
Letter: Volunteers needed to pull European beachgrass in Tolowa Dunes park

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Do you want to help restore dunes, benefit wildlife, and volunteer outside in a beautiful location? Then come out and work with us on Saturday (June 1, rain date June 2). Volunteers will trek into the beautiful Tolowa Dunes State Park and work to remove invasive European beachgrass on the shores of Lake Tolowa.

This event is a partnership between the California Conservation Corps Watershed Stewards Program in Partnership with AmeriCorps, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Natural Resources Department and the Tolowa Dunes Stewards. Friendly competitions will be held for who can pull the longest root and what teams can rack up the biggest piles.

Removing the highly invasive European beachgrass restores dunes to their native state, helps the lagoon breach naturally, and benefits tons of native plants and animals, including the threatened snowy plover and beloved salmonids like steelhead trout.

Volunteers should meet at the Lake Earl Information Center, 2591 Old Mill Road, Crescent City, at 9 a.m. Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring water and light snacks. Refreshments will be provided for volunteers at the beginning and end of the event. Restoration is a moderate activity and involves a two-mile round trip walk over level ground.

Please contact Brian Wagenaar at 952-237-1779 or Brian.wagenaar@tolowa.com with any questions.

The mission of the Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) is to conserve, restore, and enhance anadromous watersheds for future generations by linking education with high-quality scientific practices. A program of the California Conservation Corps, WSP is one of the most productive programs for future employment in natural resources. WSP is administered by California Volunteers and sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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