## County Right-of-Way Contacts

Baker:

Benton:

Clackamas:

Clatsop:

Columbia:

Coos:

Crook:

Curry:

Deschutes:

Douglas:

Gilliam:

Grant:

Harney:

Hood River:

Jackson:

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## Right-of-Way Contacts (cont.)

Jefferson: Joshua Goodell, ODOT, 541-410-9788 Thomas Laird, JeffCo, 541-475-4459 Josephine: Klamath: Lake: Lane: Lincoln: Linn: Malheur: Marion: Morrow: Multnomah: Polk: Sherman: Tillamook: Umatilla: Union: Wallowa: Wasco: Washington: Wheeler: Yamhill:

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## An Organic Producer's Guide to...

## Noxious Weed Control in Rights-of-Ways







Oregon County Weed Control Association County noxious weed control programs exist to help all citizens combat the negative economic and environmental effects of noxious weeds, including organic farmers.



Roadsides are common pathways for noxious weeds to spread – either from vehicles, equipment used in road construction and maintenance, or in materials used to build and maintain roads.



For county weed managers, herbicide control is the most effective way to ensure that roadsides are as weed free as possible, and that weeds don't travel among agricultural properties.



While you may have concerns about herbicides drifting onto your property from these roadside applications, remember that it is the County's legal obligation to treat all rights of way.



It is your responsibility as an organic producer to set your buffers so they do not overlap with roadside rights of way.



Applicators take great care to prevent drift. Ideally, an organic certification buffer should begin where the right of way ends. Simply posting a "No Spray" sign does not require roadside sprayers to stop their application.



Some counties form agreements with organic farmers that stipulate that the county will not spray a given right of way, given that the farmer uses hand pulling and mowing to control weeds.



Contact your county noxious weed manager to determine an appropriate buffer from roadside herbicide application and discuss options to work together on noxious weed control.