

T-811 BLADING (10/07)

811.01 Description

This work consists of surface blading the traveled way to a condition that facilitates traffic and provides proper drainage. Blading includes shaping the crown or slope of travel way, berms, and drainage dips in accordance with this specification. Compaction is required when shown on the ROAD LISTING.

811.02 Maintenance Requirements

- A. Timing - Perform surface blading during the contract period as often as needed to provide conditions stated for the maintenance level of the road.
- B. General
 1. Blade and shape the existing traveled way and shoulders, including turnouts, to produce a surface which is uniform, consistent to grade, and crowned or cross-sloped as indicated by the character of the existing surface, unless otherwise shown in the ROAD LISTING, to at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch per 1 foot of width, but not more than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch per 1 foot of width. Thoroughly loosen surfacing material to no less than 2 inches depth or the depth of potholes or corrugations. Scarification to facilitate cutting to the full depth of potholes or corrugations may be elected, but will be considered incidental to blading. Do not scarify to a depth that will cause contamination of the surfacing.
 2. Apply water during blading when sufficient moisture is not present to prevent segregation. Supply, haul, and apply water in accordance with Section T-891.
 3. Shape existing native rock or aggregate surfaced drainage dips to divert surface runoff to existing outlet devices, ditches, or discharge locations.
 4. Establish a blading pattern which provides a uniform driving surface, retains the surfacing on the roadbed, and provides a thorough mixing of the materials within the completed surface width. Upon final blading, no disturbed rock shall protrude more than 2 inches above the adjacent surface unless otherwise provided in the contract. Remove and place outside the roadbed, material not meeting this dimension so as not to obstruct drainage ways or structures. This material may be scattered off the roadbed if there is free drainage.

5. Where DESIGNATED ON THE GROUND, included in the ROAD LISTING, SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS or as ordered by the Contracting Officer invasive species of concern prevention practices shall be followed as listed below.

Invasive Species of Concern Prevention Practices
<i>To be filled in by local FS invasive plant specialist, if applicable.</i>

C. Routine Blading

1. Conform to the dimensions SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS or designated in the SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS upon completion of blading.
2. Shape roadbed width in excess of the dimensions shown only as needed to provide drainage away from the traveled way. Do not remove established grasses and other vegetation from the excess width except as incidental to providing drainage or unless otherwise provided in the contract.

D. Compaction

Roads requiring compaction will be included in the ROAD LISTING. Unless Compaction Method B is designated in the ROAD LISTING, all traveled ways requiring compaction may be compacted by Method A. Compaction shall commence immediately following blading.

Compaction methods are:

Compaction Method A: Breaking track while operating equipment on the traveled way.

Compaction Method B: 7-10 ton pneumatic, steel, or equivalent vibratory roller, operated to cover the full width two (2) times.

E. Undercutting - Undercutting roadway back slope is not permitted.

F. Intersections

1. At intersections, blade the roadbeds of side roads which are not closed or restricted from vehicular use to ensure smooth transitions.
2. Signing, cross ditching in the road surface (traveled way), earth berms, or other devices placed to discourage or eliminate use by passenger cars, are field evidence of road closure or restriction. Roads listed for work under Sections T-835, T-836, T-838, or T-839 are considered restricted.
3. Side roads listed for work under this Section are not restricted.

G. Cleaning of Structures - Do not allow materials resulting from work under this Section to remain on or in structures, such as bridges, culverts, cattle guards, or drainage dips.

H. Berms - Maintain existing berms to the condition of adjacent segments. Do not create new berms.

I. Smooth Blading - Smooth blading may be used as an interim measure to remove loose surfacing material from the wheel paths, and store removed materials in a recoverable windrow, until blade processing as described in this section is feasible. Watering will not be required for smooth blading. Accomplish smooth blading without distorting the existing cross-slope or crown of the traveled way.

Move and store loose surfacing materials on the high side of super-elevated curves and sections with uniform inslope or outslope. In crowned sections, store the material on either or both sides as elected. Windrow and place stored materials to provide not less than 12 feet of smooth traveled way on one-lane segments, or 20 feet of smooth traveled way on two-lane segments, or segments with turnouts. Cut holes through windrows, which may collect water on the road, for drainage at least every 500 feet.