

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

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Contractor to spray weeds along Coos Bay rail line May 24-31

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay has hired Reforestation Services of Salem to topically spray vegetation within the Coos Bay rail line right-of-way from May 24-31.

The work is to begin immediately and will involve spraying on each side of the main track out to 12 feet from the centerline, including a small yard at Vaughn, the passing siding at Mapleton and the rail yards in North Bend and Coos Bay. In addition, the crew will spot-treat for invasive Scotch broom infestation.

Federal and state laws require railroads to manage vegetation to ensure the safe passage of people, material and trains, in addition to prevention of fire and drainage hazards, visibility impairment and unsafe trackside conditions for railroad personnel. The spray contractor must comply with all state and federal regulations regarding permitting processes and spray regulations, especially near waterways and fish-bearing streams.

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