

# SAVE THE DUNES OREGON



The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative  
June 2022

## NEWS:

- We are currently looking for volunteers to come help remove Scotch Broom and Gorse from the Oregon Dunes. See "Upcoming Events" below.
- The ODRC worked with Northwest Youth Corps. (NYC) earlier this month.
- We are also partnering with McKenzie River Trust this month see "Upcoming

Events" below.

- Tune in to KXCR 90.7 (Florence area this Friday June 10th at 11:30 AM and again on Saturday at 8:00 AM to listen to our outreach coordinator talk about her role with ODRC and upcoming events. It will also be available to hear any time beginning Friday online



<https://soundcloud.com/user.../sets/beyond-your-front-door>.

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### Upcoming Events:

- **Volunteer work party** scheduled for Saturday June 11th at 10AM. This event is a collaboration volunteer project with McKenzie River Trust. Please join us at Oregon Dunes Day Use Area. This volunteer weed pull will begin at 10 AM and end at noon with a guided hike to follow. 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. Local dune expert Dina Pavlis will be giving a guided hike after the weed pull event, all participants are welcome to join and learn about the Oregon Dunes. Due to limited tool supply please register for this event at [McKenzie River Trust](#). Bring snacks and/or lunch. Lunch is not provided.
- **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.
- **Volunteer work party** scheduled for Friday, June 17th at John Dellenback Trail. We will meet in the main parking area at 10 AM and hike and pull scotch broom along the western dune area until noon. Limited tools will be provided. Bring water and good hiking shoes. This work takes place on the sand. Registration is not required for this event.
- **Directions:** John Dellenback Dunes are located just west of Lakeside.

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### Working Group Updates

**Communications, Outreach, & Education-**

The ODRC had the great pleasure of 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.

The NYC crew consisted of a small group of six young adults. The team worked for four days North of Florence and exceeded all expectations. They cut some very large scotch broom that was in full bloom. Thanks to the crew those cut broom will not be dispersing seeds this year. The crew did a great job of digging below to the root system of the scotch broom. Digging and cutting as low as possible is an important part when cutting down large scotch broom. It's recommended to dig around the base of the large scotch broom and then cut as low as possible prevent future re-sprouting of the plant. See photos below for an idea on how large these bases and roots are.



*Above: A large scotch broom was cut into pieces to get to the base. Once the base of the scotch broom is exposed, then digging and removing as much of the plant is essential to prevent re-sprouting.*



*Above: The six NYC crew members.*



**Volunteering-** We are still hoping you or someone you know may be interested in joining our upcoming work parties. Reach out to us through email or social media to find out how you can become involved. Work parties are usually announced two weeks in advance.

Registration is not usually required. You can show up to any of our events. If you have tools, great, if not, we will have some you can borrow. Bring a friend or a family member, or just come out and enjoy a few hours on the dunes solo. We're always happy to see a new face.

**Volunteer(s) of the Month:** We have two special volunteers this month. We'd like to thank Jim Grano and Brad Hanscom for attending both of our events so far this season. Despite the rainy conditions Jim and Brad have both shown dedicated commitment to helping save the Oregon Dunes. They each show up ready to work rain or shine. Their positive attitude and hard work is greatly appreciated and is shown in the photo above. Jim and Brad, we thank you for your time and effort. We look forward to having your help at future events.

*Pictured above: Volunteers Jim Grano and Brad Hanscom strike a pose with their tool of choice for removing scotch broom. Jim and Brad have both been long time volunteers for the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative.*

***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!***

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!*

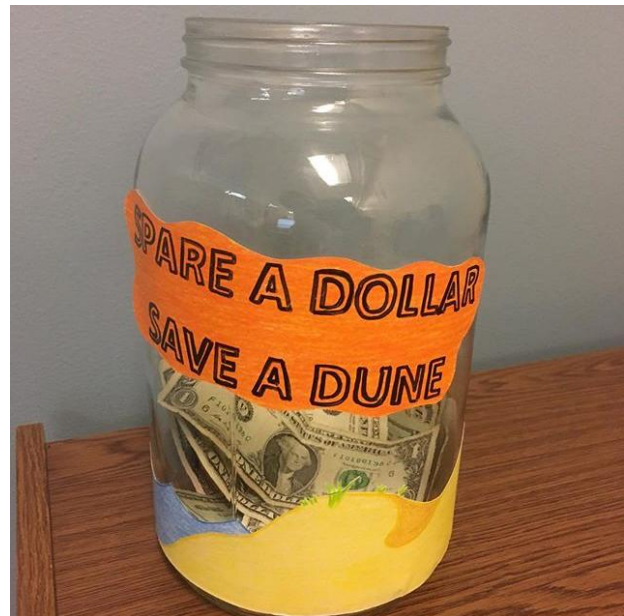
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVx2dNTjyWA>

### **Donating to the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative**

The ODRC accepts donations via PayPal! Donate to our fiscal sponsor, Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development, to contribute towards ODRC 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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