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New Recovery Act-Funded Land Port of Entry Opens at Maida

Facilities Replace Outdated Facilities, Enhance Border Security and Better Serve Traveling Public

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Pembina, N.D. — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) today announced the opening of a new land border port of entry in Maida, N.D. This new border facility—funded as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)—replaces an outdated facility, strengthens security and the facilitation of legal travel and trade made through ports of entry along the Northern border.

CBP is using Recovery Act funds to modernize more than 35 land ports of entry along the Northern border to meet security and operational needs. "The new port facility in Maida enhances our mission to secure our borders," said Pembina Area Port Director, Mary Delaquis. "The updated infrastructure and technologies provided in these new facilities provide more efficient, secure and expedited processing for travelers crossing our Northern border."

The new facility in Maida features cutting-edge inspection technologies that both strengthen security and expedite inspections. These facilities support current inspection requirements and will be adaptable for CBP's future border security and trade facilitation needs.

• The Maida Port of Entry, located on ND Hwy 1, adjoins the Canadian port of Windy Gates in Manitoba. Operational hours are from 9 am to 10 pm (CDT), daily.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) continues to invest additional personnel and technology along the Northern border–deploying more than 2,200 Border Patrol agents and nearly 3,800 CBP officers throughout the region to manage the flow of people and goods through ports of entry and designated border crossings.

CBP continues to deploy state-of-the-art technology along the Northern border, including thermal camera systems, Mobile Surveillance Systems, and Remote Video Surveillance Systems. Additionally, CBP unmanned aircraft currently patrol nearly 950 miles along the Northern border from Washington to Minnesota, and approximately 200 miles along the northern border in New York and Lake Ontario.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

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