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North Bend, OR

West Coast Contractors (WCC) of Coos Bay has been busy this month dredging near the Oregon Chip Terminal in North Bend and the Roseburg Forest Products North Bend Chip Facility on the North Spit. These private export facilities are dredged separately from the Coos Bay channel, which is paid for with federal dollars and managed by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay. Dredging is generally done every two to three years.

The storms which struck the area in the past few weeks have created difficulties for the project. "Our barge was still docked in Eureka from our previous job repairing the pier at the Chevron facility on Humboldt Bay", explained Tim Smith, WCC's Construction Manager. "High winds prevented us from towing the barge to Coos Bay, and have also delayed the materials barge from offloading the dredge material at the spoils disposal site." To stay on schedule, the company is currently working two eight hour shifts per day.

Between the two facilities, 69 vessels loaded with wood chips were exported in 2014, mostly headed to Asia for paper production. Combined, the two terminals directly employ dozens people as well as providing jobs for truck drivers and pumping millions of dollars into the local economy. West Coast Contractors is pleased to assist these two facilities in staying productive.

About West Coast Contractors

Founded in 1962, WCC is a general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, pile driving, and governmental work. WCC is renowned for construction jobs that are able to withstand severe weather conditions, and is a leader in developing environmentally sound procedures for sensitive locations. Clients include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, United States Coast Guard, states of Oregon and California, Chevron, NOAA, Roseburg Forest Products, and the Ports of Morrow, Newport, and Coos Bay. For more information visit www.westcoastcontractors.com or contact Ron Kutch at 541.267.7689 or rkutch@westcoastcontractors.com.