

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 (13): Erin Minster (Curry SWCD/CWP & GAG Coordinator), Eric Perry (Coos Watershed Association), Ivy Randall (Coquille Watershed Association), Leah Corral (Coquille Watershed Association), Katie Woodruff (NRCS), Liza Ehle (Windward Gardens and City of Bandon), Terry Wahl (local landowner) Jim Carr (MGB Forester), Ethan Grennan (ODF), Chase Villanueva (ODF), Leesa Cob (local landowner), Randy Wiese (ODF), Nick Schoepner (OPRD).

Action Items and links:

- **Copies of 2023 GAG Annual Accomplishments were handed out and reviewed**
- **Partner updates (see below)**
- **Contractor Module review- module was completed by Kara Klietz of Coos Watershed, this was reviewed as a group and Erin will edit a few things and send it to several other members to review, it will then be ready to go and Erin and Kara will get it up and running**
- **Site visit to Gorse CIS project on Grassy Knob Road: Leesa, Katie, and Jim walked everyone through the project and how successful it has been. Leesa emphasized how simple it was from the landowner side and how helpful Katie is through the process.**

Speaker	Topic	Notes
	Partner Updates	
Erin M.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many continuing projects, especially defensible space projects going on
Chase V.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to help landowners with gorse
Jim C.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on lots of powerline gorse • Contract crews are out spraying

Ethan G.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding lots of landowner interest in gorse projects
Ivy R.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of gorse projects happening in Coquille • Expanding work towards Bandon/Seven Devils area
Katie W.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The large funding that we were hopeful to get didn't come through, but hopefully next year there will be more.
Randy W.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing interest from landowners on gorse • Lots of work right now on SOD
Nick S.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired a new natural resource specialist, Rushal, who will be covering from Newport south adding capacity • Received new funding for gorse sites • Lost Lake trail project
Liza E.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason has been working hard, meeting very little landowner resistance now, there is huge momentum in the Bandon area with many happy landowners and a great contractor • Talked about leaving gorse mulch, while it is a temporary fire risk, it helps with erosion control • They are doing 2 overseedings on projects, perennial rye is doing very well in competing with the gorse seedlings, even through the mulch layer, and after a year can seed again • Another tip to use hedge trimmers before going in with saws • Remind contractors about sand on bluff areas, will go through chains very fast
All		Gorse CIS Visit to Grassy Knob Road
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