



SAVE THE DUNES

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The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative

July 2019

Help support ODRC staffing!

The ODRC has applied to host a RARE intern from the University of Oregon for a second year in 2019-2020. Having an intern for the past year has been a tremendous asset to the ODRC, and we hope to keep our momentum going with another staff position. We have applied for two grants to fund this intern, but showing matching community support will help us secure those funds.

The cost to hire an intern for the full year is only \$23,500 - a small price compared to the tremendous amount of work they can accomplish. We've already secured \$10,000 thanks to Lane County Community and Economic Development, so are almost halfway to our goal!



Donate today!

Thank you for your RARE service

July is unfortunately the last month of RARE intern Jeff Malik's time with the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative. Over the last ten months, Jeff has helped our working groups organize and carry out their projects, set up internal policies for the ODRC, managed our website and social media, written grants, delivered brochures to local businesses, and pulled



plenty of Scotch broom!

Thank you for your hard work, and best of luck on your future endeavors!

ODRC's RARE intern, Jeff Malik, assists at a Scotch broom work party at Heceta Dunes

Working Group Updates

Communications, Education, & Outreach - We were invited to give an educational presentation to the [Oregon State House Committee on Natural Resources](#) in June. Our elected officials, many of whom have their own memories of the dunes, were unaware of the drastic changes to the landscape, but wish to remain informed and will be offering letters of support for future grant and fundraising requests.

We also helped organize a field trip for the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History as part of their "Summer Science Excursions". Despite rain in the morning, the skies cleared up for our group and everyone was able to enjoy the dunes and learn about many native plants.

On July 20th as part of the [Power of Florence](#) event, we will have an educational table in the Grocery Outlet parking lot from 11AM to 2PM.

Volunteering - New brochures and rack cards have arrived! We are now in need of volunteers to help distribute brochures to area businesses, campgrounds, and visitor centers. If you are interested in helping, email info@saveoregondunes.org.

Our first work party in July will be held on the [13th at Sandtracks Picnic Area](#) on Horsfall Road from 10AM to noon. The biggest volunteer event of the year - [Power of Florence](#) - is also coming right up! ODRC will be hosting a volunteer work party to remove Scotch broom at Heceta Dunes on July 20th from 10AM to noon. An optional hike with Siuslaw National Forest botanist Armand Rebeschke follows that work party to learn why Heceta Dunes is one of the "Protect the Best" dunes restoration sites.

Monitoring - The monitoring group has developed photo point monitoring protocols for the dunes and begun documenting before and after photos of our volunteer work parties. Soon we will launch a Google Drive folder system, to allow volunteers to easily upload photos of invasive species in the dunes.

Funding - We have started our first fundraising campaign to in order to have a second intern from the RARE program. Two grants are currently pending, but we are also trying to raise funds from local communities in order to match and support those efforts. Contact info@saveoregondunes.org to get involved in the campaign!

Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) - Contracted removal of gorse is under way at Baker Beach, and other CWMA led projects are happening right now! Summer is the busy field season to work out on the dunes, before we jump back into project planning next fall and winter.

Volunteer of the Month

July's Volunteer of the Month has been



very busy this summer! Leo Cox is the new President of [Save the Riders Dunes](#), and along with all of the great work he does for that organization, Leo contributes quite a lot of time to help Save the Oregon Dunes as well! You've probably seen Leo at our recent work parties, which he admits are one of his favorite ways to get involved. He has also been busy delivering brochures and posters to businesses around Coos Bay and North Bend.

Thanks for everything you do Leo!

Did you Know? - Coastal Strawberries

Do you enjoy edible plants and wild foods? Along with being a great location for mushroom hunting ([see our November 2018 newsletter](#)), the dunes are home to wild strawberries! *Fragaria chiloensis*, the wild Coastal Strawberry, can be found here and is beginning to come into season. Look for these little berries this summer! Photos courtesy of Dina Pavlis.

More info: <https://www.centralcoastbiodiversity.org/coastal-strawberry-bull-fragaria-chiloensis.html>



Upcoming Events:

7/13 [Work Party at Sandtracks Picnic Area](#) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

7/20 [Power of Florence - work party](#) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

7/20 [Power of Florence - educational table](#) 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

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