



Upper Deschutes River Coalition

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UDRC 2013 Annual Report

Our Mission: To protect Upper Deschutes River Communities by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat.

February 11, 2014

To: UDRC Stakeholders

On 2/19/2013 the Board of Directors approved an operations plan reflecting our goals and objectives for 2013. The Coalition's 2013 accomplishments are listed under each committee section.

The Leadership Team wishes to thank all of our Board members, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, volunteers and partners for their support of our achievements in 2013.

Carl Jansen, President

Jerry Hubbard, Vice President and Executive Director
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John Moore, Treasurer

Jim Larsen, Secretary

Leadership Committee

- In February 2013, confirmed active committee chairs as noted below:
 - Public Lands – Jim Larsen, Jon O’Shaughnessy and Jerry Hubbard
 - Private Lands – Monte Dammarell and Mick McMicken
 - Watershed – Jeff Wieland, Ray Cecchi and Jim Murphy
 - Education – Carl Jansen and Monte Dammarell
 - Fund Raising and Finance – Jerry Hubbard and John Moore
- Continued to communicate to the Board, partners and stakeholders, the role of the UDRC in Newberry Country related to the Coalition’s 2011 Strategic Plan and 2013 Operations Plan with a focus on:

Education	Wildlife	Community Involvement
Recreation	Forests and Rivers	Funding the UDRC
Economy		
- Carl Jansen and Mick McMicken were recognized by Project Wildfire for their leadership skills at the July 9th Project Wildfire banquet at the SHARC.
- Worked with the Deschutes County Community Development Department in implementing the Newberry Country Long Term Comprehensive Plan which incorporates features in our current 2011 strategic plan.
- Met with many of the 29 Coalition’s member neighborhood organizations to encourage participation in the Coalition’s mission, themes and funding.
- Managed the 2013 operations and grant budgets and reported the status to the board of directors monthly.
- Developed an emergency funding plan to provide funds for operations.
- Reviewed our UDRC 2013 operations plan with the Bend Ft. Rock Ranger District USFS, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Deschutes County Forester, Project Wildfire, Deschutes County Commissioners and other stakeholders.
- Reviewed our 2014 Operations draft plan with USFS Bend Ft. Rock Ranger staff. Distributed the Ops draft plan to our stakeholders for feedback.
- Completed a financial review of 2012 income and expenses to assure compliance to UDRC policies and nonprofit organization standards.
- Broadened UDRC involvement with Sunriver and La Pine Chambers of Commerce.
- Expanded the scope of our September 2013 Annual Appreciation meeting held at the SHARC (Sunriver Homeowners Aquatic & Recreation Center). Project Wildfire sponsored the BBQ lunch and improved the silent auction, raffle and awards activities. Net proceeds from the event were \$3,800.
- 2013 budget review:
 - Income
 - General donations \$9,997.
 - HOA donations \$4,950.
 - Jake Keller Fund \$62.
 - Corporate Sponsorships \$2,100.
 - Raffle/silent auction \$3,819.
 - Temporary restricted \$2,000.
 - Total \$22,927

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- Grant Funds
 - Deschutes Co. Fuels Treatment \$11,307.
 - County Grant \$1,500.
 - Ready Set Go Grant \$1,000.
- Interest \$2.
- Total Income \$36,737

- Expense
 - Biomass Removal Contractors \$14,556.
 - Operations \$27,931.
- Total Expense \$42,486.
- Net Ordinary Income \$-5,749.

Public Lands Committee

- Collaborated with Forest Service to incorporate fuels reduction and restoration projects based on priority areas identified in the Coalition public lands survey.
- Met with Forest Service staff to review fuel treatment plans for 2013 and informed Coalition Board members.
- Kept Coalition members informed on proposed Forest Service and BLM projects within the Coalition’s area and monitor ongoing projects.
- Participated in the Deschutes National Forest’s Provincial Advisory Committee by advocating activities focused on supporting the UDRC’s overall mission and the mission of the USFS. Jerry Hubbard has reapplied to the PAC in 2012 and the USFS will announce appointments in 2014.
- Assisted the USFS on other 2013 projects.

Private Lands Committee

- Steering committee composed of UDRC volunteers and numerous partners completed the updates of the UDRC’s 2013 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), revision number 3. First version adopted in 2004 which was the first CWPP in State of Oregon.

Summary of Broad Action Plan CWPP #3

Goals	Action	Entity Responsible	Timeline
		Steering Committee in cooperation with:	
Reduce hazardous fuels on public lands	Upon approval of this CWPP, forward copies of the 2013 UDRC CWPP to all public land managers and public safety officials. In addition make the CWPP available to developers, HOAs and any entities providing governance to	Project Wildfire	Upon CWPP approval in March 2013

	communities and organized neighborhoods.		
Reduce hazardous fuels on private lands	Engage communities in Sweat Equity or other fuels reduction projects on private lands.	Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
Reduce Structural Vulnerability	Identify and certify two (2) new communities for application under the national Firewise Communities USA program.	ODF, Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
	Identify and assess the water resources available for fire. Make recommendations for projects to ensure adequate water resources are available for fire suppression.	La Pine RFPD, UDRC	By 12/2015
Increase Awareness and Education	Provide FireFree and Firewise education and materials to all Communities at Risk - in addition to any ongoing educational events completed by those communities.	Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
Identify, Improve and Protect Critical Transportation Routes	Identify and map existing transportation and evacuation routes of concern. Identify at least one Community at Risk per year to approach and develop evacuation signage projects.	Project Wildfire, Deschutes County, ODOT	By 12/2015

- Coordinated the implementation of the Plan, Prep and Go! program with Project Wildfire and La Pine Fire District. Inserted Place Plan, Prep and Go! brochures in 5,000 copies of Newberry Eagle in Southern Deschutes County.
- Inserted the Coalition's defensible space brochure in the Newberry Eagle's December 15 issue of 4,000 copies. Funding by Deschutes County Commissioners grant of \$1,500.
- Completed the three year \$100,000 Deschutes County fuel reduction sweat equity program. Assisted in removing over 1,500 cubic yards of ladder fuel in 2013.
- Provided the Oregon Department of Forestry an updated SB360 compliance list for all inventoried properties within our CWPP boundaries.
- Coordinated with ODF for the nationally recognized FireWise certification of all UDRC neighborhood/communities possible. Add new members to our existing FireWise communities of Fall River, Crosswater, Caldera Springs, River Meadows, Spring River Fire & Safety Association and Wild River.
- Continued to collaborate with all other CWPP's in Deschutes County through Project Wildfire's leadership and pursue operational alternatives for improving our defensible space contracts, including cost sharing, sweat-equity, and increased volunteer programs.
- Continued collaborative fuel reduction programs with UDRC neighborhoods and County, State, and Federal agencies to optimize limited funding for forest health improvements in and bordering our Wildland Urban Interface.
- Used GIS neighborhood hazard maps to identify priority areas for fuel reduction projects. Secured approval by all relevant partners and the UDRC Board.
 - Continued to update GIS hazard maps for the 26 Coalition communities.

Watershed Committee

- Worked with partners and stakeholders to support sustainable stream flows and fish habitat in the Upper Deschutes River.
 - Continued UDRC sponsored public meetings and seminars on the issues facing the Deschutes River Basin.
 - With partner cooperation continued to develop a long range plan for improved public river access on the Upper and Little Deschutes Rivers.
- Coordinated the 7th annual river sweep with SOLVE on September 28th thus reinforcing community partnerships. Continue the river sweep including the Upper Deschutes from Wickiup to Benham Falls, the mouth of the Little Deschutes to State Rec Road, Spring River and Fall River tributaries. In 2013, removed over 1,000 pounds of litter.
- SOLVE - This year alone, our SOLVE 30,830 volunteers removed 289,565 lbs of trash and planted 18,220 native trees and shrubs. We accomplished this because of the generous support we receive from our volunteers and donors, and Oregon is a cleaner and more habitable place. On behalf of our abundant wildlife, and from the SOLVE team, we THANK YOU!

- Continued coordination with other non-profit organizations to leverage watershed programs and optimize funding opportunities.
- Continued study and communications with stakeholders on need for safer river access near Harper Bridge and north to Benham Falls.

Education Committee

- Improved our current website with relevant information for public use to support our mission and strategic themes.
- Produced e-newsletters on a quarterly basis highlighting current activities, volunteer projects and financial support.
- Distributed the UDRC landscape defensible space maintenance brochure for use by private property owners within the UDRC service area.
- Hosted a fall annual recognition event to further educate the public on UDRC and partner services.
- Continued to monitor and support recreational projects submitted in 2012 to U.S. Senator Wyden's Central Oregon Recreational Asset Committee, South Deschutes County Committee. The projects include bike/walking paths from La Pine to Sunriver to Bend.
- Coordinated with community stakeholders the concept of expanding the La Pine Park and Recreation District north of its current boundary to Spring River Road.

Fund Raising Committee

- Increased donations to the coalition through better communications to all stakeholders about the value the UDRC is delivering to our 29 neighborhoods in Newberry Country.

- Executive Director researched funding opportunities and submitted over 55 grant requests to foundations for funding into 2014. Jim Larsen, UDRC Secretary assisted in grant research.
- Collaborated with other organizations with similar natural resources goals to optimize funding and combined program strength.
- Participated with Deschutes County Project Wildfire and County Forester on fuel reduction grants for private lots and secure donations from landowners, i.e., cost sharing.



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