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Recovery Act-Funded Land Port of Entry Opens at Scobey

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Scobey, Mont. — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) today announced the opening of the new land border port of entry at Scobey. The port of Scobey, on Daniels County Hwy 13 North, adjoins the Canadian port of Coronach, on HWY 36, in Saskatchewan. Operational hours are from 8 am to 6 pm (Mountain Time), daily. Summer operational hours (June 1-Sept. 15) are from 8 am to 9 pm daily.

This new border facility—funded as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)—replaces the previous outdated facility, strengthens security and facilitates the flow of legal travel and trade along the Northern border.

“This new port facility will enhance our mission to secure our borders,” said Great Falls Service Port Director, Daniel Escobedo. “The new technologies deployed here, along with the enhanced facility and infrastructure will provide more efficient, secure and expedited processing for travelers crossing our Northern border. This milestone marks the 14th ARRA land border port of entry under the Seattle Field Office.”

The new Scobey facility 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.

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 facility in Scobey supports current inspection requirements and will be adaptable for CBP’s future border security and trade facilitation needs.

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 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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