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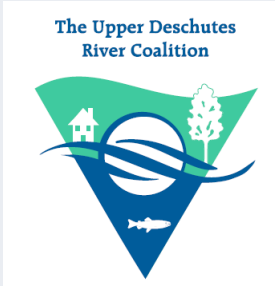
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Our Mission:

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 updated 2014 Operations Plan at: www.udrc.org

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***“Who We Are”
General UDRC
Info”***

Click Who We are and Our History for a map of our service area

Leadership Team:

President’s Message:

Fellow UDRC Stakeholders,

A special thank you to all of our volunteers, donors and attendees who made our October 18th Appreciation Event a success. The Leadership team will review options on holding this important event each year with a preference on early September at the SHARC, or perhaps another location. This year’s event netted \$2900 (not enough to meet our original goal).

Another key activity of our Appreciation Event was to recognize individuals who have made a major contribution to the UDRC this year, as part of our annual Jake Keller Award Program.

The Jake Keller Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Jeff Wieland for his work on river flow improvements.

Kirk Flannigan (USFS) received our Jake Keller Partner of the Year award for his continuous support of our mission statement related to Forest Service land improvements adjacent to our communities.

Our special board meeting, held on November 18th, re-elected a number of our regular attendees to the board for a one year term, per our by-laws.

The following people are now part of the leadership team for 2015: Carl Jansen, President; Bill Filsinger, Vice-President; John Moore, Treasurer; Jim Larsen, Secretary; Mick McMicken, Private Lands Chair; Jim Larsen, Public Lands Chair; Jeff Wieland, Watershed Chair; Carl Jansen, Education Chair; and Jerry Hubbard, Fund Raising Chair.

The board welcomed Jerry Hubbard to continue as Executive Director, a very important part-time paid position.

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Considering our financial needs for 2015 operations, our leadership team will focus on securing grants and donations through the 4th quarter of 2014 and 1st quarter of 2015. You will be receiving more information in the near future.

During the next several months, your leadership team will prepare a tentative in depth 2015 UDRC operations plan for release to all stakeholders for discussion purposes in mid-January. Reviews and appropriate changes will be made at our next meeting, set for February 17th.

May you and your loved ones have a Joyous Christmas Season.

Carl Jansen
UDRC President

Watershed

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

Ramp-down Experiment & Fish Rescue

The story starts one year ago, when social media led to widespread publicity over a fish kill in the side channel of Lava Island on the Deschutes River just upstream from Bend. The opinions and conjecture over the significance of this event were surprisingly divergent. Although conjecture was that this could happen in any low water year, the only well documented stranding occurred in 1996. Clearly more information was needed.

The Deschutes Chapter met with multiple involved agencies and NGOs during the winter to review the event and discuss possible interventions this fall; it was evident last winter that we would face another low water year. By late August a plan had developed. Trout Unlimited in partnership with the Upper Deschutes River Coalition worked with the Oregon Water Resource Department, the North Unit Irrigation District, and the Central Oregon Irrigation District to develop an experimental modified ramp down of Wickiup releases at the end of irrigation season.

This change in water management, enabled by the irrigation districts,

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2015 Meeting Schedule:
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Next meeting Feb 17,
12:30 noon at the Sunriver
Library

**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

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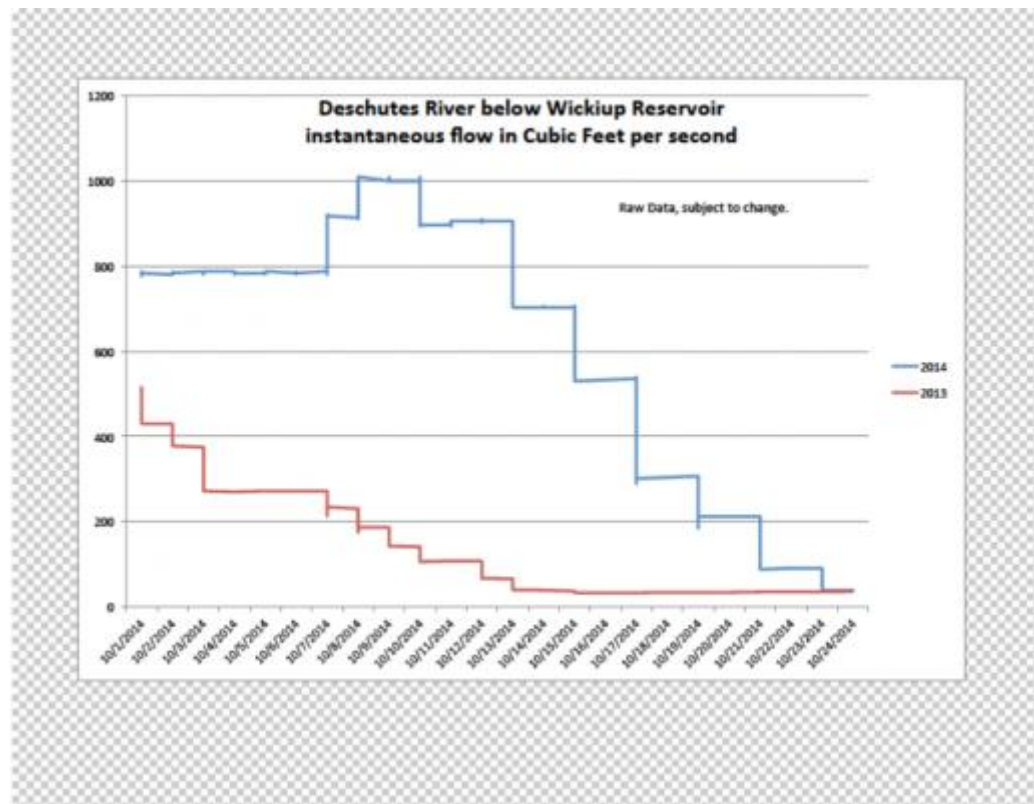
Thousand Trails

Upper Fall River

was a first in the 65 year history of Wickiup Dam.

The goals were to first allow planned and careful evaluation of the flow into and through the Lava Island side channel as Deschutes flows dropped. This was viewed as an investigational strategy that might facilitate fish salvage this year, but that would also provide valuable information for future planning.

Secondly Forest Service personnel had identified the modified ramp down as a useful tool for habitat evaluation in the upper Deschutes; the FS has an active role in managing the upper D through the Wild and Scenic River Management Act of 1996. The irrigation districts accommodated the Forest Service flow schedule requests, releasing an extra 2100 acre-feet of water to shape the ramp down.



Graph courtesy of OWRD

The actual salvage of fish followed under ODFW's supervision on October 24th, 26th and 27th. The Bend Casting Club, a TU program, marshaled a cadre of volunteers and almost 7000 fish were salvaged in spite of the slow reduction in channel flows. The number of fish was surprising, given the stranding of 2013. That the channel could be repopulated in one spring-summer cycle is a testament to the value of this habitat for the Deschutes fishery.

Vandevert Acres Road District

Vandevert Ranch

Whispering Pines

Wild River Assn.

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

Jake Keller Awards:

2014 Awards:

Volunteer of the Year:

Jeff Wieland

Partner of the Year:

**Kirk Flannigan
USFS**

2013 Awards:

Volunteer of the year:

Jim Larsen
Cougar Grove

Partner of the Year:

Stu Otto, Oregon
Dept. of Forestry

2012 Awards:

Volunteer of the year:

Mick McMicken
Fall River



This year's investigational efforts are to be applauded for the cooperative plan development and execution involving diverse members of our community. Other organizations and individuals including the Central Oregon Flyfishers, Sun River Anglers and Deschutes River Conservancy helped in many ways.

While there is consensus that periodic fish salvage is not a long-term solution for this reach of river, valuable information has been gathered, information that should help guide restoration and management of the Upper Deschutes.

Projects will be complex and will take years. Constructive collaboration between organizations, agencies, and community members will be required for success. The Lava Island project is a step towards building the community needed to accomplish these goals.

Michael Tripp, Conservation Chair Deschutes Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Public Lands

Benham Falls – the improvement work funded by the National Forest Foundation for 2014 has been completed.

USFS 2015-2020 Fuel Reduction Plan

The final map for the UDRC WUI Fuels Treatment project was submitted to the Forest Service. The map includes treatment areas bordering the Spring

Partner of the Year:

Katie Lighthall
Project Wildfire

River, River Meadows, Cougar Grove, OWW 1, Beaver Road District, River Forest Acres, Lazy River/Huntington, Fall River, Wild River, and Haner Park neighborhoods. Project planning will begin in October with implementation starting Fall 2015 if approved.

The Participating Agreement between the UDRC and the Forest Service authorizes Coalition to share expenses and labor with Forest Service personnel on approved fuels reduction projects on adjacent public and private land. Coalition volunteers can participate with project planning, falling and bucking small trees, piling brush, chipping slash, and prescribed burn preparation. On these cooperative projects, the Coalition will match funds and labor provided by the Forest Service.

Fund Raising in 2014

Grants

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway \$5,000 for the Redband Trout Restoration Project for 2015-2016

National Forest Foundation \$11,470 for the Benham Falls Restoration Project in 2014

US Forest Service \$5,000
Fuel Reduction Project 2015

Event – Annual Appreciation Meeting \$2,900
2015 UDRC Operations

General Support information will be available in the January e news.

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 Contributions

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