

= Washington State Route 251 =

State Route 251 (SR 251 , now Northport ? Boundary Road) is a former 10 @. @ 86 @- @ mile (17 @. @ 48 km) long state highway in Stevens County , Washington . The highway began at SR 25 in Northport and continued northeast parallel to the Columbia River to Boundary , an unincorporated community , where it crossed the Canada ? United States border into British Columbia as British Columbia Highway 22A . SR 251 was originally a county road until 1913 , when it was added to the state highway system , but was later removed . The roadway was re @- @ added as an extension to an already existing state highway . In 1937 , it was reclassified as a secondary highway named Secondary State Highway 22A (SSH 22A) until 1964 , when it became SR 251 . In 1984 , control of the road was relinquished by the state to Stevens County and it was renamed Northport ? Boundary Road .

= = Route description = =

State Route 251 (SR 251) , now known as the Northport ? Boundary Road or Boundary Highway , began in Northport at an at @- @ grade intersection at Center Street , known as SR 25 . The highway turned north from SR 25 and followed the Columbia River upstream as well a railroad owned by the Kettle Falls International Railway . The highway traveled northeast , then east through a series of hairpin turns before turning north to Boundary , an unincorporated community in Stevens County , where SR 251 entered Canadian customs and continued into British Columbia as British Columbia Highway 22A (BC 22A) .

= = History = =

SR 251 was once a county road connecting Northport with British Columbia that has existed since at least 1912 . In 1913 , it became part of the Inland Empire Highway , but was removed in 1915 . The road was transferred to county maintenance after removal from the state highway system . In 1931 , it was officially added to the state highway system as part of an extension of State Road 22 from Kettle Falls to British Columbia . In 1937 , it became Secondary State Highway 22A (SSH 22A) , a branch of Primary State Highway 22 (PSH 22) . When Washington renumbered its highways in 1964 and switched to a new system , SSH 22A became SR 251 and PSH 22 became SR 25 . In 1983 , SR 251 was removed from the state highway system and control was relinquished to Stevens County . After it was turned over , Stevens County continues to maintain the roadway and no realignments or significant events have occurred .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway was in Stevens County .