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CBP Announces Closure of Port of Whitetail, Montana

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Washington— On December 26, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a final rule in the Federal Register, announcing the closure of the Port of Whitetail in Montana. The rule goes into effect today, and the Port of Whitetail is now permanently closed.

The Department of Homeland Security and CBP decided to close the port after a thorough review of public comments made to an August, 2011 notice of proposed rulemaking that proposed the permanent closure of the Port of Whitetail. ([Closing of the Port of Whitetail, MT](#)) This review was initiated following the Canada Border Services Agency's decision to close the port of entry opposite Whitetail at Big Beaver, Saskatchewan. As part of that review, CBP evaluated any security implications of the closure, the port's total annual operating costs, annual crossing average for commercial and passenger vehicles, proximity to alternate ports of entry, and public comments. Following that assessment CBP determined that the most appropriate course of action was to close the port.

Following today's closure, vehicles coming from Saskatchewan will be able to enter the United States through the Ports of Raymond, Mont. and Scobey, Mont.

The Port of Raymond, approximately 40 kilometers east of Whitetail, is accessible via Saskatchewan Highway 6, running south from Regina, SK. Raymond is a commercial port of entry, open 24 hours per day and is adjacent to the Port of Regway in Saskatchewan. Regway is located on Montana Highway 16, north of Plentywood, Mont.

The Port of Scobey is about 20 kilometers west of Whitetail and can be reached using Saskatchewan Highway 36 in Canada or Montana Highway 13. It is adjacent to the Port of Coronach, SK.

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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