

## SUIT TO STOP COAL AND LNG

The coal trains that might be heading through Eugene have hit at least one obstacle, and it's a wet one. In order to export coal and liquefied natural gas (LNG), both controversial fossil fuels, the Port of Coos Bay needs to dredge and deepen its channel. On Jan. 19 a coalition of groups from Coos Bay residents to environmental organizations filed an appeal of the Oregon Department of State Lands' (DSL) December decision to issue a dredging permit.

According to Dan Serrres of Columbia Riverkeeper, the permit allows for the largest dredging project in an estuary the state has ever approved. The groups, represented by Earthjustice, point out that while the permit to dredge was originally sought to develop an LNG import terminal, that proposal has now become an export terminal, and it's still unknown what coal company is vying to export 6 to 10 million tons of coal out of Coos Bay a year (see EW's cover story, *Coal Train*, 1/19).

David Petrie, a Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw tribal member and Coos Waterkeeper, says in a statement, "This destructive project is unnecessary and damaging to the surrounding community." According to Petrie, industries that depend on the health of the estuary and marine life, such as oyster farms and salmon fisheries, would be negatively affected by the dredging.

The groups, which include the Sierra Club and Climate Solutions as well as Coos Waterkeeper, point out that the dredging could not only hurt local fisheries, but recreational boaters, and that the coal trains and LNG pipelines that would send the fossil fuels to the port also have health and environmental repercussions such as pipeline spills and explosions from the gas pipeline and lung damaging coal dust from the trains.

Among its arguments, the appeal says that the state didn't adequately evaluate the environmental damage from dredging and that the DSL failed to consider alternatives to the use of the terminal to export coal or LNG.

— Camilla Mortensen

## ACTIVIST ALERT

• **Discover Downtown Springfield** will be holding a networking reception to update the public on the progress of downtown Springfield from 5:30 to 7 pm Thursday, Jan. 26, at Devote 30, 126 4th Street, Springfield. Contact Neil Obringer at NEDCO, neil@nedcocdc.org

• This year's **St. Thomas More Lecture** series at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. in Eugene, will be on "Social Justice for Farmworkers." John Morris, a Dominican priest, will offer an overview of Catholic teaching on social justice at 7 pm Thursday, Jan. 26. At 7 pm Friday, Jan. 27, Ramon Ramirez of PCUN will describe the lives of Northwest farmworkers, the issues involved, and the role of the union.

• The local Many Rivers Group of the Sierra Club is meeting from 7 to 9 pm Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St. Speaker is outdoor writer **William L. Sullivan** talking about his favorite Oregon hikes and adventures, based on his new book, *Oregon Favorites*. See <http://wkly.ws/qk> for more information.

• Two years ago Congress declared every Jan. 23 to be "**Ed Roberts Day**" based on Roberts' legacy of advocacy for those with disabilities. This year Lane Independent Living Alliance is honoring Roberts, whose brother lives in Eugene, with a gathering and discussion of universal health care from 7 to 9 pm Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Peer Support Club, 990 Oak St.

• Janet Hardy will be speaking on "**Ethical Sluts**" from 7 to 9 pm Thursday, Jan. 26, in 100 Willamette on the UO campus. The event is organized by As You Like It – The Pleasure Shop and will address relationships and polyamory. Email Ariel Howland at phowland@uoregon.edu for more information.

• "**Undoing Racism**," an interactive workshop for social justice activists, will be from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, Jan. 28, at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene. Sliding scale donation of \$15 to \$25. Sponsored by CALC's Back to Back: Allies for Human Dignity. To register, call 485-1755 or email [calcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:calcoffice@gmail.com) The next workshop in this series will be April 28.

• **Emerald FEAST** (Financing of Eugene Area Sustainable Talent) will be from 6 to 8 pm Saturday, Jan. 28, at Unity of the Valley, 39th and Hilyard. First of a series of "crowd-sourcing" events sponsored by Eugene City of Peace, eDev and Helios to provide small grants to social entrepreneurs. Tickets before Jan. 27

are \$15 to \$20 sliding scale and are available at eDev offices, Suite 120, 1445 Willamette St., or online at [BrownBagTickets.com](http://BrownBagTickets.com). Contact David Hazen at 520-6621 or email [innercom@peak.org](mailto:innercom@peak.org)

• The **Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition** is hosting a panel discussion that will explore climate change and water supplies at 7 pm Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the Yachats Commons. The free public event is part of Oregon Shores' Coastal Climate Change Adaptation Project. Three OSU science professors will speak: Ken Williamson, Anne Nolin and Chris Surfleet. Call 414-9371 or email [paris@oregonshores.org](mailto:paris@oregonshores.org).

• Lane County Commissioners will hold a public meeting at 7 pm Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Florence Event Center to decide if they will amend the **Florence 2020 Plan** which was passed unanimously in 2010 by Commissioners Fleenor, Dwyer, Handy, Sorenson and Stewart. At issue is a "voluntary annexation" amendment that would allow developers to bring parcels into the city, burdening city infrastructure.

• The campaign to free **Army Pvt. Bradley Manning**, accused WikiLeaks whistleblower, will be presented by Jeff Paterson at 7:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 1, at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. in Eugene. Sponsored by CALC, email [calcpeace@efn.org](mailto:calcpeace@efn.org) or call 485-1755.

### LANE AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

In western Lane County, Seneca Jones (541) 689-1011 will be hacking and squirting hardwood trees between Crow and Doane Roads near Coyote Creek about a mile from Crow Elementary School. About 28 acres in sections 21 and 28 of Township 18 South Range 5 West are to be treated with Polaris. Notice 2012-781-00028.

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### CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

In the July 19 story on the pesticides at Triangle Lake, the genders of Eron King and Justice King were reversed, and while an earlier study found 2,4-D and atrazine present in the urine of Triangle Lake residents, Oregon Health Authority's study showed only 2,4-D.

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