



SAVE THE DUNES

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The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative

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What exactly is the ODRC?

Who, or what, exactly is the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative? It's a question we get all the time! Are we the Forest Service? Are we OHV riders? Are we bird-watchers? Simply put, the answer is yes to all of those! The ODRC is a place for anyone who cares about the future of the dunes to have their voice heard. Read on to learn more about our story and all of our members. [Click here for full story.](#)



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Field Trip with Senator Merkley's Chief of Staff

Several members of the ODRC were able to share our love of the dunes with a very special guest earlier this month. Mike Zamore, the Chief of Staff to Senator Jeff Merkley, was in Oregon for a week and made a stop on the dunes. He had never seen the dunes before, and even though it was a bit rainy, we were able to explain the changes in the dunes at the Day Use Area and briefly drive out in the South Jetty area to see the invasive beach grasses up close. Thank you Mike, for your time, and we hope you're spreading the message about the dunes back in Washington, DC!

We are beginning to plan a full-day field trip for next summer, during which we hope to bring together elected officials from



local, county, state, and federal levels to learn about the loss of the dunes and our efforts to save them. Stay tuned for more!

Working Group Updates

Communications & Outreach - We had a table at the Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium in Yachats this month, where we met other great organizations doing work along the Oregon coast, and talked to dozens of people about the dunes. Also, mark your calendars for the [National Geographic Live](#) speaker series in Eugene. December 12, January 29, and February 26. We'll have a table out in the lobby at each of these exciting presentations.

Volunteering - Our work parties have continued as long as the weather cooperates. 12 volunteers joined us at Heceta Dunes to remove Scotch broom on November 3rd. Last Friday, 13 volunteers, including 3 first-timers, helped pull Scotch broom from the Lagoon Campground and Trail, and we made significant progress. We should be able to finish most of this site with a good turnout at our next event. The next work party will be on Friday, November 30th, weather-permitting. See our [events page](#) for full details.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, fill out our [contact form](#) online!

Education - The education working group is looking into the production of a video or series of short clips that will tell the story of the Oregon dunes. These videos can be shown during public presentations, to school groups, on our website, and shared on social media! We will also be developing a children's activity book, and have recruited a new volunteer member, a retired school teacher from Florence, who will be helping create those lessons.

Monitoring - The monitoring group has set its next meeting for November 29th in Corvallis. We will be discussing how to best track our restoration efforts and what data we will need to collect. If you are interested in joining the monitoring group, please contact Jeff Malik via email: jeff@eugencascadescoast.org

Funding - The funding group will be meeting in early December to identify priority projects and best potential sources for them, and to begin work to acquire that funding. If you are interested in joining the funding group, please contact Jeff Uebel via email: juebel22@gmail.com

Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) - The CWMA group met after our recent work parties to discuss priority treatment areas and potential funding. We will be submitting a grant to the Oregon State Weed Board for their Invasive Noxious Weed Control Program.

For more information, or if you are interested in joining any of our working groups, please [email us here](#). We'd love to have your help!

Volunteer of the Month



Volunteering with the ODRC is about more than just pulling Scotch broom. Much of the work of the collaborative is carried out by volunteers, including distributing our brochures, planning our outreach events, giving educational presentations and more! In that spirit, our November volunteer of the month goes to Dina Pavlis! Dina co-chairs our education working group, bringing together people who are passionate about telling the story of the Oregon dunes. If you've come to one of our public presentations, you've probably heard Dina's wonderful storytelling abilities. She also takes beautiful photos of the dunes and creates many of our posts on social media. Thanks for all that you do Dina!

Did you Know? - There are mushrooms growing in the dunes!

Did you know that the Oregon dunes are a great place to forage for mushrooms? The mosaic of different habitats found in the dunes allows for a surprising variety of mushrooms to grow. Individuals are allowed to collect most species of mushrooms, up to one gallon, without a permit. Collecting more than one gallon, collecting for sale or trade, and collecting matsutake mushrooms requires a permit. For more information, visit the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area office in Reedsport or [click here](#).

Upcoming Events:

11/30 - [Work Party](#) at Lagoon Campground and Trail
12/1 - [Umpqua Discovery Center free community day](#), Reedsport
12/7 - Rain date for 11/30 work party
12/12 - [Nat Geo Live!](#) Hult Center, Eugene. 7:30 PM
use discount code OREGONDUNES20 for 20% off!

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We're Thankful for...

Each and every hardworking volunteer and member who helps make the work of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative possible. Thank you for all that you do! If you would like to make a donation to continue the work to protect and restore the Oregon dunes, please [visit our website](#).

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