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**USFS Mount Baker Scenic Byway**

**MBS Ranger District**
- Mount Baker

**WSDOT Districts**
- Baker

**MPO/RTPO**
- Whatcom Council of Governments

**Counties**
- Whatcom

**Documents**
- Whatcom Transportation Plan (2007)

**Visitor Center**
- Glacier Public Service Center:
  - 38,000 annual visitors (estimated 30-40% Canadian)
  - Heather Meadows Visitor Center:
    - 14,000 annual visitors (summer only)

**Average Daily Traffic Volume (ADT)**
- 1,500 at milepost 33.4 (2010) near forest entrance forest at Glacier Service Center

**Mount Baker Ski Area**
- Season: November to April
- Average annual skiers: 160,000
- Origin of skiers: 45% from Canada; remainder mainly from Everett and northern Seattle
- Parking capacity: 2,200
- Capacity limitations: Food service/seating
- Summer activities: None

**Alternative Transportation Facilities/Services**
- Limited/no shoulder; no signage; no infrastructure
- Training for the “Ski to Sea” Race and Ride 542 event
- “Chain of Trails” Bay to Baker Trail (Bellingham to Mount Baker)
- No significant pedestrian facilities or activity
- Whatcom Transportation Authority: regular service to Kendall; limited (one day per week), advance-request service to Maple Falls and Glacier
- Free employee shuttle (no ski instructors) serving Bellingham, Maple Falls, and Glacier
- Baker Bus - private winter shuttle
- MBSNF road/trail condition information
- WSDOT mountain pass road report
- Smart Trips marketing and outreach program in Bellingham (15% reduction in vehicle use over 2 years)
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**Gateway to SR-542**
- Bellingham pop. 80,885 (14.1 mi from B’ham)
- Deming pop. 353 (14.1 mi from B’ham)
- Kendall pop. 191 (24.4 mi from B’ham)
- Maple Falls pop. 324 (27.3 mi from B’ham)
- Glacier pop. 211 (34.9 mi from B’ham)
- Mt Baker Ski Area (53.2 mi from B’ham)
- Heather Meadows (58.7 mi from B’ham)

**Winter terminus**
- Open for 3-4 months depending on snow-pack
- 150K - 200K visitors annually (14K to visitor center)
- Artist Ridge Trail popular hiking destination

**Summer terminus**
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**Mount Baker Foothills** Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center

**Glacier Public Service Center**
- Weekend traffic can be slow through town
- 38,000 annual visitors at Visitor Center

**Douglas Fir Campground**

**Silver Fir Campground/ Salmon Ridge Sno-park**

**Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail**