

The **Gorse Action Group (GAG)** is an informal group of participants including federal and state agencies, non-profit organizations, private industry, and landowners. The GAG is working to control and reduce the spread of gorse, minimize the impact of gorse on our economy and natural resources, and provide a successful process to share with others facing gorse infestations. To learn more about our efforts, visit <https://gorseactiongroup.org/>.

Attending (26): Rhiannon Bezore (DLCD), Tyler Blanchette (OPRD) Gabi Bratt (Coquille Indian Tribe), Alex Cook (US FWS), Ed Cope (Coos WA), Leah Corral (Coquille WA), Liza Ehle (Windward Gardens), Courtney Gattuso (WIN, virtual), Anders Hansen (Coos WA), Jason Kral (City of Bandon), Jessica LaBerge (Governor’s Office), Celeste Lebo (OPRD), Erin Minster (Curry SWCD/CWP), Dana Nichols (City of Bandon), Glen Pederson (ODOT), Eric Perry (Coos WA), Carri Pirosko (ODA), Ivy Randall (Coquille WA), Hui Rodomsky (DLCD) Nick Schoeppner (OPRD), Marie Simonds (WRCA), Jordan Slayden (NRCS), Paula Thompson (WRCA), Aubrey Thorsen (Coos WA), Peter Van Ess (Agra Ag. Drone Services, LLC), Katie Woodruff (NRCS).

Action Items and links:

- [Highway 101 Demo Lessons Learned Summary](#).
- [GAG Revegetation Strategies, Strategic Plant Materials](#), OPRD Lebo.
- [Ocean Shores Presentation](#), OPRD Blanchette.
- [Anvil Fire Gorse Spread Mitigation video](#), USFS.
- Next meeting TBD for January. Steering Committee will be polled.
- Send topics or ideas to Erin
- Direct meeting video link: <https://youtu.be/og0gnqAk9-0>

Speaker	Topic	Notes
Erin M.	Welcome & intros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around the room introductions. • Moment of silence for victims of fires.
Celeste L.	Presentation: Strategic Revegetation Strategies Following Gorse Treatments Begins at minute: 0:08:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaiosome (fat body on seed) creates a vector of spread through ant activity. Seeds viable 30-70+ years. • Revegetation with natives after gorse removal builds resiliency in ecosystem. • Locally adapted stock is better suited to local climate, but availability is low. • How local is appropriate? Varies by species, can't generalize. • Local collection of seeds to supplement purchased stock is a good approach. • No good source of information on genetics of forbs, limited research on grasses. • See list of well-regarded producers in pdf.

All	Networking Break	
Tyler B.	Presentation: Ocean Shores Begins at minute: 0:49:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPRD has a recreational easement (Ocean Shores) from extreme low tide to the Statutory Vegetation Line (SVL) or line of established upland vegetation (EUV) whichever is further inland, managed for public access. • If permits are needed if the following activities are proposed within the Ocean Shores easement; vegetation cutting or removal, vehicle travel, shore protection, etc. • Permits process is designed to limit damage to the easement, beach access, infrastructure, wildlife, cultural resources, and private property. • Type of vegetation to be controlled, ie noxious weeds, is irrelevant to the need for a permit. • See presentation pdf for more specifics and resources.
Jessica L.	Regional Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica is our area's Regional Solutions contact for the Governor's office. They are the economic and community development arm. • Is available to help with community gorse projects.
Liza E.	Presentation: Sunset Cove Begins at minute: 1:37:32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liza gave a presentation to the City of Bandon with an overview of the Districting plan. They are making great progress with ~50 % voluntary control happening. • Letters of Support were received from Coquille Indian Tribe, US FWS, and private landowners. • One in District 3 is very complex requiring coordination on a lot of levels. Steep slopes, Ocean Shores, and private and public properties.
Courtney G.	GAG listserv, next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Invasives Network (WIN) has set up listservs using Google and is offering to do one for GAG. • This would relieve some work for GAG Lead as anyone can email the listserv and it goes to all parties. No more big cc'ed lists. • Lists are invite only. • We can use our existing Gmail account to set it up with Courtney's help. • Most present nodded in agreement that this would be useful.
Group	Misc. updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We got all of our GAG outreach handouts printed by EPA. Thanks, Carri P. for making that happen. • City of Bandon is putting on the Gorse Blossom Festival in 2024!! The Pub talk has been the highlight in years past. Dana N. at City is the lead and GAG will be present. • Agra Agriculture Drone Services LLC is working through licensing for aerial herbicide application. Peter Van Ess is owner/oprerator.
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