



SAVE THE DUNES OREGON

The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative

February 2019

ODRC Meeting Recap

The ODRC's quarterly meeting was held on Friday, February 15th, in Florence. We spent the morning discussing the structure and leadership of the ODRC. Moving forward, we will pursue funding to keep our RARE AmeriCorps placement for a second year. We will then consider fundraising for a full-time position to lead the ODRC in 2020 or beyond. The Siuslaw National Forest gave an update about how the listing of the Coastal Marten as endangered could affect the restoration work in the dunes and what project sites are still in consideration.



Full meeting minutes will be [posted here](#) in the next few days, and you can read short recaps from each of our working groups below.



Vote for the Dunes Restoration Strategy Guide!

Our publication, "Restoring Oregon's Dunes: The Bid to Save a National Treasure", has been nominated for an award through the [Public Lands Alliance](#). Please go vote for our book and help spread the word. Voting ends on February 27th, and the winner will be announced at PLA's convention in Denver. One vote per email address. [Click here to vote!](#)

Working Group Updates

Communications & Outreach - Our outreach efforts have continued throughout the winter. We had a table at the University of Oregon Student Sustainability Fair to talk to college students about the dunes and our volunteer opportunities. We also tabled at the [National Geographic Live](#) speaker series in Eugene.

Join us at the Florence Home & Garden Show, March 1-3, at the Florence Events Center. We'll have our display up so come learn about the dunes!

Volunteering - Unfortunately some of our early February work parties were cancelled due to severe weather. A small group of us did manage to go out on the 22nd to remove gorse from Heceta Dunes. Check out our Facebook page for photos. In March, we are tentatively planning for the 8th or 9th, and 29th or 30th. Check on our [events](#) page for final dates and locations.

Save the date for Earth Day! On Saturday, April 20th, our RARE intern is organizing a volunteer event to remove Scotch broom from the John Dellenback Dunes area! We are also planning a work party at Honeyman State Park on April 27th. More information about both events to come.

Education - The National Forest Foundation published a short blog about plants and animals found in the Oregon Dunes. [Check it out here.](#)

Our Education Coordinator Dina spoke to geology classes at Southwestern Oregon Community College on the 25th. She'll be giving other presentations to the public throughout the spring and summer. Stay tuned for a full schedule as those dates are confirmed. We're also currently writing a script for a short educational video about the dunes and hope to start filming this spring. This project will help us tell the story of the dunes to a much larger audience.

Monitoring - The monitoring group gave an update at the full ODRC meeting to explain what short-term and long-term monitoring projects we hope to undertake. As the ODRC's restoration efforts focus on Baker Beach and other key projects, the monitoring group will track the effectiveness of any treatments and help inform future efforts.

Funding - The funding group is seeking grants to fund our work throughout 2019 and beyond. We are currently putting together an application to private foundations to fund a second year of our RARE intern and various other projects. Our group is also looking into requesting federal funds for large-scale dune restoration and is learning how the Congressional appropriations process works.

Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) - The USFS has approximately \$25,000 in funding for restoration projects in the Oregon Dunes. The CWMA group will be helping to prioritize restoration projects and maximize the effectiveness of these funds. We will also be holding a presentation this spring: "Controlling Invasive Weeds on the Dunes"

Volunteer of the Month

The February weather has kept our work parties out of the dunes, but that doesn't mean our volunteers have stopped working! Jeff Uebel is the head of our fundraising working group and has been busy all winter researching what grants and other sources are available. Thanks to his efforts, we are applying for several grants that will help fund our efforts moving forward, including a second year of staffing from the RARE program.



If you have fundraising ideas or grantwriting experience and want to get involved with Oregon Dunes Restoration, email info@saveoregondunes.org

Did you Know? - Snowy Plover Nesting Season

Did you know that nesting season for Snowy Plover starts next month? These adorable little birds lay their eggs in open sand between March and September. Certain areas of the beaches and dunes are closed beginning on March 15. Please follow all posted signs and regulations to avoid disturbing these birds and their nests. More information can be [found here](#) from the Siuslaw National Forest.

Upcoming Events:

3/1 - 3/3 [Florence Home and Garden Show](#). Hours vary each day.

3/8 or 3/9 - Tentative work party

3/15 - Start of Snowy Plover Nesting season. Certain activities limited in nesting areas.

3/23 - SOLVE [Spring Beach Clean-up](#). 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Various locations.

3/29 or 3/30 - Tentative work party



Sign up to
Volunteer!

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

Call for Dunes Photos

Are you a professional photographer working on the Oregon Coast? Or just a happy amateur with a good eye? We're always looking for more photos of the Oregon Dunes for use in our education and outreach efforts. If you are interested in sharing any of your pictures with us, please contact info@saveoregondunes.org

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