

LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

Oregon Department of Transportation is spraying roadsides. Call 503-986-3010 to talk with a vegetation management coordinator or call 1-888-996-8080 for recent herbicide application information. Hwys. I-5, 36, 99, 105 and 126 were recently sprayed.

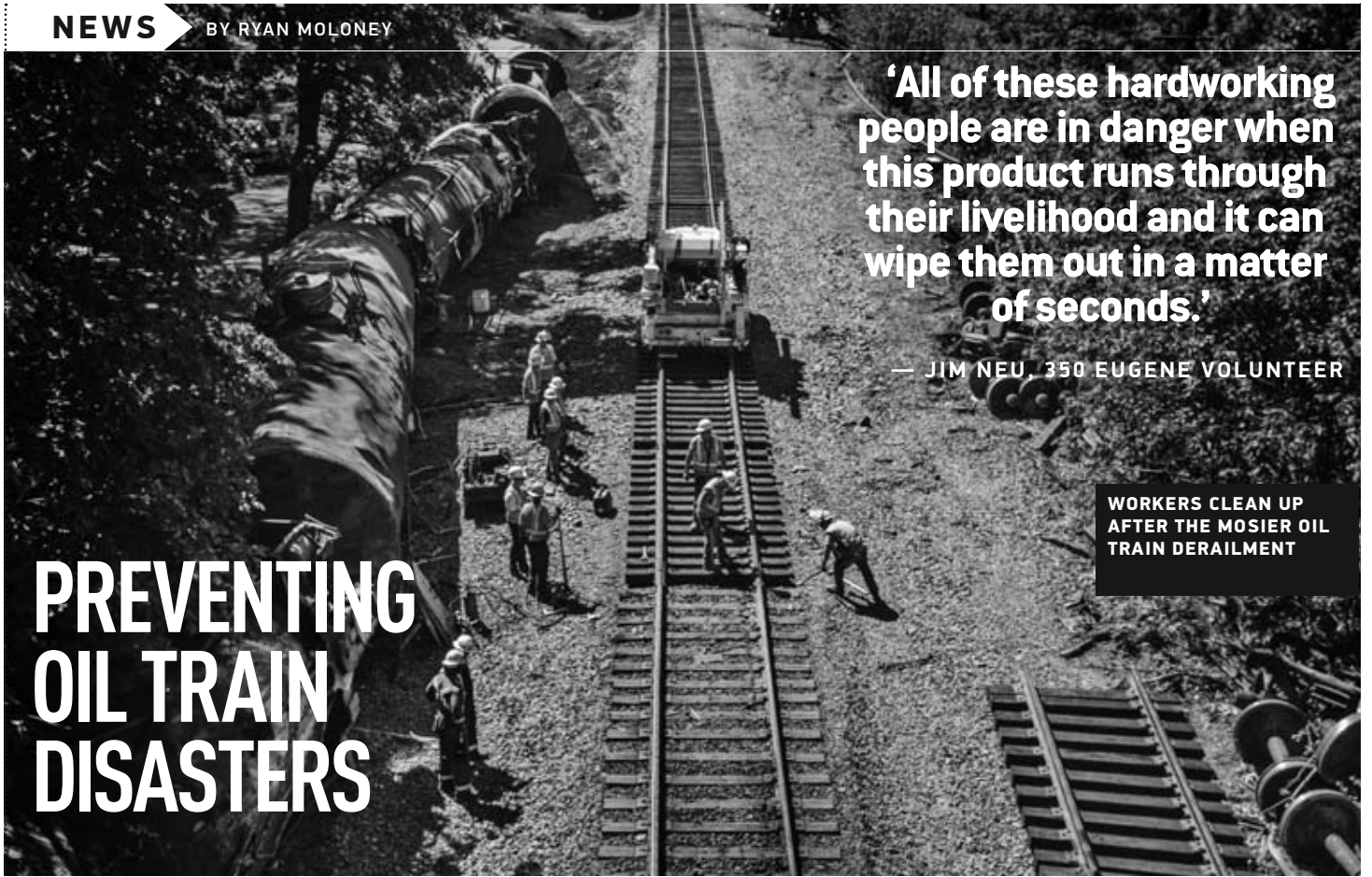
New Growth LLC, 541-973-1951, plans to hire JR Helicopters, 509-452-3300, to aerially spray clopyralid, imazapyr, glyphosate, sulfometuron methyl, metsulfuron methyl, aminopyralid, W. E. B. Oil, Hi-Light, MSO Concentrate, Super Spread MSO and/or Grounded on 182.5 acres east of Siltcoos Lake and near West Fork Indian Creek. See ODF notification 2016-781-08533, call Jim Hall at 541-997-8713 with questions.

Giustina Land & Timber Co., 541-345-2301, plans to hire Northwest Reforestation Services LLC, 541-554-0489, to backpack spray imazapyr, glyphosate and/or Forest Crop Oil on 17.9 acres at the end of La Lone Road south of Marcola. See ODF notification 2016-771-08832, call Brian Dally at 541-726-3588 with questions.

Weyerhaeuser Company, 541-744-4600, plans to ground spray 581.3 acres in 10 areas west of Lorane and southeast of Lorane with aminopyralid, metsulfuron methyl, 2,4-D, atrazine, clopyralid, glyphosate, hexazinone, imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, sulfometuron methyl, triclopyr, Crosshair, Foam Buster, Insist 90, Liberate, MSO Concentrate and/or No Foam to prepare the sites for replanting. See ODF notification 2016-781-08626, call Brian Peterson or Dan Menk at 541-935-2283 with questions.

Weyerhaeuser Company, 744-4600, plans to aerial/backpack spray 105.2 acres on Hawley Butte near Row River Rd with aminopyralid, metsulfuron methyl, clopyralid, glyphosate, imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, sulfometuron methyl, triclopyr and/or MSO Concentrate. See ODF notification 2016-771-08813, call Tim Meehan at 541-726-3588 with questions.

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— JIM NEU, 350 EUGENE VOLUNTEER

WORKERS CLEAN UP AFTER THE MOSIER OIL TRAIN DERAILMENT

PREVENTING OIL TRAIN DISASTERS

PHOTO: MICHAEL O'LEARY

A month after the oil train fire in Mosier along the Columbia River, activist groups such as 350 Eugene are upset with the government's lack of progress and accountability for oil train accidents.

In 2008, Congress passed the Rail Safety Improvement Act, which called for stricter railroad safety regulations to be implemented by the end of 2015. The new regulations have not been met and the deadline has been extended to 2018.

On June 3, 16 oil tanker cars derailed near the small Oregon town of Mosier, and four of them caught fire. Mosier School and between 60 and 70 homes were evacuated. The Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) did not investigate the accident because there were no casualties.

"They left it up to the Federal Railroad Administration," 350 Eugene volunteer Jim Neu says, "which is like putting the fox in charge of the hen house."

Earlier this month on the third anniversary of the Lac-Mégantic oil train explosion that killed 47 people, 350 Eugene hosted a vigil and procession through downtown Eugene as a part of the "Stop Oil Trains Week of Action."

Oil trains pass through Eugene at least once a week, according

to 350 Eugene. The DOT sets a half-mile evacuation radius for train derailments and a 1-mile blast radius for oil train fires. The University of Oregon, Sacred Heart Medical Center and other businesses, schools and residents are within the potential blast radius. There are 284 Oregon schools and a total of over 100,000 students in blast zones, according to a report from advocacy group Stand.

"All of these hardworking people are in danger when this product runs through their livelihood, and it can wipe them out in a matter of seconds," Neu tells *EW*.

On July 14, members of Oregon's congressional delegation, including representatives Peter DeFazio, Greg Walden and Earl Blumenauer, introduced the Community Protection and Preparedness Act, which would increase inspections, phase out older and more dangerous railcars and protect communities.

Also last week, Oregon senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden introduced legislation that would force the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to investigate every major train derailment and reduce the amount of volatile gases in the transported crude oil.

"The communities along these train routes shouldn't be on the hook for clean up or damages after an accident and spill occurs," Congressman Peter DeFazio said in a statement. ■



EUGENE SUNDAY streets

Downtown Sunday July 31 Noon - 4 PM

This **FREE** community event opens up the streets of Downtown Eugene to walking, biking and rolling in a car-free environment. The route connects activity centers with live music, free fitness classes, and much more in Monroe Park, Kesey Square AND Park Blocks!

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