



Upper Deschutes River Coalition

Healthy Fire-Resistant Forests

Clean & Abundant Rivers

Beneficial Wildlife Habitat

UDRC 2014 Operations Plan

Approved 2/11/2014

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

To: Our UDRC Stakeholders

The Board of Directors on 2/11/2014 approved the 2014 Operations Plan and budget.

Key 2014 program changes and improvements focus on encouraging private lot owners to reduce their ladder fuel levels by doing it themselves or contracting with licensed and bonded ladder fuel contractors.

During the first quarter of 2014, the UDRC Leadership team and Mick McMicken and Jon O'Shaughnessy, Co-chairs of Private Lands committee will identify and list approved contractors on our web site www.udrc.org, click on Living in UDRC, Create a Defensible Space. Private lot owners are encouraged to reduce ladder fuel levels and dispose the fuel during the County's FireFree days in May 2014.

Another program change will be focused on instituting community stewardship projects with the USFS and BLM on adjacent public lands. This includes Besson Day Use and Big River boat access points on the Upper Deschutes River.

Thanks,

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Leadership Committee

- In February 2014, confirm active committee chairs as noted below:
 - Public Lands – Jim Larsen, Dean Richardson and Jerry Hubbard
 - Private Lands –Jon O’Shaughnessy and Mick McMicken
 - Watershed – Jeff Wieland, Ray Cecchi and Shaun Pigott
 - Education – Carl Jansen, Jerry Hubbard and Monte Dammarell
 - Fund Raising and Finance – Jerry Hubbard, Jim Larsen and John Moore
- Continue to communicate to the Board, partners and stakeholders on the role of the UDRC in Newberry Country related to the Coalition’s 2011 Strategic Plan and 2014 Operations Plan with a focus on:

Education	Wildlife	Community Involvement
Recreation	Forests and Rivers	Funding the UDRC

- Meet with many of the 29 Coalition’s member neighborhood organizations to encourage participation in the Coalition’s mission, themes and funding.
- Expand involvement of communities and neighbors in volunteer projects on public lands.
- Conduct more monthly meetings within UDRC communities.
- Broaden fund raising support.
- Encourage communities to join the board in an engaged manner.
- Recruit bike and watershed clubs like the Bend Paddle Alliance and others.
- Manage the 2014 operations and grant budgets and report the status to the board of directors monthly.
- Review our UDRC 2014 operations plan with the Bend Ft. Rock Ranger District USFS, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State Parks, Deschutes County Forester, Project Wildfire, Deschutes County Commissioners and other stakeholders.
- Complete a financial review of 2013 income and expenses to assure compliance to UDRC policies and nonprofit organization standards.

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- Maintain and expand the E news list and other contact lists to help educate key south county community neighbors.
- In cooperation with Project Wildfire host the third annual UDRC Appreciation Event at the SHARC on October 18, 2014.

Public Lands Committee

- Collaborate with the Forest Service to incorporate fuels reduction and restoration projects based on priority areas identified in the Coalition public lands survey:
 - Meadow restoration East of Spring River
 - Thinning and mowing West of River Meadows
 - Meadow restoration South of Oregon Water Wonderland Unit 1
 - Thinning West of Wild River
 - Thinning access road to Haner Park
- Work with USFS to explore stewardship agreements for owners bordering forest service property.
- Develop stewardship agreement for Besson Day Use Area and Big River Camp ground.
- Meet with Forest Service staff to review fuel treatment plans for 2014 and inform Coalition members.
- Keep Coalition members informed on proposed Forest Service and BLM projects within the Coalition's area and monitor ongoing projects.
 - Rocket project
 - Junction project
- Participate 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 early 2014.
- Partner with wildlife groups towards improving public lands for safer wildlife migration routes.

Private Lands Committee

- UDRC’s 2013 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), revision number 3.
 - In 2014, review the plan’s action items.

Summary of Broad Action Plan CWPP #3

Goals	Action	Entity Responsible	Timeline
		Steering Committee in cooperation with:	
Reduce hazardous fuels on public lands	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 communities and organized neighborhoods.	Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
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 eight (8) new communities for application under the national Firewise Communities USA program. Gatehouse, Sunriver Business Park, DRRH 1-5 and 9, Cougar Grove, River Forest Acres, OWW1 and 11.	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

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- Provide the Oregon Department of Forestry an updated SB360 compliance list for all inventoried properties within our CWPP boundaries.
- Develop plan and schedule for each neighborhood on the sweat equity program. Educate HOA's and property owners on involvement and payment for work.
- Create community wide education program on SB360, defensible space and Fire Wise.
- Plan use of La Pine High School Student Forestry Program in sweat equity work.
- Coordinate 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.
- Continue 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.
- Continue 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.
- Use GIS neighborhood hazard maps to identify priority areas for fuel reduction projects. Secured approval by all relevant partners and the UDRC Board.
 - Continue to update GIS hazard maps for the 29 Coalition communities.

Watershed Committee

- Participate with other stakeholders in the processes for addressing river flow issues.
 - Continue UDRC sponsored public meetings and seminars on the issues facing the Deschutes River Basin.
 - With partner cooperation continue to develop a long range plan for improved public river access on the Upper and Little Deschutes Rivers.
 - Keep the community informed of progress resolving the low winter & high summer flows on the Deschutes above Benham Falls.

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- Participate with the Joint Working Group related to a future water management agreement, Basin Water Study, Deschutes Water Planning Initiative, Habitat Conservation Plan, and the Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation Program.
- Develop educational programs related to the Oregon Spotted Frog.
- Coordinate the 8th annual river sweep with SOLVE on September 27th 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. By July 1, select a chair person to manage the sweep in cooperation with numerous community groups.
- Continue coordination with other non-profit organizations to leverage watershed programs and optimize funding opportunities.
- Continue study and communications with stakeholders on need for safer river access on the Upper Deschutes River and proposed boat access facilities near Harper Bridge and other key launch areas.

Education Committee

- Improve our current website with relevant information for public use to support our mission and strategic themes.
- Produce and distribute E-newsletters on a quarterly basis highlighting current activities, volunteer projects and financial support.
- Distribute the UDRC Landscape Defensible Space Maintenance brochure for use by private property owners within the UDRC service area.
- Continue 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.
- Coordinate with community stakeholders the concept of expanding the La Pine Park and Recreation District north of its current boundary to Spring River Road including the Spring River community.

Fund Raising Committee

- Develop a program to list ladder fuel reduction contractors on UDRC web site and E News for a yearly fee of \$75.

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- Increase donations to the coalition through better communications to all stakeholders about the value the UDRC is delivering to our 29 neighborhoods in Newberry Country.
- Research funding opportunities and submit grant requests to foundations for funding in early 2014.
- Collaborate with other organizations with similar natural resources goals to optimize funding and combined program strength.
- Participate with Deschutes County Project Wildfire and County Forester on fuel reduction grants for private lots and secure donations from landowners, i.e., cost sharing.
- Develop a program for a road side pickup of woody material for property owners at a fee to support the Coalition.
- Develop a program to ask HOA and neighborhoods to become paid members of the Coalition.
- Develop personal relationship with individuals, firms and foundations to aid in fund raising.

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