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Rail Damage Prompts Access Enforcement on North Spit

North Bend, OR – The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay plans to install sand
fencing along the rail corridor right-of-way on the northern boundary of an isolated 80-acre
parcel of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed property on the North Spit early in
the week of June 9th. The fencing will protect the rail line located adjacent to TransPacific
Parkway on the North Spit.

This action will help prevent damage to the ballast and ties of the rail line caused by sand
intrusion from drifting sand and illegal crossing of the rail line at the site. BLM will begin
enforcing unauthorized vehicle access on the same parcel and install “no motorized access”
signs.

“Off highway vehicles crossing the railroad tracks to access this area are causing sand to drift
across the tracks, which will ultimately compromise the railbed,” said Martin Callery, the
Port’s Director of Communications and Freight Mobility. “There is also not a legal ATV
crossing at this location, and we want to help insure public safety when rail traffic resumes.”

“Off-highway vehicle use has not been allowed in the open sand on this dune for the past
thirteen years, but our access enforcement was focused on other areas,” said Dennis
Turowski, Umpqua Field Manager for the BLM. “We really need to focus on this area now.
The railbed is being damaged and we need to enforce the rules to protect this important
infrastructure.”

The parcel of public land is located on the south side of TransPacific Parkway, adjacent to
the former Weyerhaeuser Paper Mill site and just north of the Roseburg chip facility.

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