

# News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

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## Port urges caution along Coos Bay rail line, warns against trespassing

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, which owns the Coos Bay rail line, is urging drivers of passenger cars, pickups, delivery trucks, school buses and off-road vehicles to be extremely cautious at Coos Bay rail line railroad crossings. In addition, pedestrians are warned not to walk on the railroad tracks and to cross tracks *only* at designated crossings.

Railroad tracks are industrial property with restricted access as defined by Federal Railroad Administration regulations, and it is illegal to walk or drive on the railroad right-of-way except at designated crossings.

Limited freight rail service on the Coos Bay rail line is scheduled to start the week of Oct. 3-7, 2011. Trains are scheduled to begin providing service to customers in the northern Coos, western Douglas and western Lane counties region. Train service is not scheduled to begin south of the Coos Bay Rail Bridge to Coquille until 2012. However, railroad reconstruction crews currently are working along the entire line, and railroad service and construction vehicles can be traveling back and forth on the tracks at any time.

The Port of Coos Bay is partnering with Oregon Operation Lifesaver to present railroad safety presentations at schools, businesses and to community groups. For information about safety presentations, contact the Port by calling 541-267-7678 or emailing to [portcoos@portofcoosbay.com](mailto:portcoos@portofcoosbay.com).

Remember – the only sure way to be safe is “Stay Off! Stay Away! Stay Alive!”

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