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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 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Operations Plan at: www.udrc.org

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President's Message:

Fellow UDRC Stakeholders:

We have lots going on and some of the highlights are:

Annual Silent Auction & Appreciation Event – Sunriver SHARC October 18th

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Appreciation event**. Project Wildfire will be doing BBQ Tri Tips with all the trimmings. Sunriver Brewing Company, a UDRC sponsor will be selling beer for \$5. Wines will be supplied by Willamette Valley Vineyards.

Silent auction requests – if you have products or services you would like to donate for the silent auction and the raffle please e mail Jerry Hubbard, VP, at jhubbard@chamberscable.com Last year we generated over \$4,000 for the UDRC operations budget. Our goal this year is \$6,000 plus.

The Coalition and the US Forest Service have entered into a five-year agreement to share labor and funds to reduce hazardous fuels on Forest Service and adjacent private lands. The USFS news release is in the Public Lands section of the e news. The Forest Service will contribute up to \$5000 for supplies, services, and administration with matching funds from the Coalition.

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The USFS is working with Jim Larsen, chair of the Public Lands Committee (Jim Larsen stagestop16439@gmail.com) to obtain input from our board members and their communities on a proposed USFS fuel reduction plan that could be implemented in Fall 2015 if funding is available.

The SOLVE river cleanup is set for September 27, 2014. Volunteers will be removing trash from Wickiup Dam to Benham Falls.

The National Forest Foundation approved the Coalition's grant of \$11,470 to improve Benham Falls. Work is underway and a group of volunteers have cleaned and painted educational signs, information Kiosks and restrooms.

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2014 Meeting Schedule:
www.udrc.org

Please attend our Board and Partner meetings at :

Next General Meeting is
June 17 2014, 12:30 noon,
River Meadows
Community Center.

Subject: Bend Paddle Trail Alliance

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Carl Jansen

Watershed

Our UDRC representative on the Deschutes Water Alliance (DWA), BSWG, and InStream Flow sub-committee is Jeff Wieland. He can be reached at jeffwieland@me.com if you have questions or concerns."

How's the River Running? Click on <http://levels.wkcc.org/?P=Oregon.html>
Fishing guides and fly shops use this site: <http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/cgi-bin/riverData?region=OR>

News From the Deschutes River Conservancy – waiting of DRC for a doc to insert.

Community Input Meetings
Hosted by Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area

September 25, 2014, 6:30pm-8:30pm
The Belfry, 302 E Main Avenue, Sisters

September 30, 2014, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Terrebonne Depot, 400 NW Smith Rock Way, Terrebonne

Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area (FANs) Board of Directors will host its first public gatherings on the future of the Middle Deschutes and Lower Crooked Rivers and Lower Whychus Creek, an area we call the Deschutes Canyon Area. We believe some form of permanent protection is the best way to ensure the future of these wild landscapes.

Please join us and participate in facilitated, small group discussions, which will provide FANs' leadership with the opportunity to listen to the broad range of values and ideas that represent our citizens, businesses, groups, and others invested in the future of these wild landscapes. Information gathered during these public forums will help the FANs board to develop its vision for the future.

Seating is limited; please visit fansofdeschutes.org and REGISTER TODAY or call 541-771-FANS (3267) for more information. (Thank you for registering to help us with a guest count for refreshments.)

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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

Gate House

Haner Park

Lazy River West

Lazy River East

Oregon Water Wonderland # 1 & 2

Pinewood Country Estates

River Forest Acres

River Meadows

Spring River Fire & Safety Assn.

Sun Country Estates

Sunriver Business Park

Sundance – Sunriver

Thousand Trails

Upper Fall River

Vandevent Acres Road District

Vandevent Ranch

Whispering Pines

Wild River Assn.

Jake Keller Awards:

2012 Awards:

Volunteer of the year:

Harper Bridge River Access – Thanks to the County Commissioners the area on both sides of the bridge has pavement warning strips and new signage. The area is still a safety problem with families crossing Spring River Road to get to river access next to Crosswater.

Public Lands

The UDRC and the US Forest Service entered into a five year agreement to reduce the threat of wildfires. The USFS news release is:

For release: August 22, 2014

Forest Service and Upper Deschutes River Coalition Agree to Do Hazardous Fuels Reduction Work Together Agreement first of its kind in Central Oregon

BEND - This week the Deschutes National Forest and the Upper Deschutes River Coalition signed an agreement to work cooperatively on fuels reduction work within the 26 neighborhoods and communities that make up the Upper Deschutes River Coalition (UDRC) area.

Significantly, the agreement will allow fuel reduction work to occur both on private lands and national forest lands, recognizing that private land fuel treatments are as important as public land treatments to prevent the effects of a large wildfire.

The UDRC will provide funding and volunteers for work on the private lands and the Forest Service will provide expertise in fuels management planning and implementation. The Forest Service will provide financial assistance, skilled workforce and specialized equipment for activities like brush mowing, prescribed burning, hazard tree falling and ladder fuel reduction thinning that the UDRC does not have.

“The Coalition has been a partner with the USFS on hazardous fuel reduction work since 2005. We value their ideas and partnership. We look forward to many more years of working together to improve the health of our rivers and forests,” said Jerry Hubbard, Vice President of the Upper Deschutes River Coalition.

This agreement is the first of its kind in Central Oregon; however, the Deschutes National Forest has worked with private landowners on fuels management projects in the past. One significant project occurred on private lands along Skyliner Road in Bend, OR, which allowed for safe staging of emergency equipment during the Two Bulls Fire in June of this year.

Background

The UDRC is a non-profit corporation comprised of 26 neighborhoods and communities dispersed amongst the forested lands of the Bend-Ft. Rock Ranger District on the Deschutes National Forest. The UDRC was formed in 2003 to enable communities along the Upper Deschutes River to work together to resolve natural resource issues in a sensitive, fire-prone area.

Mick McMicken
Fall River

**Partner of the
Year:**

Katie Lighthall
Project Wildfire

2013 Awards:

**Volunteer of the
year:**

Jim Larsen
Cougar Grove

**Partner of the
Year:**

Stu Otto, Oregon
Dept. of Forestry

Check out our
stakeholders page at
www.udrc.org
For detailed information
and links to all of our
stakeholders.

-USFS-

The UDRC and USFS budget contains \$2,750 to hire contractors to handle woody material that home owners bring to the roadside. The Coalition needs to match the \$2,750 in dollars as in-kind values do not count.

Subject: Forest Service WUI Fuels Treatment Proposal

The following message was sent to the Coalition board members:

The Forest Service is preparing a proposal to treat hazardous fuels bordering several subdivisions within the Upper Deschutes River Coalition CWPP boundary. These priority areas were identified by public input from Coalition members and the Ponderosa Pines subdivision. Please review the attached document. This project will be an opportunity for Coalition members to work with Forest Service personnel to reduce fuels on both sides of the public/private boundary under the Participating Agreement between the UDRC and the Forest Service. The following units bordering Coalition neighborhoods are included in the proposal:

Units 10-15: West of River Meadows and Cougar Grove subdivisions
Units 16-18: Big River Boat Launch and Group Campground
Unit 19: Between OWW1 subdivision and Beaver Road District
Unit 20: East of Spring River subdivision, West of Deschutes River, North of Spring River Road
Unit 21: Haner Park subdivision access road
Unit 22: Pringle Falls access West of Wild River Subdivision
Unit 23: Forest Lane access to River Forest Acres Subdivision

If you want to propose additional areas for hazardous fuels treatment on Forest Service land bordering your neighborhood, please contact me before Monday, Sep. 15. I will review the final fuels treatment proposal map at the Coalition meeting on Sep. 16 and submit it to the Forest Service to begin their formal project planning process.

Regards,

Jim Larsen
Upper Deschutes River Coalition
Public Lands Committee

Private Lands

Deschutes County and Project Wildfire – Project Wildfire and Deschutes County have been awarded a Community Assistance grant from the US Forest Service for fuel reduction in south County. Project Wildfire and the UDRC private lands committee will be working together to identify projects located in high

priority areas identified in the UDRC CWPP over the next 1-2 years.

Mic – want anything in the e news????

Central Oregon Fire Academy

Project Wildfire is pleased to announce a fantastic opportunity for continuing education for local residents. Citizen's Fire Academy is a program developed by OSU-Extension that will allow for you to receive training and education specific to fire related topics in Central Oregon.

The Citizen Fire Academy (CFA) volunteer education program is being offered in Central Oregon this Fall. The program seeks to develop skills and knowledge so that participants may help reduce the risk of catastrophic effects of wildfire for their home, neighborhood, and community.

Topics:

- Fire Science and Ecology
- Living in a Fire Environment
- Home Protection Strategies
- Fire-Resistant Landscapes
- Evacuation Planning
- Fuels Reduction Strategies

Skills you will gain:

- Conduct home assessments
- Assess fuels and fire risk
- Communicate effectively with a wide array of people
- Work with local partners (e.g. Project Wildfire, homeowner associations) to create neighborhood fire plans.

Cost: \$75.00 includes all materials and field tour transportation. We will give you details about session locations when you register. We accept checks and cash only. ***You may pay at first session on October 8, but must sign up prior.***

Register: Contact the Oregon State University Deschutes County Extension office at carrie.sether@oregonstate.edu or (541) 548---6088. <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/>

Alison Green, Program Coordinator

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Introduction: Ready, Set, Go!

We have created this website to give you information about your Risk from Wildfire. We want to help you plan before a wildfire happens, and give you tools and information to help you when a wildfire does start. The website lets you look at your property and see how you can reduce your risk. You can observe your home's risk score and change things about your construction (e.g. roof material) that will help lower the risk score. This information will help you become educated about these issues and help keep First Responders safe when they are fighting fire in your area.

Ready, Set, Go! provides information to help protect you, your family, your property and your community from wildfires. Many residents have built and landscaped their homes without fully understanding the impact that could result from wildfire. During an evacuation there may not be a lot of time to figure out who is home, what to take, where to go, or when. Take personal responsibility and learn what you can do today. Firefighters train hard to prepare for wildfires. Residents need to do the same!

For more information go to <http://www.oregonrsg.org/>

Who We Are!

The UDRC is a multi-issue, project-based nonprofit coalition representing a broad range of interests among its 29 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.

**Friends of the Coalition
2014 Contributions**

Please support the Coalition's 2014 efforts in partnering with stakeholders to restore the Upper Deschutes River by joining The Friends of the Coalition.

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