

News and Information from **Oregon International Port of Coos Bay**

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Port of Coos Bay offers up to \$5,000 reward in railroad vandalism case

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for vandalism or theft to the Coos Bay rail line on or around Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Vandals removed hundreds of rail spikes and tie plates through two segments of the tracks. The vandalism caused minor derailment of one rail car, but more than \$20,000 damages related to stolen materials and repairs.

Railroad tracks are industrial property with restricted access as defined by Federal Railroad Administration regulations. It is illegal to walk or drive on the railroad right-of-way except at designated crossings. Individuals convicted of trespassing in the railroad right-of-way can face fines and/or jail time.

Anyone who has information that might be related to this case is encouraged to contact the Port office at 125 Central Ave., Suite 300, Coos Bay; by phone, 541.267.7678; or by email to portcoos@portofcoosbay.com.

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