Byways Council



Opportunities:

- For more collaboration on grants where Byways and Trails coincide
 - ✓ NPS to apply for Byways funds
 - ✓ Byways to apply for NPS certified sites
- To try and coordinate driving routes of Trails and Byways when new ones are designated



Opportunities:

- Continue to involve each other in events, promotions, etc. where designated routes in the two programs overlap
- Educate Byways stakeholders and caretakers of certified sites about funding possibilities in each program