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

Like all good things that must end this project on the Refuge is close to completion, so close in fact that Monday will be the last day of contract work. On Monday Hardrives will complete two short sections of paving, repair a few minor locations and finish paving the County portion of Old Highway 2. On Tuesday they will start moving equipment off the job.

The contract had a completion date of August 31 but Hardrives like their company name has forged ahead with some long hours even during those hot days we had. The result is early completion of the contract even though we added three items to the contract. The Bowdoin sign on west bound US 2 was relocated, signs were added to the each corner of the cattle guard and of most significance we increased the pavement depth on Old Highway 2 from 2-inches to 2-2/4 inches. We might have finished even a few days earlier but for equipment problems, even the best of equipment can fail and so it did while paving. Of the four paving machines used all four were plagued with unusual problems, tracks breaking, welds tearing apart and electrical problems. Through it all Hardrives solved the problems and kept up the pace.

Take a drive out to the refuge next weekend, the potholes are gone the ride is no longer dusty. This facility is one great community asset that offers more than you think. Come out take the drive, take a trip on the Auto Tour, stop for a minute at the refuge and walk the paved trail. Be sure and sign the guest book in the lobby and read the comments written by folks from all over the world on their stop at the refuge. I think you too will see that Malta is not just an ordinary dot on some map, but a community with something for everyone.

So from Western Federal Lands Highway Division and Hardrives Construction it's been a pleasure working and staying in Malta, we hope to see you again.

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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