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PROBLEM:

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SOLUTION:

A specialty broom sled was attached to the distributor truck to mechanically force the rejuvenating emulsion into the voids and cracks of the roadway. While this method can be time-consuming, production times were comparable to conventional chip seal methods. The roads remain in good condition three years after project completion. Patches placed prior to the treatment resulted in minimal bleeding. A few of the extremely large cracks have seen small hairline cracking return; however, the vast majority are still completely sealed. To address friction loss that usually comes with a scrub seal, Yuma County typically places another chip seal surface within six months of construction completion; however, the chosen formula negated the need for another layer further reducing the cost of repairing this roadway.