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Borrow a Weed Wrench and Spruce Up Your Property!

Coos Bay, Ore. – With Spring’s arrival, noxious weeds are in full bloom. Property owners can borrow weed wrenches from various partners throughout Coos County to help make removing large weeds a little easier.

A weed wrench is a manual tool designed to give people leverage to pull shrubs or small trees out by their roots. The wrenches work best in areas with firm soil and fairly flat ground.

“Pulling Scotch Broom and other large weeds can be tough, and these tools are effective at removing them,” said Steve Langenstein, Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management (BLM) weed coordinator.

Weed wrenches are available for loan at the following locations:

- **Coos Watershed Association:** (541) 888-5922; 63534 Kingfisher Drive, Charleston, Ore.
- **OSU Extension Service:** (541) 572-5263; 631 Alder Street, Myrtle Point, Ore.
- **Bandon City Hall:** (541) 347-2437; 555 Highway 101, Bandon, Ore.
- **Natural Resource Conservation Service:** (541) 396-2841; 382 North Central, Coquille, Ore.
- **BLM Coos Bay District:** (541) 756-0100; 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Ore.

A \$25 refundable deposit per wrench is required to borrow a wrench, and people can borrow up to three wrenches at a time.

“Noxious weeds are a big challenge in the county, and the cost to landowners to remove them can be staggering,” said Langenstein. “By having the wrenches available for rent, we are offering a low cost alternative for people.”

For additional information on the weed wrench rentals, contact one of the partners listed above or Steve Langenstein with the BLM at (541) 751-4417.

About BLM

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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