



# SAVE THE DUNES OREGON

The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative

October 2018

We are pleased to present the first ever Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative newsletter! Our hardworking little group has grown past the email stage and you can now look forward to our monthly newsletter filled with updates from our working groups, beautiful pictures of the dunes, opportunities to get involved, and so much more! Enjoy!



## ODRC Quarterly Meeting & Restoration Projects

The ODRC met for its quarterly meeting in Florence, and to take a tour of the restoration projects happening in the Siuslaw National Forest. See below for updates from each of our working groups. To read more about the restoration projects, [click here](#).

## Working Group Updates

**Communications & Outreach** - Funding from Travel Oregon and the Old Smokeys program allowed us to print and distribute brochures, posters, and other materials, and to launch our website [www.saveoregondunes.org](http://www.saveoregondunes.org). We have given presentations at local city councils, civic clubs, and other organizations, and are continuing to spread the word about the dunes.

**Volunteering** - Dozens of volunteers contributed more than 1,200 hours of labor on projects in Fiscal Year 2018. Regular work parties to pull invasive weeds were held at 8 locations, and volunteers helped with numerous presentations and outreach events! [Read our full volunteer report here](#).

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

**Education** - We recently gave a presentation at Claim 52 Brewing in Eugene. Our talk was hosted by Oregon Wild and was very well attended! We have been scheduling more events and hope to see you at one of our lectures in 2019. The education group is also

hard at work developing new content for schools, families, and visitors to the dunes. Future events will be listed [on our website](#).

**Monitoring** - Our monitoring working group has set goals for monitoring the effectiveness of our large-scale restoration projects, as well as our outreach and education efforts. The group will be meeting over the winter to establish monitoring techniques and procedures.

**Fundraising** - We were successful in raising funds to pay for a full-time AmeriCorps member through the RARE program. You can read more about Jeff and the RARE program below. The fundraising group has also compiled funding requests from our other working groups and will be pursuing grants for those projects.

**CWMA** - The Oregon Dunes Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) assists the Siuslaw National Forest and partners with invasive weeds control planning, implementation, monitoring, and technical advice. The group also assists with funding, education and outreach, and volunteer activities.

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!

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## Volunteer of the Month

Our first ever volunteer of the month honor goes to Bill Blackwell. After retiring from the Forest Service, Bill now leads our volunteer working group and drives from Roseburg out to the dunes whenever he needs some fresh air! He has organized our work parties, written a grant to help fund outreach efforts, taken many school groups out on the dunes, and always brings snacks for hungry volunteers. If you've volunteered with us before, you've met Bill or gotten emails from him. We could never remove as much Scotch Broom as we have without his work. Way to go Bill!

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## A RARE Find

The ODRC is pleased to welcome Jeff Malik to our team! Jeff is a member of the RARE - Resource Assistance for Rural Environments program. Over the next 10 months, Jeff will be helping coordinate each of our working groups, provide content on our website, social media, and newsletter, and will be helping the ODRC to become a more robust organization. Thanks to the Siuslaw National Forest for funding his position and to Travel Lane County for providing office space and support!



## Did you Know? - What makes a dune?

Did you know that the majority of the sands that make up the Oregon dunes were deposited via the Umpqua River? 45 million years ago, shifting tectonic plates, earthquakes, and volcanic activity formed the Cascade and Coast Ranges. Then over millions of years, erosion carried rocks and sand from these mountains to the ocean via the Siuslaw, Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, Umpqua, and Coos rivers. Strong winds blowing in from the ocean pushes this sand back onto our flat coastline, forming the dunes that we

see today. Dunes can be formed wherever this combination of sand + flat land + wind is found, and we are lucky to have one of the largest expanses of coastal sand dunes in the world!

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### Upcoming Events:

10/27 - State of the Coast Summit, Coos Bay

[Click here for registration and more info](#)

11/3 - Work Party - Heceta Dunes Scotch Broom removal

11/16 - Work Party - Lagoon Campground Scotch Broom removal

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Sign up to  
Volunteer!

### Connect with us on Social Media

We have launched Save the Oregon Dunes pages on both Facebook and Instagram!

Like us on Facebook by [clicking here](#), or follow us on Instagram @SavetheOregonDunes



[www.saveoregondunes.org](http://www.saveoregondunes.org)

