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Our Mission:

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

Please review our 2012 Annual Report and 2013 Operations Plan at:
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Click Who We are and Stakeholders for a map of our service area and each neighborhood

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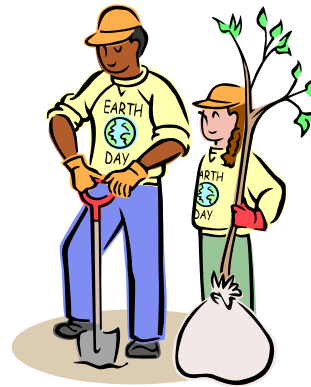
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President's Message – Earth Day!

Hi Everyone,

Please welcome our newest sponsors – Sunriver Resort and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation. Thank you for your financial support!

Earth Day is the 22nd of April and spring is here and it is time to reduce the ladder fuel from your property.



Many residents of Newberry Country celebrate Earth Day in various ways. Since 2005, The Coalition has worked hard to improve our little piece of the earth by helping residents reduce the threat of wildfire, improve fish habitat on the Upper Deschutes River and work with the Forest Service on closing roads and river bank restoration.

Besides fuel reduction the Coalition is working towards improving communications to our Board of Directors, our partners and residents of Newberry Country. Please check out our newly updated website at www.udrc.org, especially the home page with easy access to the many support activities provided by the UDRC.

Since 2005, we have invested over \$611,000 in our service area. A large portion of our grant funding went to reducing the threat of wildfires on private property. The table below lists our investments in neighborhoods and what neighborhoods and residents have invested in the Coalition.

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UDRC Investments Per Neighborhood and Neighborhood Donations

2005 - 2013			
			4/2/2013
Neighborhood	NFP/WS 2007-10 Fuel Grants Investments	County Sweat Equity 2011-13 Investments	2005-2013 Neighborhood Donations
Beaver Road District		\$ -	\$ 250
Caldera Springs	\$ -	\$ 360	\$ 3,370
Cougar Grove	\$ 16,200	\$ -	\$ 575
Crosswater	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,735
DRRH 1-5	\$ 102,229	\$ 6,364	\$ 5,171
DRRH #6	\$ 4,236	\$ 7,835	\$ 395
DRRH #9	\$ 1,467	\$ 4,657	\$ 2,075
Fall River	\$ -	\$ 3,795	\$ 1,340
Haner Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,360
Lazy River	\$ 3,963	\$ 10,490	
OWW 1	\$ 55,000	\$ 2,735	\$ 2,345
OWW 2	\$ 53,595	\$ 11,814	\$ 2,320
Pinewood Country Estates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50
River Forest Acres:	\$ 4,752	\$ 12,323	\$ 2,615
River Meadows	\$ -	\$ 14,109	\$ 4,050
Sundance	\$ 23,900	\$ -	\$ 1,700
Spring River	\$ -	\$ 7,560	\$ 4,415
Sunriver Business Park	\$ -	\$ 8,222	\$ 1,250
Vandever Ranch	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 1,250
Total	\$ 271,342	\$ 90,264	\$ 39,266

Please attend our next stakeholder meeting on April 16 at the Sunriver Library. We have a lot of important information to share from our speakers and committee co-chairs.

Also please provide e mail addresses to me for people who might want to receive future issues of the E News in 2013. Send them to carlj@searchna.com

Have a good Earth Day.

Carl Jansen
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2013 Meeting Schedule:

www.udrc.org
[click on Events](#)

Please attend our Board and Partner meetings at the Sunriver Public Library at 12:30 p.m. on:

Next meeting is April 16th.

Communities represented by the Upper Deschutes River Coalition:

Beaver Road District

Caldera Springs

Cougar Grove

Crosswater

Deschutes River Recreational Home sites 1-5; 6; 8; & 9.

Fall River Estates

Haner Park

Lazy River West

Huntington Road West

Oregon Water Wonderland # 1 & 2

Pinewood Country Estates

River Forest Acres

River Meadows

Spring River Fire & Safety Assn.

Sun Country Estates

Sundance - Sunriver

Thousand Trails

Vandevent Acres Road District

Vandevent Ranch

Whispering Pines

Wild River Assn.

Who We Are!

The UDRC is a multi-issue, project-based nonprofit coalition representing a broad range of interests among its 26 member communities, Federal, State, County and other stakeholders.

Our UDRC's Twenty Year Vision Statement: *Communities and partners aware of the issues, engaged, collaborating and acting together to create and maintain a healthy, scenic and sustainable environment where everyone is able to live with their core values.*

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

UDRC's Primary Role: The Upper Deschutes River Coalition is the lead organization in its 69,000 acre Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) to catalyze and coordinate its stakeholder's, community neighbors, public, nonprofits and partners. For example, of primary importance is to first educate, and advocate, gather factual information and be the voice of reason in ongoing wildland fire, water rights, and native habitat issues.

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Leadership Committee

- **CWPP** - The Board of Directors approved the Coalition's fourth edition of our Community Wildfire Protection Plan at our March 19th board meeting. The plan can be viewed at www.udrc.org under the tab Forests.
- **2013 Sponsorship Opportunities** – the Coalition is looking for businesses, organizations or individuals to co-sponsor the Coalition's direct operations in 2013 with a total funding goal of \$20,500. More information is in the Fund Raising section below. Support ranges from \$250 and up.
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Public Lands Committee

- **USFS Maps** – download maps using the link below.
 - <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/centraloregon/maps-pubs>

The Sunriver - Lava Lands paved path - project was approved for implementation. The path will connect the Lava Lands visitor's center with the Deschutes river trail system and Sunriver. Construction will begin in 2014. Project documents are available at:

http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=39685

Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project - An extension of the boundary of the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project to include areas surrounding Sunriver has been proposed. If approved, this will enable funding for fuels treatments and restoration over a large landscape North of the Coalition area.

Prescribed burns - are planned East of Sunriver along S. Century Drive this Spring. Prescribed burns are also planned along Road 41 West of Sunriver in Spring or Fall.

Private Lands Committee

- **Ladder Fuel Reduction** – Sunriver Business Park – we completed work on three lots in the Business Park.
- **FireFree Days** –

Will your home survive a wildfire?

Save the dates for upcoming FireFree Recycling Events!

Fire science tells us that if you have created and maintained a defensible/survivable space around your home, it has an 80% chance of surviving a wildfire without fire department assistance. Those are great odds and FireFree encourages residents to take that bet and get prepared for the upcoming wildfire season. Now is the time to clean up your yards and create defensible spaces around homes and recycle that debris at FireFree collection sites FOR FREE in Deschutes and Jefferson Counties.

Friday, May 3 THROUGH May 11 at Knott Landfill in Bend (*closed Sunday*).

Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18 at Deschutes County Transfer Sites:
Southwest Transfer Station in La Pine

Friday & Saturday May 3 & 4 at the Sunriver Compost Site in Sunriver.

FireFree reminds you to take a look around your property in the “home ignition zone” where glowing embers can ignite spot fires and vulnerable areas like decks, patios and fences that can spread flames to your home. And take advantage of upcoming FireFree Recycling Events to dispose of

the debris for FREE.

Where are your most vulnerable places for glowing embers to ignite your home?

- Are your gutters and roof valleys free from debris like pine needles and leaves? Clean them out. Despite a metal or asphalt shingle roof, the buildup of gutter debris provides necessary fuel for the glowing embers to ignite adjacent fascia boards or siding – most often made of wood.
- Do your shrubs and weeds provide a path of fuel for fire to reach your trees or home? Reduce shrubs and other “ladder fuels” around your home to reduce the threat of ground fires igniting nearby trees, or your home.
- What can catch fire on your deck or patio or near your fence? Remove weeds, shrubs or any combustible materials from around, under or on top of your deck, patio or wood fence. This includes toys, planters, construction materials, patio furniture and cushions along with even small piles of pine needles or leaves.
- Is your wood pile near your home or other combustible vegetation? Move wood piles at least 20 feet away from your home or other combustibles.

Visit the FireFree website at www.firefree.org for more information about how you can prepare your property for wildfire season.

Volunteers Needed: each landfill site needs at least two people per day, all day. Just direct traffic, no unloading needed.

Note, without the staffing, Solid Waste won't allow FireFree days.

Watershed Committee

Working together to find solutions -The Deschutes River Conservancy, in partnership with the Deschutes Water Alliance, recently hosted a Deschutes Water Planning Initiative Goal-Sharing Workshop to provide a forum for stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of water needs in the Upper Deschutes. 70 people attended, bringing the diverse water interests in the Basin together. Participants spoke and listened respectfully to each other and showed an appreciation for the different values of the river.

The workshop was an excellent step in forging a collective understanding of water needs for the river, for farms and for growing cities. Stay tuned as we continue to work with stakeholders on a long-term solution to water management. [For more information about](#)

[this meeting please click to read the summary here.](#)

Benham Falls Area, Upper Deschutes River – UDRC Funding Goal \$5,000

Project Location: Deschutes River near Sunriver, east bank of river. TS 19S, R11E, NW1/4 of Section 20. Near river mile post 185.

Project Size: 1 acre

Project description: User-created extension of spur road 640 led to the river where considerable damage to soils, vegetation, and riverbank has occurred from vehicle traffic and dispersed camping. Road 640 has recently been closed where user-created extension began.

Project Proposal: (1) restore compacted soils through sub-soiling; (2) plant vegetation (upland shrubs and grasses); and (3) restore approximately 150 feet of riverbank through tree placement, bank sloping, and riparian vegetation planting. User created roads that begin at the restoration site and head up and down river would also be closed and sub-soiled at the junctions.

Restoration of activities would be consistent with management direction of the Deschutes LRMP, Upper Deschutes River Wild and Scenic River Management Plan, and INFISH.

Restoration would occur in the fall after flows in the river drop (mid-October). De-compacting soils would be accomplished either by sub-soiler or excavator with toothed bucket. Tree placement (approximately 12-15 trees) and bank sloping would also be accomplished with the excavator.

Trees (lodgepole pine approximately 12-15” diameter and 60 feet length) could be pushed over on-site. Planting and seeding in both the uplands and riparian area would be done by hand crews. Stock for riparian plants such as sedge plugs and willows would be taken from on-site sources in the spring and grown for one growing season at private nursery with fall planting anticipated.

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The UDRC is looking for partners to help fund the work. Also volunteers will be needed for this project in the summer of 2013! Send funding commitment e mails to Jerry and funds are due June 1, 2013. Funding commitments please e mail or call Jerry Hubbard at jhubbard@chamberscable.com or 541-390-9798.

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- **Abandoned/sinking Pontoon Boat** - Upper Deschutes River – the Deschutes County Sherriff are working to get the owner of the boat to get it out of the river. The owner will tow the boat to La Pine State Park and remove it from the river by mid-April.
- **Oregon State University – The Deschutes River at the SHARC 4/16/13**

Science Pubs in Central Oregon, sponsored by OSU Cascades is coming to the SHARC on Tuesday, April 16, 2013. This lecture is free, but you must register in advanced. Seating is limited. Registration opens 6 weeks before the lecture (this will be approximately March 5), and closes the day before the lecture. Please go to the following website to register.

<http://www.osucascades.edu/sciencepubs> When the registration period is open, In the body of the text that describes the lecture on their website will appear the text: "Use this online form to RSVP to . . . "Networking begins at 5:30 pm and the lecture begins at 6:30 pm. Normally the Science Pub are at locations that provide a full menu and a no host bar. We will try to get more information on how this will work for the particular lecture held at SHARC. SHARC (*Sunriver Homeowners Aquatic & Recreation Center*) is located off Circle 2 in Sunriver.

Save the Date

UDRC Annual Appreciation Event at the Sunriver SHARC

September 21, 2013

The Coalition's Annual Appreciation Event and BBQ Lunch is one of the Coalition's signature events. Please plan and join us for a festive afternoon of great food, silent auction and a nice raffle. Bid on exclusive items, unique art, and other wonderful items.

All proceeds from the event directly support the Coalition's mission to protect Upper Deschutes River Communities by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat.

Tickets are \$10 per person (includes lunch, soft drinks and two raffle tickets).

Fund Raising Committee [Donate to the UDRC Today](#)

Foundation Search America

The Coalition has purchased a one year subscription to Foundation Search America (FSA) which we believe is the best search engine to locate potential foundation and corporate donors. Carl, John Moore, Jonathan Kahnoski and Jerry Hubbard have taken the FSA training. Jerry and Jonathan will be the primary users and will be co-writing grant requests.

UDRC Sponsor Program

To be “The” sponsor of the Coalition for 2013 for \$20,500 and receive recognition in the following ways:

- UDRC web home page, Listing in the Quarterly E news,
- Listing on the UDRC’s letterhead,
- Listing on the UDRC’s E mail signature lines,
- Recognition at the UDRC’s monthly meetings,
- Recognition at UDRC special events,
- Recognition at UDRC annual appreciation event
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Other sponsor levels at \$250 and \$500 include recognition:

- Listing on the UDRC web home page,
- Listing in the Quarterly E news,
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- Recognition at UDRC annual appreciation event
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If you would like to discuss being a sponsor contact Jerry Hubbard, VP & Executive Director at jhubbard@chamberscable.com or 541 390 9798

Community News

Great Travel Sites

- Check out two great visitor sites:
 - <http://www.visitcentraloregon.com> Visit Central Oregon
 - <http://traveloregon.com/> Travel Oregon

La Pine Fire District Seeks to Renew Tax Levies May 21 Election

9-89 and 9-90 Keeps tax rates and services the SAME and asks the community to **renew** existing support.

5-year levy for Operations at the current rate of .64/1000 or \$64 per year for a \$100,000 home to replace the expiring 5-year levy.

10-year levy for Capital at the current rate of .23/1000 or \$23 per year for a \$100,000 home to replace the expiring 10-year Bond.

These are NOT new taxes, and voting for 9-89 and 9-90 will not increase your tax rate. However Oregon tax initiative law does require that the wording "*This measure may increase your taxes*" be placed on the official ballots and mailings for any measure. Please do not let this confuse your decision.

What does the taxpayer support and funding go for:

The 5-year Operations Levy will keep District taxpayer rates the same and maintains the current levels of fire and emergency medical services. The local option operating levy will **renew** the existing levy which was first approved in 1998 that provides funds that:

- Maintains two 24 hour / seven days a week paramedic units in service. The District responds to at least two or more concurrent emergency calls 305 times a year.
- Maintains at least one paramedic/firefighter officer in the District at all times to ensure on-duty response to multiple simultaneous calls and/or when all paramedic units are out of the District and transporting patients to Bend. The District has three or more simultaneous calls 72 times a year.
- Maintains operations out of all three District fire stations - Huntington, Burgess/Day and South Century Drive.
- Maintains volunteer reserve and student scholarship programs which provide an average of 4 additional personnel per shift to respond to calls.
- Allows for staffing a third ambulance or fire engine company.
- Maintains the new, improved 2012 community ISO insurance rating which results in lower insurance costs. A home insured for \$100,000 pays an average of \$521 a year LESS in property insurance due to the District's rating.
- Allows continued grant matches for equipment, apparatus and facilities which lowers overall costs. The District has received over \$800,000 in competitive grants and equipment over the recent few years because it can show the community's ability and willingness to match grant support.
- Maintains 21 career firefighter paramedics.
- Maintains 21 volunteer student resident/scholarship firefighters and reserve firefighters.

The proposed 10-year capital levy will keep District taxpayer rates the same and **renews** and sustains the current level of fire and emergency medical services. It replaces an expiring 10-year capital bond levy, the most recent of four successive bonds, the first being approved in 1974. The advantage of a local option levy is the tax payers do not pay for the cost of issuing a new bond and there is no interest payment. The District will also be debt free for the first time since its inception. This proposal will save over \$336,000 over the life of the measure while maintaining levels of service. The local option capital levy is projected to fund over ten years:

- Replacement of three paramedic ambulances which each average 150,000-200,000 miles at replacement.
- Replacement of three 25 year old wildland fire engines.

- Replacement of one 20 year old structural fire engine.
- Replacement of one 25 year old water tender/tanker.
- Replacement of one 25 year old first response/quick attack fire truck.
- Replacement of two 15 year old utility vehicles with over 160,000 miles at replacement.
- Replacement of 15 year old self contained breathing apparatus for firefighters.
- Replacement of 10 year old firefighter protective clothing and gear.

Information from La Pine Rural Fire Protection District.

The Upper Deschutes River Coalition is a 501 c 3 nonprofit corporation: Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Please make your check payable to "Upper Deschutes River Coalition"

Our Tax ID Number is 03-0557393

Appreciated Stock Gifts are Welcome!

For more information call 541-593-2777 or visit www.udrc.org

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