



SAVE THE DUNES OREGON

The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative

June 2019

!! Deadline Approaching !!

The Siuslaw National Forest is now accepting public comments on proposed dunes restoration activities. [Click Here](#) to view the draft proposal and to submit comments.

The deadline to submit comments in **Monday, June 10th!**

Comments must be received via email, or postmarked by the 10th.

Steering committee and strategic planning process

The May 10th ODRC meeting focused on what's needed to continue strengthening our collaboration, and how to transition our leadership from our RARE intern to a steering committee. The group has also prioritized creating a 3-5 year strategic action plan that will guide our work and help secure funding.

The need for skilled volunteers to take on leadership roles has been discussed throughout recent meetings. We have reached out to the University of Oregon and Oregon State University to attempt to recruit graduate students to join our working groups or otherwise contribute to the project.

Everyone can help in our efforts to grow the ODRC. Please think of any friends, neighbors, or colleagues who may be interested in any of our working groups. We have a need for organizers, fundraisers, and anyone who'd love to reach out to businesses!

Contact info@saveoregondunes.org for more information.

New brochures!

ODRC's brochures and racks cards have been given a little redesign to include images of OHV use and hikers in the dunes. A second printing is on its way. If you are interested in helping distribute brochures to local businesses and visitor centers, please email outreach coordinator Jeff Malik at



Thank you to Travel Lane County for the graphic design services!

Working Group Updates

Communications, Education & Outreach - We met with Douglas County Commissioner Tom Kress to inform him about the ODRC and our projects, and look forward to doing more education and public outreach in Douglas County. We also gave a public educational talk at the Coos History Museum as part of their "Tuesday Talks" lecture series. We had a great turnout and many new folks interested in helping with our volunteer efforts.

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners is holding a Town Hall Meeting regarding OHV Operations on County Roads on Monday, June 17th, at the MAC center in Winchester Bay. 5:30 p.m.

Volunteering - May was a busy month for our work parties. We wanted to try something new, so held work parties during the week, and had a great turnout! Work parties for the public were held on the 8th and 20th at Heceta Dunes. We also worked with a class from North Bend High School and with middle school students from Mapleton. Thanks to all of our volunteers, young and old!

Our next work parties will be held on June 8, 15, and 26.
More information about upcoming volunteer events can be found [on our website](#).

Monitoring - The monitoring group has drafted our first protocols to capture before and after photos from volunteer work parties. Throughout this spring and summer, we will begin to document each site before and after removing Scotch broom and other invasive plants. If you are interested in volunteering to take photographs of sites for our monitoring efforts, please email jeff@eugenecascadescoast.org

Funding - We have submitted our final proposal to the Collins Foundation to allow us to hire a second year RARE intern, and are now awaiting their decision. Cross your fingers for us!

Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) - The CWMA advisor has been instrumental in helping develop our monitoring protocols, as described above. The CWMA has also applied for \$46,000 in Stewardship Funds for work in 2020.

Volunteer of the Month - Jim Grano

May was particularly busy for ODRC volunteer Jim Grano. You may recognize Jim's name from many of our educational updates, as he has been instrumental in



developing curriculum, leading field trips, and teaching local students about watersheds and the dunes. Jim helped coordinate groups including Ms. Geierman's class from North Bend High School and Ms. Nelson's class from Mapleton Middle School; who joined us to pull Scotch broom at the Oregon Dunes Days Use Area.

Thank you Jim!

Did you Know? - Pink and Yellow Sand-Verbena

If you've been in the dunes lately, you've probably been noticing a number of flowering plants. Two species of native sand-verbena can be found in the Oregon Dunes: Yellow sand-verbena (*Abronia latifolia*) is more common, but Pink sand-verbena (*Abronia umbellata*) can also be found at this time of year. Both varieties have a sweet smelling flower, but are also at risk due to habitat loss from European beachgrass. Thanks to Dina Pavlis for the photos!



Upcoming Events:

- 6/8 [Work Party](#) at Sandtracks Picnic Area on Horsfall Road - 10:00 a.m. - noon
- 6/10 Deadline to submit public comments to Siuslaw N.F.
- 6/15 [Work Party](#) at Heceta Dunes - 10:00 a.m. - noon
- 6/17 Douglas Co. Town Hall: OHV use on County Roads - MAC center, Winchester Bay - 5:30 p.m.
- 6/26 [Work Party](#) at Heceta Dunes - 10:00 a.m. - noon
- 6/27 [Summer Science Excursion](#) - UO MNCH Field Trip Leaves from Eugene at 9 a.m.

[Sign up to Volunteer!](#)

Check out our [events](#) page for a full list and to stay informed.

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