

# Department Mission



Klamath County Weed Control is dedicated to protecting public and private lands, agriculture, forestry, human health and wildlife from the negative impacts of Noxious Weeds.

# Mandated Services

Weed Control is not subject to any mandated services.



# Self Imposed Services



Klamath County Weed Control through the duties of the Vegetation Manager and his employees provides the following services to Klamath County:

- 1) Finds Noxious Weeds growing on land within the County
- 2) Serves notices to control Noxious Weeds
- 3) Issues citations for violations of County Code
- 4) Controls or otherwise destroys Noxious Weeds on land within the Weed Control District

# Department Overview



Weed Control employs one half-time Vegetation Manager, three full-time seasonal Applicators and three full-time seasonal Driver/Helpers. All employees are licensed by Oregon Department of Agriculture to apply pesticides and all Applicators attend annual training courses to maintain their license certification. Weed Control maintains a variety of specialized equipment including four 4-wheel drive pickups equipped with pack tanks, three ATV's equipped with spray tanks, one small boat and numerous backpack sprayers and hand tools.

# Successes and Challenges



Weed Control remains entirely independent of the County General Fund. Weed Control provides a quality service to agencies and land owners within the County which has created a substantial reduction of Noxious Weeds.

The challenges we face are:

1. Finding and dealing with new weed invasions.
2. Maintaining contracts for our funding.
3. Keeping our applicators employed long term.

# Budget Overview

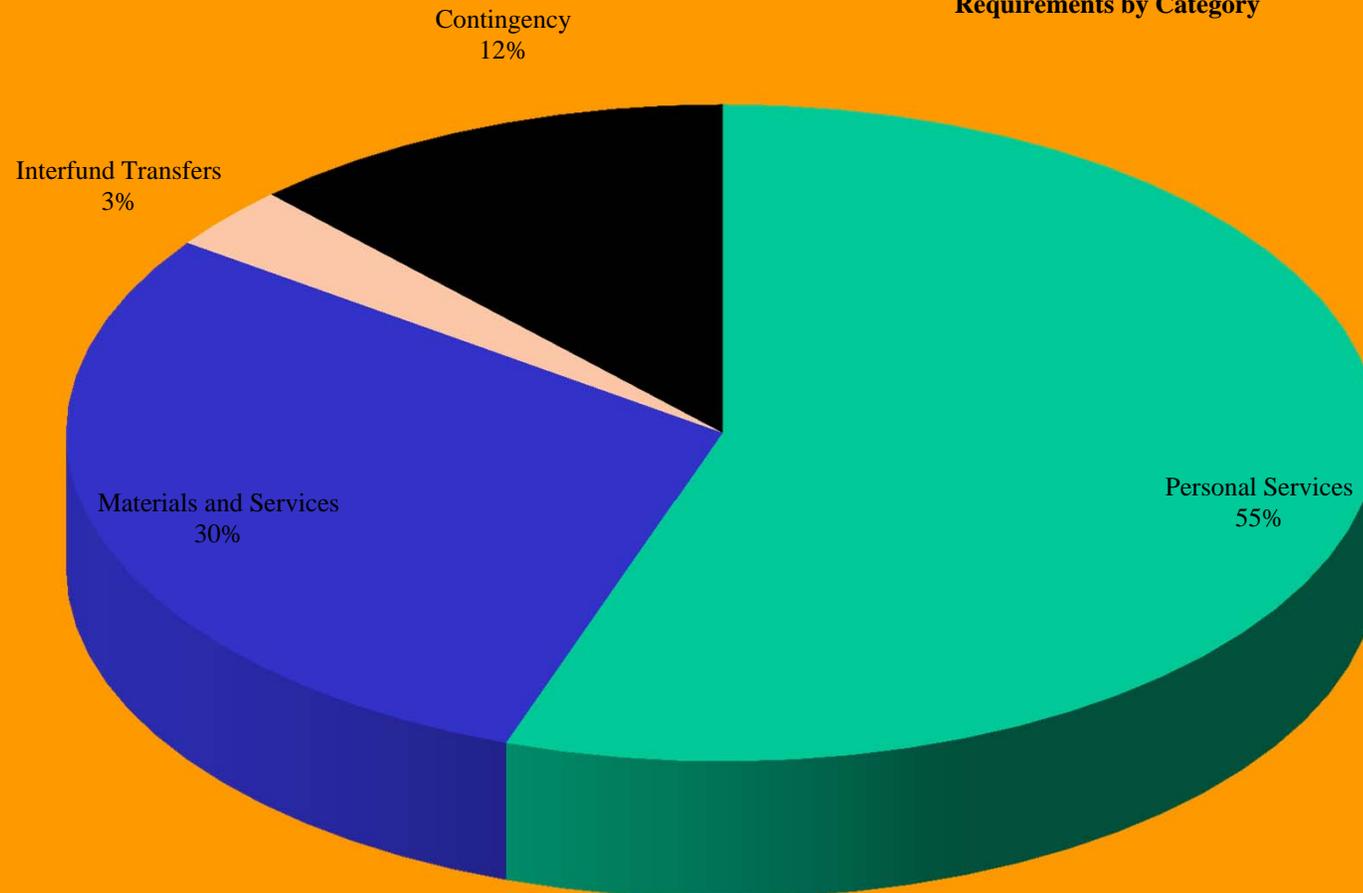


Weed Control is self supported through acquisition of contracts with outside Local, State, and Federal Agencies, a few private companies and land owners and through grants for weed control work. We operate at our cost of providing service. Our start and end dates of every season are dictated by the weather but we generally are able to perform about \$200,000.00 in contract and grant work each season.

# Financial Presentation



2011-12 Budget  
Requirements by Category



# Significant Changes



The only significant change to this year's budget is the deletion of the Senior Chemical Applicator position. We have lost work which we have been doing for the Road Dept. with the road shoulder spraying program therefore we no longer need an Applicator with a CDL & flagging certificate. This loss of work may cause a loss of about \$15,000.00 income to Weed Control.

# Key Issues



Every year Weed Control is faced with having to run a financially tight program. All of the agencies which we contract with are facing budget cuts that almost certainly will have an impact on us in the coming years. There is current State Legislation in the works that could provide funding to County Weed Control Programs across the State but there is also high competition for the dollars within the funding source.