



# SAVE THE DUNES OREGON

The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative

March 2019

## ODRC Strategy Guide Wins "Publication of the Year" Award

Our beloved strategy guide and photo book, "Restoring Oregon's Dunes: The Bid to Save a National Treasure" was honored as the Publication of the Year by the Public Lands Alliance. These awards recognize outstanding partnerships between federal land management agencies, local communities and other organizations. We're excited about this award and enthusiastic about the chance to tell the story of the dunes to a broader audience. Thank you Public Lands Alliance!

You can read more about the PLA Awards [here](#).



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## Spring Volunteer Opportunities & Events

There are many ways to get involved with the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative this spring. As the weather warms up, we will hold more of our work parties, and we have several exciting ways for you to learn about the dunes!

Our next work party is tentatively scheduled for March 29 or 30, weather dependent. We will be removing Scotch broom at the Waxmyrtle campground.

You can also lend a hand at the SOLVE Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup on March 23rd. There are multiple locations to volunteer throughout the dunes and all along the Oregon coast. [Click here](#) for more information and to register with SOLVE.

The ODRC is holding a science pub talk at 7 Devils Brewing Co. in Coos Bay on April 7th at 4PM. Come early to get a good seat and hear the story of the Oregon dunes.

Earth Day is only a month away, and we have many events to celebrate!  
Saturday, April 20th - work party at John Dellenback Dunes. 10AM-1PM  
Saturday, April 27th - work party at Honeyman State Park. 9AM-12PM

ODRC will also have our educational table set up and volunteers to answer questions in Florence during their Earth Day events on April 20. Starting at 10AM on the riverfront.

More information about all of these events can be found on the [ODRC events page](#).

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## Working Group Updates

**Communications & Outreach** - We had a booth again this year at the Florence Home & Garden Show, where we spoke to many community members about our work. It was the first event we were at since learning about our Publication of the Year Award! Our communications group is now busy with press releases and promoting the book and our upcoming spring events.

We are also looking at making minor changes to our brochures and ordering a second printing of our outreach materials for this year.

**Volunteering** - We held another gorse work party at Heceta Dunes on March 9th. The weather was bright and sunny, and our volunteers continued removing the large, blooming gorse from our project area in Heceta Dunes.

Our next work party will be held on March 29th or 30th, at the Waxmyrtle Campground. As always, visit [our website](#) for upcoming events and to sign up for our volunteer email.

**Education** - We have several upcoming ways to learn more about the dunes this spring. First is a science pub talk at 7 Devils Brewing Co. in Coos Bay. It will be held at 4PM on Sunday, April 7th. Other volunteers will be at Earth Day events in Old Town Florence. Look for our table, ask them questions, or pick up a copy of "Restoring Oregon's Dunes."

Then in June, the dunes are the featured topic at the Coos History Museum "First Tuesday Talks" series at 6:30PM. Museum admission required. More information is available on the [museum's website](#).

**Monitoring** - The Monitoring Group will be coordinating with the other working groups this spring to determine how we can start monitoring our progress. We'll be starting to more thoroughly document our volunteer work parties to measure changes in vegetation at specific sites. We have also connected with a photographer who is planning on taking an aerial flight over the dunes this spring, so we are excited for some updated aerial photos of the dunes!

**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 Oregon Dunes CWMA and USFS botanist Armand Rebeschke will present "Invasive Weeds on Our Dunes!" on May 2nd at the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence at 4:00 PM. The talk will cover dunes ecology and identification of invasive weeds.

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## Volunteer of the Month

Our March volunteer of the month is none other than Jo-Ann Curtola! Jo-Ann has brought her energy and enthusiasm to many Dunes events. You may have seen her at our booth at the Florence Home & Garden Show, telling the story of the dunes, or at one of our work parties digging out Scotch broom. Jo-Ann even designed our "Save the Oregon Dunes" t-

shirts!

Thanks for all that you do!



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## Did you Know? - Snowy Plover Nesting Season

Did you know that nesting season for Snowy Plover starts this 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.

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### Upcoming Events:

**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 at Waxmyrtle Campground. 10:00 AM weather dependent

**4/7** - Pub Talk at 7 Devils Brewing Co. 247 S. 2nd St., Coos Bay 4:00 PM

**4/20** - Earth Day work party at John Dellenback Dunes. 10:00 AM

**4/27** - Earth Day work party at Honeyman State Park. 9:00 AM

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

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