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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:
www.udrc.org

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President's Message – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Hi Everyone,

Our 2013 plans to improve our community promises to be better than 2012. Please review our E News for more information.

The Deschutes County Community Development department has finalized the "Newberry Country" plan to be presented to the public at the Sunriver SHARC on March 12 at 6 pm. We encourage you to attend the meeting and meet our county Commissioners and planning staff.

The UDRC membership has been very active in providing essential input to the plan which will have an impact on our communities. The Newberry Country plan aligns well with our UDRC 2011 Strategic Plan.

Please attend our next stakeholder meeting on March 19 at the Sunriver Library. We have a lot of important information to share from our two speakers and committee co-chairs.

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 day.

Carl Jansen

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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.*

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2013 Meeting Schedule:
www.udrc.org

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

Next meeting is March 19,
Then April 16th.

Communities represented by the Upper Deschutes River Coalition:

Beaver Road District

Caldera Springs

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

- **2013 Operation Plan and Budget** – the Board of Directors approved the 2013 Operations Plan at the February 19, 2013 Board/Partner meeting. A copy of the plan is on our web site www.udrc.org
- **2012 Annual Report** – was released on Jan.6. A copy is on our web site at www.udrc.org
- **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

- Pole Creek Fire – report from the US Forest Service:
 - http://www.deschuteslandtrust.org/news-reports/pole-creek-fire-recovery-slidecast-from-the-january-nature-night-presentation?utm_source=Feb+2013+enews&utm_campaign=feb13+Enews&utm_medium=email
- **USFS Proposed Welcome Center and Trail Projects** – the UDRC Board of Directors voted to support in concept the project as defined in the USFS letter of 2/4/2013.
- **USFS Maps** – download maps using the link below.
 - <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/centraloregon/maps-pubs>

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
 Vandeventer Acres Road
 District
 Vandeventer Ranch
 Whispering Pines
 Wild River Assn.



84% of WUI Lands Undeveloped and New Building Will Drive Fire Costs

As part of our ongoing research on fire costs, this new study shows 84 percent of private lands near fire-prone public forests in the West today are undeveloped. Using 2010 Census data we provide both county-by-county and state-level analysis along with rankings.

Private Lands Committee

- **Ladder Fuel Reduction** – Sunriver Business Park – we completed work on two lots in the Business Park. The remaining lot will be completed in March depending on snow conditions.
- **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** – The Coalition, Project Wildfire and our Federal, State and County partners have completed the third revision of our UDRC CWPP. The plan will be ready for approval at the Coalition’s March 19, 2013 Board/Partner meeting. Project Wildfire’s Katie Lighthall did a great job in writing the document with input from many UDRC stakeholders.
 - The report is at the link below:
 - [http://www.projectwildfire.org/images/uploads/2013%20UDRC%20draft%202-15-13\(1\).pdf](http://www.projectwildfire.org/images/uploads/2013%20UDRC%20draft%202-15-13(1).pdf)
- **FireFree Days** – dates set. Plan to remove ladder fuel on your property and deposit at the sites notes below at no cost to you:

SW Transfer Station 8AM-4PM

May 17-18, 2013

Sunriver Compost Site
 May 3 & 4

Bend

Knott Landfill 7AM-4:30PM
 May 3-11, 2013 (*closed Sunday*)

May 17-18, 2013

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.

During the 2012 FireFree Days the results of Material Collected were:

Site	Cubic Yards
Knott Landfill	17,919
Westside	4,773
La Pine	1,329
Redmond	1,649
Sisters	831
Alfalfa	3
Sunriver	726
Madras	219
Total	27,449

Watershed Committee projects include:

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. [Donate to the UDRC Today](#) for this project.

- **Abandoned/sinking Pontoon Boat** - Upper Deschutes River – the Deschutes County Sherriff and the Oregon Marine Board are working to get the owner of the boat to get it out of the river. Maybe it will be removed in 2013. The boat has been there for two+ years.

- **Oregon SOLVE Report on 2012 work:** THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers and donors! This past year you made a huge difference to improve Oregon's environment. We're still collecting project information, but in 2012 more than 33,000 volunteers:
 - Participated in **846** projects;
 - Removed **386,271** pounds of trash;
 - Recycled **16,210** pounds of metal, plastic, and paper;
 - Planted **27,904** native trees and shrubs; and
 - Cleared **52** acres of non-native invasive plants
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- **Change in steelhead designation eases restoration efforts**
 - January 29th, 2013 Deschutes River Conservancy article:



Photo: Fish Eye Guy Photography

This month, the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#) announced that the designation of steelhead trout released above Round Butte Dam on the Deschutes River will be changed from endangered to experimental under the Endangered Species Act. The designation as experimental will occur for 12 years and when the experimental period ends in 2025, protective regulations that apply to the larger Middle Columbia steelhead population will also extend to this population.

The change in designation will allow irrigation districts and water users in Central Oregon more flexibility to develop a cooperative conservation plan.

“People who want to do good things for fish species will now be able to do so without going through the complexities of the Endangered Species Act consultation process,” said Amy Stuart of the [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#). “It will support steelhead reintroduction in the Deschutes Basin by giving an incentive to water users to establish a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and implement habitat improvement projects for the HCP in a faster, simpler way.”

This new federal designation is encouraging news for our work at the Deschutes River Conservancy because it will allow water users and partners dedicated to reintroduction efforts to more easily work together for the mutual benefit of fish, farmers and cities.

- **More water in Wickiup means more water in the Deschutes!**

Have you noticed higher than normal flows in the Deschutes River this winter? That's because the contents of Wickiup Reservoir are above average (89% full), so more water is available to be released into the Deschutes River. This is great news for fish and other wildlife that call the Deschutes home. This is also good news for Central Oregon farmers

because this means that their water supply for the hot, dry months next summer is accumulating ahead of schedule. From: Deschutes River Conservancy.

Irrigation districts share water for mutual gain

Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) is in the process of piping almost one mile of their I-Lateral canal, located near the Alfalfa Store & Feed. The conserved water from this project will be transferred to farms in North Unit Irrigation District (NUID). NUID will, in turn, transfer 5 cfs instream to the Crooked River to restore critical steelhead habitat. This project upgrades COID's canal system while reducing NUID's reliance on Crooked River water. A win across the board for the irrigation districts and fish!



The I-Lateral was one of the leakiest canals in Central Oregon Irrigation District.

Source – Deschutes River Conservancy

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.

Why is the Deschutes River So Peculiar? The Curious Case of Cascadian Rivers.

[Gordon Grant](#), USDA Forest Service; OSU Forest Engineering, Resources and Management, OSU College of Forestry; Institute for Water and Watersheds, OSU College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences

“...the Deschutes is of special interest to geographers, as it exhibits certain peculiarities not commonly met with”

Early Oregon geographer Israel C. Russell in 1905

It starts on the slopes of Mt. Bachelor, winds south then north, depletes to a trickle then swells into a river of enormous flow volume. Over time it has flooded and been dammed and adored by fishermen. The Deschutes River is spectacular – and peculiar, as you will learn. Research hydrologist Gordon Grant will explore how the Deschutes and other rivers of the Cascades teach us how rivers in the western U.S. – and beyond - are likely to change and where water is likely to be abundant and scarce in the future, issues important to all Oregonians.

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](#)

UDRC Sponsor Program – Sponsors will be featured on the Coalition’s web site, our E News, and at our monthly Board and partner meetings.

New Sponsorship – Co-Sponsor of the Upper Deschutes River Coalition for 2013!

Co-sponsorship of the Coalition for 2013 and receive recognition in the following:

- UDRC web home page and additional pages web site,
- Quarterly E news,
- Letterhead,
- E mail signature lines,
- Monthly meetings,
- Special events,
- Annual appreciation event

If you would like to discuss being a sponsor contact John Moore, UDRC Treasurer at jjemoore@msn.com

Community News

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.

Also on the ballot is election of three La Pine Fire District Board of Directors:

- **Jerry Hubbard**, Director, La Pine Fire District, is running for reelection on the May 21, 2013 election. Jerry is VP and Executive Director of the UDRC.
- **Jim Williams**, Director, La Pine Fire, is running for election. Jim was appointed to the Board in January 2013.
- **Doug Cox**, President of the Board is running for another three year term.

La Pine Parks and Recreation – New Director – Bob Schulz

Bob worked as Director of Development for Tualatin Hills as a consultant. Previous to that, he was Marketing and Business Development Manager at Portland Parks & Recreation for thirty years. He also did Business Development for the City during that time.

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