



## Upper Deschutes River Coalition

Healthy Fire-Resistant Forests

Clean & Abundant Rivers

Beneficial Wildlife Habitat

## UDRC 2014 Operations Plan

**Status as of 11/5/2014**

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.

The plan's action items are updated as of 10/27/2014.

The Board reelected the following officers for a two year term on 2/11/2014:

Carl Jansen, President

Jerry Hubbard, Vice President

John Moore, Treasurer

Jim Larsen, Secretary

### **Committee Chairs**

- In February 2014, the Board confirmed committee co- chairs as noted below:
  - Public Lands – Jim Larsen, Dean Richardson and Jerry Hubbard
  - Private Lands –Jon O'Shaughnessy and Mick McMicken
  - Watershed – Jeff Wieland and Ray Cecchi
  - Education – Carl Jansen, Jerry Hubbard and Monte Dammarell
  - Fund Raising and Finance – Jerry Hubbard, Jim Larsen and John Moore

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- 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  
Recreation

Wildlife  
Forests and Rivers

Community Involvement  
Funding the UDRC

- Meet with some of the 29 Coalition's member neighborhood organizations to encourage participation in the Coalition's mission, themes and funding.
  - Action – Met with Spring River, River Meadows and OWW11.
- Expand involvement of communities and neighbors in volunteer projects on public lands.
  - Action – events included the SOLVE river cleanup, Benham Falls cleanup and river access.
- Broaden fund raising support.
  - Action – HOA's – Jerry follow up with e mails and attachments.
- Encourage communities to join the board in an engaged manner.
- Recruit bike and watershed clubs like the Bend Paddle Alliance and others.
  - Action – Carl is setting up meetings with Paddle and Trail Alliance members.
- Manage the 2014 operations and grant budgets and report the status to the board of directors monthly.
  - Action – on target – funding for 6 months of operations.
- 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.
  - Actions – set up meetings with:
    - USFS – done
    - BLM – does not have a representative to the UDRC
    - ODFW – done
    - County Forester - done
    - Project Wildfire - done
    - Commissioners – Done at joint Chamber of Commerce meeting in Sept.
- Complete a financial review of 2013 income and expenses to assure compliance to UDRC policies and nonprofit organization standards.
  - Action – John Moore to complete draft report by 12/31/14 and final report for the February 2015 board meeting.

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- Maintain and expand the E news list and other contact lists to help educate key south county community neighbors.
  - Action - Carl keeps list updated.
- In cooperation with Project Wildfire host the third annual UDRC Appreciation Event at the SHARC on October 18, 2014.
  - Action – Completed. Seventy guests attended. Net income \$3,000.

### **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
  - Action - Met with USFS, Project Wildfire and Deschutes County Forestry on 9/23/14 and finalized 2015 USFS fuel treatment plan.
- Work with USFS to explore stewardship agreements for owners bordering forest service property.
  - Action – USFS and UDRC completed a five year agreement in August 2014.
- Develop stewardship agreement for Besson Day Use Area and Big River Camp ground.
  - Action – USFS and Jerry to work on the agreement. Estimate draft 2015.
- Meet with Forest Service staff to review fuel treatment plans for 2014 and inform Coalition members. Action – done.
- Keep Coalition members informed on proposed Forest Service and BLM projects within the Coalition’s area and monitor ongoing projects.
  - Rocket project
  - Junction project
  - Action – Jim Larsen updates members via e news and UDRC meetings.
- 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.
  - Action - USFS will announce appointments in 2015.
- 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**

<b>Goals</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Entity Responsible</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
		Steering Committee in cooperation with:	
<b>Reduce hazardous fuels on public lands</b>	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
<b>Reduce hazardous fuels on private lands</b>	Engage communities in Sweat Equity or other fuels reduction projects on private lands.	Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
<b>Reduce Structural Vulnerability</b>	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
<b>Increase Awareness and Education</b>	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
<b>Identify, Improve and Protect Critical Transportation Routes</b>	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

- Provide the Oregon Department of Forestry an updated SB360 compliance list for all inventoried properties within our CWPP boundaries.
  - Action – 2015 project.

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- Develop plan and schedule for each neighborhood on the sweat equity program. Educate HOA's and property owners on involvement and payment for work.
  - Action – Status – under way, draft ready in spring 2015.
- Create community wide education program on SB360, defensible space and Fire Wise.
  - Action – Using the UDRC web site and Project Wildfire.
- Plan use of La Pine High School Student Forestry Program in sweat equity work.
  - Action – 2015 project.
- 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.
  - Action – OWW1 and OWW11 applying for Firewise status.
- 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.
  - Action – 2015 project.
- 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.
  - Action – Part of the 2014 -2014 USFS UDRC agreements.
- 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.
    - Action – Complete.

## **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.

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- Action – Jeff will recommend if and when to do this.
- With partner cooperation continue to develop a long range plan for improved public river access on the Upper and Little Deschutes Rivers.
  - Action – Monte, Jeff and Jerry will work with Deschutes County and SROA and others as plans develop.
- Keep the community informed of progress resolving the low winter & high summer flows on the Deschutes above Benham Falls.
  - Action – Jeff is the point person on updating the UDRC.
  - Action – Jerry is using the e news to inform board and members.
- 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.
  - Action – Jeff is the point person.
  - Action – Spotted Frog program – Continued to monitor issues. US Fish & Wildlife is point agency.
- Develop educational programs related to the Oregon Spotted Frog.
  - Action – Spotted Frog program – US Fish & Wildlife is point agency.
- Coordinate the 8<sup>th</sup> annual river sweep with SOLVE on September 27<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - Action - completed September 27, 2014. Cleaned 40 miles of riverbanks and removed 900 pounds of trash which was delivered to the South County transfer station.
- Continue coordination with other non-profit organizations to leverage watershed programs and optimize funding opportunities.
  - Action – Jerry working with Sunriver Anglers, Trout unlimited and Central Oregon Flyfishers.
- 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.

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- Action –Stakeholder group completed report which was issued to the County Commissioners.

### **Education Committee**

- Improve our current website with relevant information for public use to support our mission and strategic themes.
  - Action – Carl is point on web site.
- Produce and distribute E-newsletters on a quarterly basis highlighting current activities, volunteer projects and financial support.
  - Action – Jerry produces E News.
- Distribute the UDRC Landscape Defensible Space Maintenance brochure for use by private property owners within the UDRC service area.
  - Action – Completed using Newberry Eagle – distributed 5,000 brochures.
- 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.
  - Action – Jerry is point.

### **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.
  - Action – completed.
- 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.
  - Action - HOA’s have submitted funds.
- Research funding opportunities and submit grant requests to foundations for funding in early 2014.
  - Action – Jerry and Jim Larsen.
- Collaborate with other organizations with similar natural resources goals to optimize funding and combined program strength.

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- Action – Jerry and Sunriver Anglers working on projects.
- 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.
  - Action – County’s \$200,000 sweat equity grant approved.
- Develop a program for a road side pickup of woody material for property owners at a fee to support the Coalition.
  - Action – Funds not available, deferred to 2015 program.
- Develop a program to ask HOA and neighborhoods to become paid members of the Coalition.
  - Action – Jerry submitted requests to HOA’s.
- Develop personal relationship with individuals, firms and foundations to aid in fund raising.
  - Action – Ongoing.

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