

SAVE THE DUNES OREGON



The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
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Meet our new outreach coordinator

Jamie Harrison is the new outreach coordinator for the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative (ODRC). She's from Reedsport, Oregon. She's lived her life on the Oregon Coast and has spent many hours on the Oregon dunes.

"My love for the dunes grew when I discovered sandboarding. Sandboarding became one of my favorite activities. Spending time on the dunes was a way for me to be outdoors, exercise, and meet new friends. More importantly my time spent on the dunes was a time of solitude and self-reflection. The dunes have a peaceful way about them," Jamie said.

A recent Oregon State University Graduate, Jamie spent the past three years working for the Siuslaw National



Forest on the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. She worked with their wildlife and botany department.

"I'm excited to be doing outreach work and working for the ODRC this season. I worry about the current state of the Oregon Dunes, but I am hopeful that the more people learn about them the more people will become involved," Jamie said.

The ODRC is back to hosting work parties to remove Scotch Broom and Gorse from the Oregon Dunes. If you are interested in participating in any of our events please visit our website at www.saveoregondunes.org. Sign up for our monthly newsletters, and stay tuned for future work parties. We'd love to see you out there!

NEWS:

- Looking for a fun weekend activity with family and friends? Join us at one of our volunteer work parties! The ODRC is back to hosting work parties to remove Scotch Broom and Gorse from the Oregon Dunes. See "Upcoming Events" below.
- The ODRC joined up with long-time Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area volunteer Dina Pavlis, Jesse Beers of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative's Jamie Harrison, Siuslaw National Forest Restoration Botanist Armand Rebeschke, and Jim Grano of the Siuslaw Watershed Council on April 2nd 2022. We had a great turn out of 30-40 people attend this guided hike at Oregon Dunes Day use area. Volunteers talked about the current state of the Oregon Dunes along with past and present issues to the Oregon Dunes. Attendees were shown native plants that are springing up and also identified invasive weeds.
- The Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative has hired outreach coordinator. Jamie Harrison. Jamie was hired in March to begin organizing and leading volunteer work parties, work with the Youth Conservation Corps teams, and perform other outreach activities.
- SOLVE annual spring beach clean up. [SOLVE Spring beach clean up link](#)

Upcoming Events:

- Earth Day Celebration: SOLVE is hosting its annual spring beach clean up. ODRC encourages you to join this Earth Day celebration event. [Find a beach clean up location near you!](#)
- Volunteer Work Party: April 30th - Saturday -Heceta Dunes 10 AM-12 PM. Join us at the entrance of Heceta Dunes off of Joshua Lane.

Working Group Updates

Communications, Outreach, & Education-

Attendees on the guided hike April 2nd stop to learn about native plants. The hike was about 2 hours long with many stops to learn about how the dunes were used in earlier times, along with present day challenges on the dunes.



Photo by Jamie Harrison

Volunteering- Whether you have a passion for invasive species mitigation or just want to build up your volunteer experience, the ODRC would love to have you, serving in whatever capacity you can. Please feel free to reach out to us or any of our working group leads. We would love to talk with you!



The ODRC has slowly but surely gotten back into our volunteer work party routine. The first volunteer event of 2022 will be taking place April

30th at Heceta Dunes. North of Florence, turn on Heceta Beach Rd. then turn onto Fourth Ave to Joshua lane. This weed pull will be from 10-12. A guided hike is to follow for anyone interested. We plan to pull scotch broom and gorse for two hours and then break for a brief lunch. Those that are interested in a guided hike afterwards can join long-time Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area volunteer Dina Pavlis, Siuslaw National Forest Restoration Botanist Armand Rebeschke, and outreach coordinator Jamie Harrison to learn about the treatments and other successful projects that have been done at this site. Bring plenty of water, hiking shoes, and a lunch.

Photo by Jamie Harrison: A young scotch broom starting to bloom.

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!

Dont forget to watch Saving the Oregon Dunes: Short Film-Oregon's central coast is home to the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America. Home to hundreds of native bird and plant species, this unique landscape is a favorite for locals and thousands of visitors each year.

Unfortunately, non-native grass and plants were introduced to the landscape in an effort to stabilize the moving sand and protect roads and other infrastructure. These invasive species now threaten to overtake the remaining open sand. The Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative (ODRC) formed in an effort to protect this national treasure.

We hope you all enjoy this 7-minute video that dives deep into the the dune's history, and the origins of the ODRC. We encourage everyone to share this video broadly!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVx2dNTjyWA>

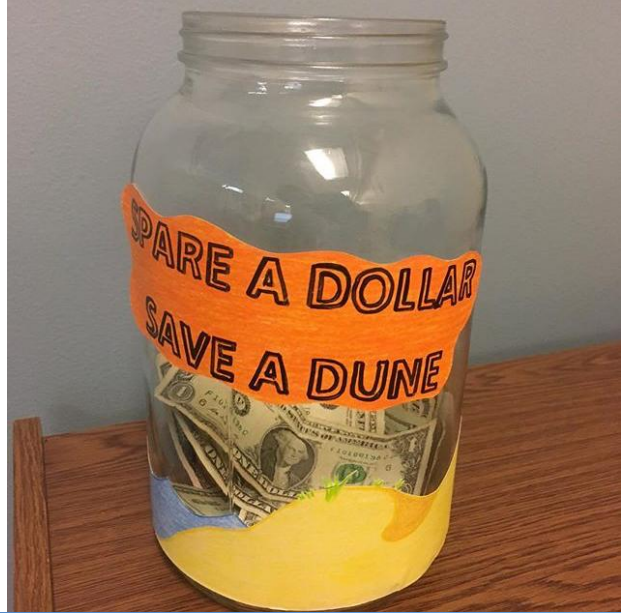
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small is crucial in the struggle to restore and preserve Oregon's beloved coastal sand dunes.

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