



SAVE THE DUNES OREGON



The Newsletter of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
October 2022

NEWS:

- Have you been enjoying our monthly newsletter? We'd like to thank you for your interest and support in the ODRC and Save the Oregon Dunes. We will be giving your inbox a break while we take a break for winter.



- We hope to start newsletters back in the spring and hope to have your support and interest when we return. Thank you!
- Join us for our final volunteer weed pull for the 2022 season. More information in the "Upcoming Events below.

- Our collaboration with McKenzie River Trust was a success as more than 15 people came to the Oregon Dunes from Eugene and surrounding areas. Volunteers removed large and small scotch broom from encroaching on the open sand areas at Oregon Dunes Day Use Area.
 - Oregon Wild will be hosting a hike at Tahkenitch Creek. For more information please visit their website www.oregonwild.org for more information.
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Upcoming Events:

- **Volunteer work party Saturday, October 22, at 10 AM.**

This event will take place at Oregon Dunes Day Use Area. We will pull and cut scotch broom for two hours. 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 travel south on Highway 101 for about 12 miles. Look for signs for "Oregon Dunes Day Use Area". It will be on your right (West side of the highway)

From Reedsport or South, travel north on Highway 101 for about 11 miles. Look for signs for "Oregon Dunes Day Use Area". It will be on your left (West side of highway)

We will meet in the main parking area.

- **Tahkenitch Creek Hike for the River Democracy Act** Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Distance: 1.5 mile loop with minimal elevation gain, some short up and down hill stretches through soft sand. If you'd like to hike more after we're done, the hike leader will suggest nearby options.

Leader: Oregon Wild's Western Oregon Field Coordinator Kelly Fuller

Location: 12 miles south of Florence in the Siuslaw National Forest

Tahkenitch Creek has been proposed for protection as a Wild & Scenic River through the River Democracy Act. Coho salmon travel the creek on their way between the ocean and nearby Tahkenitch Lake, a favorite with anglers. We'll traverse classic coastal woodlands and sandy dunes, keeping an eye out for fall mushrooms. The Forest Service requires a \$5 per vehicle parking fee or forest pass.

For more information or questions about this event please visit their website at www.oregonwild.org

Volunteer of the Month:



Volunteer Pietr Young is our volunteer of the month. Pietr recently started attending our volunteer weed pulls. Pietr is fairly new to the area and has enjoyed helping out the ODRC. We appreciate having her help us remove scotch broom. Thank you Pietr!

Volunteering- There's still time this season to volunteer at one of our weed pull events. Our last volunteer weed pull will take place in October and then we will break for winter. Learn how to become involved by following us on Facebook or signing up on our website at www.saveoregondunes.org. Weed pulls usually last for about 2 hours. There are plenty of ways to be involved with the ODRC. Contact us for more information.

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!

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>

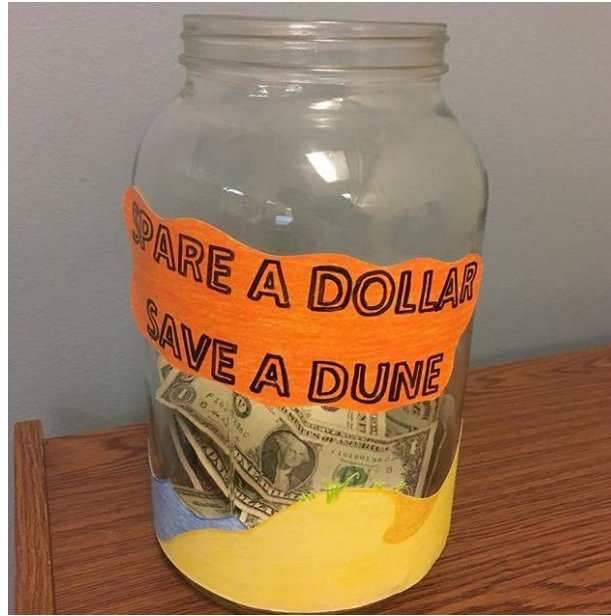
Donating to the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative

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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