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## BOWDOIN HEADQUARTERS PARKING AREA Project MT RRP BOWD 900(1)

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The contractor for this project Hardrives Construction started work on Old Highway 2 this week starting with construction signs along the route and flaggers. Although the traffic volume is light there are visitors going to the refuge, more than you would think. So to make sure that we have no conflicts, flaggers are posted on each end of the construction and are maintaining a one-way route through the construction area.

This week the goal is to get the highway ready for milling the old asphalt. The first part of that process is removing the vegetation from the shoulders so none of this gets into the new construction. A grader was used to windrow up the grass and weeds and then using their backhoe and skidsteer, loaded and hauled away the stuff (technical term for junk). On Wednesday afternoon the process was a bit dusty but with arrival of the water truck on Thursday morning the dust was under control. As for the water being used the contractor has a permit for withdrawing water for construction. Since this project will likely be done before the end of August, it's unlikely very much water will be needed. However we want to make sure those folks living next to the construction are not impacted by clouds of dust. (And never have a window rolled down when a water truck goes by – it could be wet) After the road surface is clear of grass and weeds new gravel will be hauled in and placed Monday. The rock for this project is being supplied by Jim Carney and he is also doing the haul. This rock needs to be in place before the milling machine arrives for Tuesday morning startup. By placing the rock and milling it in with the asphalt we expect to get a homogenous product that will compact uniformly across the roadway.

As noted the milling process, reshaping and compacting this product will likely take all of next week and maybe into the following week. The surveyors will need to set grade hubs on the shoulder and centerline every 50-foot which will be used to guide the grader in producing the desired roadway surface and road slope. Without which we could end up with what some folks might call “whoppy-doddles” and “bird-baths”( I'm not sure if whoppy-doddle is spelled right but you know what we're talking about)

If you have any comments or concerns related to the construction please forward these to the listed Email address or call 360-907-0685. If you would like this Newsletter Emailed to you just send me a request to the Email address listed below.

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