



SAVE THE DUNES OREGON



The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
August 2022

NEWS:

- Would you like to spend some time on the Oregon Dunes? Join us at a future work party. See "Upcoming Events" below.
- Our planned partnership event with McKenzie River Trust will be taking place in September. Stay tuned for exact dates and location.
- ODRC and Siuslaw School District receive \$5,000 grant that will provide money for tools and safety equipment needed for upcoming projects. Learn more in the "Communications, Outreach, & Education" below.



Upcoming Events:

- **Volunteer work party Saturday August 20th at 10 AM**

We are hosting another volunteer weed pull on **Saturday, August 20th** at John Dellenback Dunes. Please mark the date on your calendar. The work party will begin at 10 AM and go until noon. Bring water, a snack, sun protection, and good walking shoes. Basic hand tools will be provided.

Directions:

From Florence and Reedsport, travel south on Highway 101. Look for signs for "John Dellenback Dunes Trailhead". It will be on your right (West side of the highway) immediately after the Eel Creek Campground.

From Coos Bay, travel north on Highway 101. Look for signs for "John Dellenback Dunes Trailhead". It will be on your left (West side of highway) after crossing Tenmile Creek and the roads to Lakeside.

Park in the main parking lot.

Working Group Updates

Communications, Outreach, & Education-

Siuslaw Middle School students have been involved in Oregon Dunes stewardship actions since 2012 and have earned recognition from the USFS and Oregon Invasive Species Council, plus community acknowledgement and appreciation for their understanding the value of this unique habitat and their dedication to restoration work.

Stream Team teacher Amy Tregoning brings her class out to the Oregon Dunes for this hands on education. Students learn about stewardship, invasive species, and land restoration. Stream Team comes out to the Oregon Dunes several times a year at different sites as part of their curriculum. This student dunes-stewardship program will continue to expand to include elementary and high school classes.

Recently, Amy Tregoning and former Stream Team teacher Jim Grano collaborated to submit a grant for funding for some much-needed tools for the ODRC and Siuslaw School District. These tools and equipment are often shared by both groups (ODRC and Siuslaw School District). Ms. Tregoning was recently awarded \$5,000 in funding to carry out her project Oregon Dunes Habitat Restoration. This award was given by the NOAA Planet Stewards Review Board.

With this funding new tools will be purchased and a portion of this money is going to go toward safety equipment such as safety vests, eye protection, and an extra first aid kit. New equipment will include newly available Pullerbears (see photo below), much needed tools that are used to pull large scotch broom out of the ground. We will also be able to purchase more loppers, saws, and shovels to provide to student and ODRC volunteers. Importantly, the grant will fund substitute teachers and bus transportation for the school district as well.

On behalf of everyone at the ODRC we would like to thank Jim Grano and Amy Tregoning for their efforts in applying for this grant. We would also like to thank NOAA Planet Stewards and NOAA Ocean Service Education for awarding this \$5,000 grant (it was a national competition!). This is a wonderful opportunity for both the ODRC and Siuslaw School District. Thank you all!



Above: A Siuslaw School District bus brings students to the dunes yearly to get some hands on education about invasive species removal and land stewardship.



Volunteer Jim Grano recently helped in writing a grant. His efforts paid off and the Siuslaw School District and ODRC was awarded \$5,000 from NOAA Planet Stewards and NOAA Ocean Service Education. Jim is holding a Pullerbear, a tool used to pull large weeds from the ground. With the funding from this grant new Pullerbears will be purchased for Siuslaw School District and the ODRC.

Volunteering- We are always looking for more helping hands to join us at any of our volunteer work parties. Learn how to become involved by following us on Facebook or signing up on our website at www.saveoregondunes.org

Bring a friend or family member, or come solo. We're always happy to see a new face.

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!

Have you seen 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!

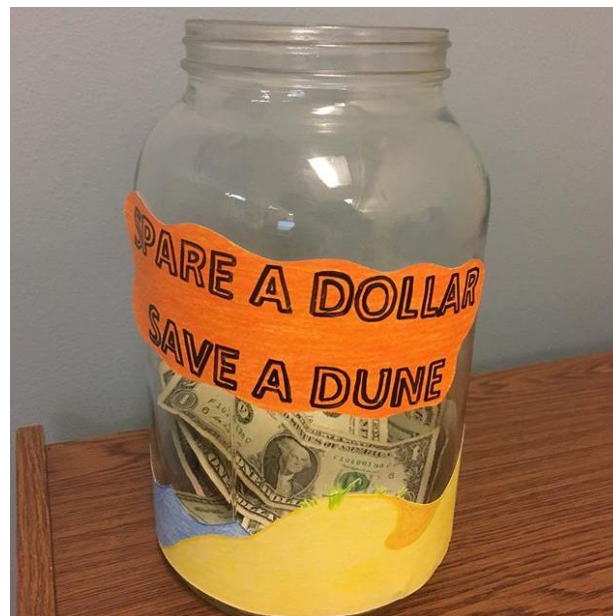
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVx2dNTjyWA>

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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