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Beachside State Park

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Erosion Control



Controlling Erosion Naturally

Over the past few winters, erosion and flooding have caused seasonal closure of Beachside State Park due to public safety concerns. To prevent this in the future, OPRD is promoting non-structural methods of erosion control. This method is far gentler and more environmentally sound than traditional structural methods, such as riprap or seawalls.

OPRD is collaborating with the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, and Lincoln County Planning and Development to find suitable long-term solutions.



Typical beach grass clump

Erosion Control at Beachside

The following non-structural methods are being applied at Beachside.

- Strategic relocation of beach grass clumps fronting the campground area to begin the process of rebuilding the foredune as a natural protective structure.
- Install sand fencing to enhance the capture of windblown sand.
- Construct a fence along the oceanfront campsites and reroute foot traffic. This will reduce erosion from heavy foot traffic.
- Install rollout walkways to reduce erosion from foot traffic on designated routes.

How You Can Help

The beach is here for you and your family to enjoy. We encourage you to continue to play and build sandcastles. The best sandcastle area is just above the wet sand area. Please note the following suggestions for helping us control erosion and keep this beach you love so beautiful.

- Please stay off the sand mounds and away from fencing. This will allow the wind to do its important work of carrying sand to build nature's protective structure, the foredune.
- Help protect the existing vegetation by using our designated beach access points only.
- Tell other campers about the benefits of this kind of erosion control.
- Use your sand bucket and fresh water to water beach grass clumps. This gets them established and helps them grow.

