



SAVE THE DUNES OREGON

The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
December 2019

SAVE THE DATE: ODRC QUARTERLY MEETING

**January 31st, 2020
9am-1pm
Florence Community Baptist Church
4590 Hwy 101 North**

Upcoming Events:

[1/29/2020- National Geographic Speaker Series: Kenny Broad at the Hult Center](#)

[1/31/2020- ODRC Quarterly Meeting: Florence Community Baptist Church](#)

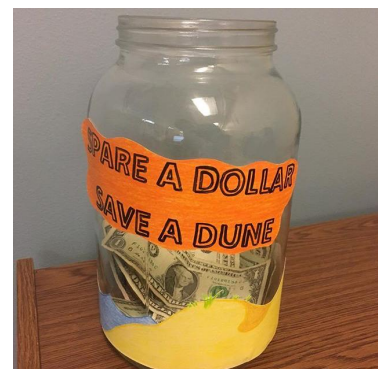
[2/1/2020- Oregon Master Naturalist Presentation in Portland](#)

[2/29/2020- Education Expo at Siuslaw High School](#)

Now Accepting PayPal Donations!

We can now accept donations via PayPal! You can donate to our fiscal sponsor, Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development, to contribute towards ODRC fundraising efforts. Feel free to forward this email or share the link on social media.

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Saving the Oregon Dunes: Short Film

- The ODRC released their short film on December 10th and the feedback has been

overwhelmingly positive! In just one week, the ODRC saw...

- An increase of over 100 Facebook followers
- Dozens have reached out to get involved on our mailing/volunteer list
- Our video reached over 67,000 people on Facebook and has reached states such as Utah, Colorado, New York, and Connecticut!
- Over 5,500 views on SpringFed Media YouTube Channel
- Our analytics show that people have been hearing about the ODRC not only from our website and Facebook page, but also in other ways such as the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative popping up in multiple people's Google's news feed!
- Overall, the feedback has been great and we are so happy you all have enjoyed it so far.
- [Here is an article from the Oregon Coast Beach Connection staff on the short film!](#)
- The video is ready to view on our website and can be found [here!](#)



Working Group Updates

Communications, Outreach, & Education- Last month, the ODRC had the chance to table at the Land-Sea Symposium at the Yachats Commons! It was a wonderful night to hear about the stewardship efforts being made in the Cape Perpetua Marine Area. Cheri Brubaker of the Newport News Times chatted with Brian Saunders of the ODRC to learn a little more about what we do. [Click here to check out the article!](#)

In November, the first of three National Geographic Speaker Series took place at the Hult Center in downtown Eugene. Ronan Donovan put on an amazing show that left hundreds of people in awe. Not only that, but he stayed for over an hour to sign posters once his presentation was done. Be sure to stop by our table again on January 29th at 7:30pm to learn more and chat about the ODRC's plans for next year. Like the previous National Geographic Event, the ODRC will earn \$5 for every ticket we sell using the code "ODRC."

The ODRC is excited to present to the Oregon Master Naturalist Portland Chapter on

February 1st, 2020. This will be a great way for the ODRC to spread our story even further across the state of Oregon! Presenting will be Communications & Outreach Coordinator, Brian Saunders, Restoration Botanist for the US Forest Service, Armand Rebischke and retired Forest Service Botanist, Marty Stein. To learn more about the Oregon Master Naturalist Program, [click here!](#)



Our table at the National Geographic Live Speaker Series on November 24th

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.

The ODRC will be back for Kenny Broad's, "Extreme Cave Diving- Exploring the Bahamas' Blue Holes" on January 29th, 2020. Use the code ODRC to support the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative. [Click here to purchase tickets!](#)

Volunteering- ODRC volunteers are taking a well-deserved break from work parties for the holidays. There were 31 different work parties removing Scotch broom and gorse in calendar year 2019 at 8 different locations on the Siuslaw National Forest plus Honeyman State Park and Siuslaw High School. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!!!

In January and February as weather allows, we will have some short notice work parties to remove gorse at Heceta Dunes north of Florence and Scotch broom at recreation areas on Horsfall Rd. north of North Bend. In March, we will start on our regularly-scheduled work parties. We will send out a list of dates and locations for the year to our volunteer mailing list in January. Our hope is if the dates are known in advance, some folks that live inland can make some of our work parties on the coast. We will also announce upcoming work parties in our future newsletters.

Funding- When it comes to grants, the ODRC stays busy. There are a number of grants we are currently focused on, two of which are on the verge of being completed. Our hope is that these two grants can help us fund an environmental consultant to assist us in completing a strategic plan and to staff an additional ODRC member next year.

The ODRC is working closely with Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors (ECO) and the Siuslaw Watershed Council over the next few months to complete an Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) Education and Communications grant. In addition, we are also working on a restoration grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

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. At our quarterly ODRC meeting in October, USFS Botanist Armand Rebischke presented these outlines and addressed some specific issues such as the ivy problem at various campgrounds. Over the next few months, the ODRC will work and build on this implementation plan as a guide to move forward with our efforts. With the ODRC quarterly meeting coming up in January, the collaborative is excited to move forward with these plans and bring them to life in the coming months.

Monitoring- When doing any sort of restoration work, it is highly important to monitor the specific site that is being managed. Not following up, evaluating effectiveness, and tracking each stride along the way often leads to repeated, non-effective management. 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. By doing this, we can record data and sightings and use them to carefully plan our next move. Below are two before and after pictures from our work party at Wild Mare Campground on November 16th!



Before



After

Wild and Scenic Rivers:

The Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, passed in 1968, preserves the character of rivers and streams designated in this federal system. Protection under the act ensures the free-flowing nature of designated streams, and protects a corridor that ensures the important values of the streams are not degraded. (More about the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act: <https://www.rivers.gov/wsr-act.php>)

Senator Ron Wyden has long been a champion of wild rivers and lands in Oregon. He is currently inviting all Oregonians to nominate new Wild and Scenic Rivers for legislation he plans to introduce next year. In the Oregon Dunes, there are several streams that have significant natural values and are eligible for nomination. From north to south these are Lily and Berry Creeks, Sutton Creek, the Siltcoos River, Takenitch Creek, Threemile Creek, and Tenmile Creek. Importantly for the work of the ODRC, Wild & Scenic River designation would not prevent restoration work so long as it didn't negatively impact the outstandingly remarkable values the stream is designated for.

If anyone is interested, nominations can be sent to rivers@wyden.senate.gov by January 20, 2020. Include your name and address, what stream or streams you think deserve protection, and a few sentences on why you think it deserves protection (fish or wildlife, recreation, scenery, water quality, etc).



Above: Sutton Creek - Photo credit to Chandra LeGue

Did you know? The Oregon Dunes is home to over 400 species of wildlife!

When adventuring along the Oregon coast, it is hard to resist a detour to the magnificent dunes. The dunes may look incredible on their own, but what inhabits these dunes is just as neat!

Seen in this picture are deer tracks. Usually the back two dots are not visible on the sand and get covered up quickly. The tracks in this photo are not fresh,



but it is always great to see signs of life
out on the dunes!

If you see any interesting wildlife while exploring on the dunes, please be sure to share
with us!

Many thanks to Dina Pavlis for the awesome photo!

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us on Instagram!



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