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New Recovery Act-Funded Land Port of Entry Opens at Boundary, Wash.

New Port Replaces Outdated Facility, Enhances Border Security and Better Serves Traveling Public

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Boundary, Wash. — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) today announced the opening of a new land border port of entry at Boundary, Wash. This new border facility—funded as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)—replaces the outdated facility, strengthens security and facilitates the flow of legal travel and international trade across the border.

The port of Boundary, on the Northport Waneta Rd., adjoins the Canadian port of Waneta on Highway 22A in British Columbia. Operational hours are from 9 am to 5 pm (Pacific Time), daily.

“The new port facility at Boundary enhances our mission to secure our borders,” said CBP Area Port Director Greg Alvarez. “The updated infrastructure and technologies of this facility provide more efficient, secure and expedited processing for travelers crossing our Northern border.”

The new facility at Boundary features cutting-edge inspection technologies that both strengthen security and expedite inspections. This facility supports current inspection requirements and will be adaptable for CBP’s future border security and trade facilitation needs. The facility features new inspection booths, offices, a new secondary inspection area and two inbound and two outbound lanes into Canada, covered by canopies and/or garages with overhead doors.

In addition to updated infrastructure, 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 in the region to manage the flow of people and goods across ports of entry and crossings.

CBP also 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 the 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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