

Dunes Restoration Strategy
Meeting Minutes – February 12th, 2015

Follow-up from each Focus Group:

1-Goals & Objectives Group

None

2-Lay of the Land Group

- Create the project area boundary in GIS and display it on a map
- Add Jordan Cove pipeline to the map
- Chandra will add management activities on BLM, private, and other lands as well as land ownership
- What led to the establishment of the ODNRA? Describe the unique qualities of the dunes, and cite pertinent language from applicable plans and guiding documents (Dunes Plan, Forest Plan, etc)
- What policies apply to the Dunes; condense, summarize, quote, or in some other way reference these in the strategy document

3-Sand & Water Group

- Requested project leader assistance or replacement
- The “Water” section has no information fleshed out yet; James P. volunteered to assist/lead with the Water section
- Overall, this section provides the background and foundation of the issues to be addressed by the strategy and as such is very detail-laden. The question was posed about how much detail is preferable in the strategy document, to find the balance between enough information to grab the reader’s attention and provide an accurate picture of the issues, while not losing them or overloading them with too much information and detail. Here are the topics highlighted by the group:
 - Why was beachgrass planted?
 - How/why is the current sand supply affected by the extensive foredune?
 - Describe vegetated deflation plain, interior dunes, hummocks, etc
 - Describe the changes and impacts of shifts in wind patterns

4-Vegetation Group

Here are some thoughts from the group: focus on rare species (locations and habitats); globally significant plant communities (locations and health); distribution of invasive species (where can we make a difference?)

5-Wildlife Group

- Excellent, thorough information shared during presentation; need to decide which portions to highlight in the strategy document.

6-Human Uses/Values Group

- Requested project leader assistance or replacement; Kari W. may be able to help out
- Need economic information/data; Angie M. volunteered to help out by providing special –use permit information to the economics section
- Create a map to display current human uses/values as well as historical and tribal uses and values
- Determine how rapidly the dunes are changing (calculate a rate of change), and add existing infrastructure to the map that we may need to consider, protect, or work around during implementation

Ideas for Future Reference

We did not have time at this meeting for presentation about types of restoration work that have been recently completed. Consider adding this to the agenda of a future collaborative group meeting.

For the strategy document, consider using a National Geographic-style layout which enables the reader to understand the gist of the article by brief perusal, while providing them the opportunity to gain more detail if they chose to read the entire text. Also, consider using personal quotes and call-outs in the document.

Creating the Criteria

- Where to conduct activities; may need different criteria for different types of areas
- Identify resources that may be available, i.e. workforce, tools, equipment, funding sources
- What size of areas should be recommended, especially considering the kind of landscape conditions that will be successful as far as going inland
- Consider dune width...do the narrower stretches change more quickly than wider, why?
- Need to treat a large area, including the foredune and all vegetation in order to be successful in restoring sand movement
- Be clear about what conditions we are “restoring to”. Maintain focus on preserving the best, restoring the processes, and restoring local conditions.