



SAVE THE DUNES OREGON

The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative

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Save the Date for February Meeting

The next public meeting of the ODRC is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 15th, at the Community Baptist Church in Florence. We still need to finalize a few items on the agenda and are waiting for the staff of the Forest Service to return to work. We will send out an announcement with more information as soon as the federal shutdown is over.



Volunteer Opportunities in 2019! Not just pulling weeds!!

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities over the next several months. Our work parties will continue to be announced dependent on the weather. You can see the tentative schedule for January and February on our [events page](#).

There are many other ways to help the ODRC as well. We are currently scheduling outreach events and will need help talking to the public about the dunes. If you love chatting with folks and telling them why you love the dunes, this job is for you!

Our education working group is also seeking any creative help. Teachers, storytellers, artists, and more! How can you use your talents to help the dunes?

For more information, email info@saveoregondunes.org

Or [sign up](#) for our volunteer list online.



Working Group Updates

The afternoon of the February 15th ODRC meeting will be reserved for working groups to get together. Feel free to join a working group if any of these projects interest you!

Communications & Outreach - "The World" newspaper in Coos Bay ran a story after our presentation in December to the Coos County Board of Commissioners. [Read the story here.](#)

We also gave a presentation to the Reedsport City Council on January 14th. They enjoyed hearing about our work and we look forward to connecting more with Reedsport.

Volunteering - The weather was nice enough to hold our first work party of the year on January 12th. Our group met at Heceta Dunes and pulled a lot of Scotch broom from one of the Tree Islands. However, we found a lot of mature gorse in bloom in that area. Our next work party (1/26) will focus on removing gorse from Heceta Dunes. Shovels, loppers, and gloves will be needed! Bring leather gloves if you have them, because gorse has sharp spikes on the stems!

During the rest of January and February, our work parties will be weather dependent. We generally make a decision early in the week if it looks like we will be able to work. Please fill out our volunteer [contact form](#) online to stay updated.

Education - A local, Florence based videographer has agreed to help in the production of educational video clips about the dunes! We are now turning our attention to writing a script for that project!

If you have any interest or skills in video production, or our other educational efforts, please contact info@saveoregondunes.org to get involved.

Monitoring - The monitoring group will be working with the other groups at our February ODRC meeting to decide what data those groups need. We are considering a variety of potential monitoring techniques, and will be recruiting volunteers to help with those projects later in the year.

Funding - The funding working group is busy contacting private foundations and grant makers and beginning to pull together applications for various projects. We are hoping to secure grants to hire a future staff person and for several small requests from each other working group. We are also in the process of applying for an AmeriCorps NCCC team to come pull invasive plants from the dunes this spring or summer.

Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) - No update this month.

Volunteer of the Month

If you've ever been to one of our work parties, you'll recognize our Volunteer of the Month - Brad Hanscom! He was willing to share his story of why he loves the dunes.

Brad first visited Oregon around 30 years ago, and was so intrigued by the dunes that he moved here within 5 years, built his own house, and has loved every minute of the adventure since! [Click here](#) for more of Brad's story.

"We, on the Oregon Coast, are fortunate to have our forested sand dunes where one can find, peace, adventure, fun, and nature in myriad ways and forms. We need to protect and nurture this unique and beautiful resource and volunteering to help remove invasive species is a good way to do that. Care to join us?" - Brad Hanscom



Did you Know? - The Oregon Dunes inspired the novel "Dune"

Did you know that the Oregon Dunes were the inspiration for one of the most famous science fiction novels of all time? "Dune" by Frank Herbert won the first ever Nebula Award for best work of sci-fi or fantasy when it was published in 1965. Herbert originally came to Florence in the 1950s to write a scientific article about local efforts to control and stabilize the dunes. That research led him to invent his fictional sand-planet and write the "Dune" series.

Today, the Siuslaw Library in Florence has an archive of more than 400 pieces of Mr. Herbert's writing, as well as photos and drawings from the 1984 film adaptation. More information about the collection can be [found here](#).

Upcoming Events:

1/26 - Work Party - Heceta Dunes. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1/29 - [Nat Geo Live!](#) Hult Center, Eugene. 7:30 PM
use discount code OREGONDUNES20 for 20% off!

2/15 - ODRC Public Meeting (Tentative). 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.
Community Baptist Church, Florence

2/26 - [Nat Geo Live!](#) Hult Center, Eugene. 7:30 PM
use discount code OREGONDUNES20 for 20% off!



**Sign up to
Volunteer!**

Work Parties will occur depending on weather. Check on our [Events](#) page for a full list and to stay informed.

Newsletter and Meeting Minutes archives

Old editions of this newsletter, meeting minutes, and project updates can now be found on new pages on our website. You will find new drop-down links for "[Meeting Minutes](#)", "[Newsletter Archive](#)", and "[Restoration Projects](#)" along with our regular [media coverage](#).

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