



SAVE THE DUNES OREGON



The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
May 2022

NEWS:

- Would you like to 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 Siuslaw's Stream Team in late March.
- The ODRC participated in SOLVE's annual spring beach cleanup.
- We will be hosting our second weed pull Saturday May 14th.



Upcoming Events:

- Volunteer work party. Scheduled for Saturday May 14th at 10AM. Please join us at Oregon Dunes Day Use Area. This volunteer weed pull will begin at 10 AM and end at noon. Please bring gloves. A shovel and small hand saw work well for the larger scotch broom. Limited tools will be provided. Bring water and good hiking shoes. This work takes place on the sand.
- **Directions:** Coming from the North head south on HWY 101 for about 11.5 miles, turn right into Oregon Dunes Day Use Area. Coming from the South, head north on HWY 101 for 11.5 miles and turn left into Oregon Dunes Day Use Area.

Working Group Updates

Communications, Outreach, & Education-

This month we will be working with Northwest Youth Corps (NYC). The Northwest Youth Corps offers education and job-training to help youth and young adults from diverse backgrounds. With this training and education young adults develop the skills they need to lead full and productive lives, while gaining valuable work experience. We are looking forward to working with them this month.

Our first work party of 2022 was a success! We had a group of dedicated volunteers show up despite the off and on rain. It was a great event and we'd like to thank those who attended our first event of the year. A lot of young scotch broom was pulled, which means it will not be going to seed this year!

The ODRC continues to work with Siuslaw middle schoolers Stream Team. The stream team is a 9 week watershed science class for all 7th graders that features a study of invasive species and 4 "Stewards of the Sand" field trips quarterly to remove scotch broom from the Oregon Dunes. They did a great job!



A pile of scotch broom that was cut and pulled by a group of Siuslaw's stream team. Photo by Jamie Harrison

Volunteering- We are currently looking for volunteers to help remove scotch broom and gorse. Please feel free to reach out to us or any of our working group leads. We would love to talk with you!

The ODRC is looking forward to its second volunteer weed removal work party scheduled for May. If you are interested you can reach us via email or facebook. Showing up to any event is always welcome.

Volunteers in Winchester Bay walk the beach picking up litter and washed up debris for SOLVE's annual spring beach cleanup.



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!

Oregon Dunes receive spotlight in these recent articles: [Statesman Journal](#) and [Eugene Weekly](#)

Still up and running is our **Short Film-** Saving the Oregon Dunes. 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>

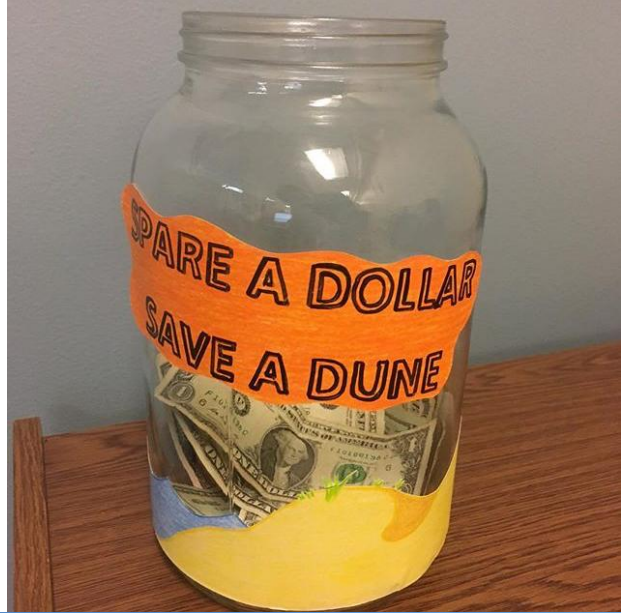
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fundraising efforts. Forward this email or share the link on social media to encourage others to support the efforts of the ODRC.

Your contribution, no matter how big or small is crucial in the struggle to restore and preserve Oregon's beloved coastal sand dunes.

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