



SAVE THE DUNES OREGON

**The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
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RARE intern has arrived!

The ODRC has been awarded a grant from The Collins Foundation to hire another intern through the University of Oregon's RARE program. Additionally, we've secured funding from Lane County Community & Economic Development to help match the grant funding.



Our new RARE intern, Brian Saunders arrived in early September, and will help the collaborative throughout the next year by engaging in media and stakeholder outreach, organizing volunteer activities, distributing ODRC collateral materials and much more!

Brian graduated from the University of Connecticut in the Spring of 2019 and made his way to the West Coast to pursue his passion for environmental work.

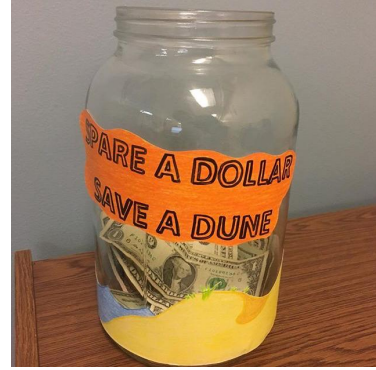
Brian's main goal as a communications & outreach coordinator will be to facilitate the development of a 3-5 year strategic plan.



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Working Group Updates

Communications, Outreach, & Education-

Congressman Peter DeFazio's support of the Oregon dunes stretches back to work done on naming the John Dellenback dunes trail, so it was no surprise that he is fully supportive of the ODRC's work. While in Oregon on congressional recess in August, the congressman was a presenter at the Coastal Caucus meeting in Florence. This gave the ODRC outreach team the opportunity to discuss dunes restoration and pick his brain on how best to secure long-term funding for restoration efforts. Accompanied by two aides, the congressman was reintroduced to the dunes via a sand rail from Sand Dunes Frontier.



Thanks to owner Chuck Chapman for donating the sand rail ride, which was a first for Mr. DeFazio. He shared stories of riding the dunes in a VW bug he and his brother bought and modified for the sand, but he'd never experienced the thrill of a sand rail ride and he came away impressed. The ODRC looks forward to working with Congressman DeFazio and his staff to draft appropriations language and seek funding opportunities. Additional thanks go to retired Forest Service staff Jeff Uebel and Garret Craig, Central Coast deputy district ranger.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

In 2018-19, Eugene's Hult Center for the Performing Arts hosted a three-part National Geographic series and invited non-profits to table at each presentation. Discounted tickets were made available to these non-profits to encourage attendance. In 2019-20, the series is back and the ODRC will again table at the presentations. What's new this year is that the ODRC will have the opportunity to earn \$5 for each ticket we facilitate selling. We will receive a code that ticket buyers will use, so watch for more information about this code and when tickets go on sale. The series kicks off with Social by Nature on November 24, 2019. [Clicking here](#) will bring you to the ticket page. Use the code **ODRC** to support the ODRC and our Fiscal Sponsors- Cascade Pacific.

Volunteering- The last two volunteer work parties were well attended with 13 ODRC volunteers on September 14th and 17 volunteers on October 5th. At both work parties, large mature Scotch broom plants were removed, some on pretty steep ground. At September's work party, we finished removing broom from the fuel break behind the houses on Joshua Lane. At the October work party, Sand Dunes Frontier took us out to Tree Island #3 in the big sand buggy where we started working on the south slope of the tree island.

After the September work party, volunteers enjoyed a picnic lunch. Chef Armand grilled bratwurst for everyone, and folks brought a lot of good food to share.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the 29 different work parties held this fiscal year (October 1 to September 30). These work parties do make a difference. Over the last five years, over 50 acres of Scotch broom and gorse have been removed from Heceta Dunes!!! Some areas have been treated multiple times.

The next work party is Saturday, October 12th at Sandtracks Picnic Area on Horsfall Road, north of North Bend, OR from 10AM to Noon. Day use fees are not required for people volunteering.

On Saturday, October 26th from 10AM to Noon, we will be working at Heceta Dunes at the east end of Joshua Lane, Florence, OR.

For directions and more information, go to www.saveoregondunes.org/events.

Funding- The ODRC is currently in the process of researching and submitting grants by their specific deadlines to fund the upcoming strategic planning process. Two grants that we are excited to apply for are from The Ford Family Foundation and the Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) Strategic Investment Fund.

Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)- ODCWMA continues to support dunes weed treatments via gorse control contract, volunteer weed-pull participation, and monitoring efforts. A draft long-term Dunes restoration implementation plan has been created that outlines priorities, anticipated cost and timelines. Note: there will be a short ODCWMA meeting after the ODRC meeting. Agenda: regroup and ID next steps.

Monitoring- For some of the work parties, photo points are recorded with GPS, and before and after photos are taken. These sites can be monitored over time to see how the land and vegetation responds to the Scotch broom removal. Below are photos of before and after at our September 14th work party.



Before



After

For more information, or if you are interested in joining any of our working groups, [email us here](#). We would love to have your help!

Volunteer of the Month- Marty Stein is our September/October volunteer of the month!

Marty retired from his Siuslaw National Forest botanist position, but he still comes out to our volunteer work parties to remove Scotch broom and gorse. He is also known to give very nice guided hikes, showing the native plants that grow out on the sand dunes.

He is always available to answer questions about plants which our volunteers appreciate. Thanks Marty for all that you do!



Marty is pictured here cutting back gorse plants at the North Arm of Cleawox Lake.

Did you know? Important news from the Siuslaw National Forest!

A recent news release from the Siuslaw National Forest has come out to warn folks about facility and road closures taking place in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area from October 17th-October 20th.

[Read more about it here!](#)



Upcoming Events:

10/12/19- Work Party at Sandtracks Picnic Area. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

10/26/19- Work Party at Heceta Dunes. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

11/02/19- Brian Saunders and ODRC staff will be giving a presentation at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center on the Oregon dunes and sand dune restoration. 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

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