

Upper Deschutes River Coalition

www.udrc.org

541-390-9798

PO Box 3042, Sunriver, OR 97707 501(c)3

MARCH 5, 2015

[DONATE TO THE UDRC TODAY](#)



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 2015 Operations Plan at: www.udrc.org

At UDRC Organization

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

President's Message:

Fellow UDRC Stakeholders,

The spring season is about to arrive. Our new leadership team and board of directors met on February 17th for our first business meeting. We tentatively approved our 2015 Operations Plan with a continued focus to broaden our outreach of natural resource services for our communities and partners.

Please review the 2015 Operations plan and our events schedule posted on our web site. Final approval of the operations plan and budget is set for our March 17th Board and Partners meeting.

Besides focusing on watershed and ladder fuel reduction projects on private and public lands, the Coalition will continue to have guest speakers at several of our monthly meetings. Our April speaker will be Steve Runner, VP, Sunriver Resorts and will discuss the expansion of Caldera Springs.

In September we will cosponsor our river bank cleanup project with SOLVE, the Upper Deschutes River Festival, SROA, and the Sunriver Nature Center. Our Annual Appreciation event will be at Thousand Trails Lodge on September 13, 2015. More details will be posted on our web site.

Carl Jansen
UDRC President

Our expanded Leadership Team includes:

Carl Jansen
President
541-593-2777
carlj@searchna.com

Vice President
Bill Filsinger
707-954-0648
Bfilsinger53@gmail.com

Treasurer
John Moore
541-974-6153
jjmoore@msn.com

Secretary
Jim Larsen
541-848-7925
Stagestop16439@gmail.com

Private Lands
Mick McMicken
541-593-7686
semperfimick@aol.com

Public Lands
Jim Larsen
541-848-6153
Stagestop16439@gmail.com

Watershed
Jeff Wieland
541-280-3237
jeffjwieland@me.com

Executive Director
Jerry Hubbard plus
Fund Raising

UDRC Committees:

Private Lands
Mick McMicken
541-593-7686
semperfimick@aol.com

Jon O'Shaughnessy
541-593-2880
kandjo2@q.com

Public Lands
Jim Larsen
541-848-6153
Stagestop16439@gmail.com

Dean Richardson
541-593-1207

Watershed

Watershed Committee

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.

Reservoir Levels - Current reservoir levels can be found on the Bureau of Reclamation Pacific Northwest Region Hydromet Program at <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html>.

Wickiup is holding 196,972 acre feet of water. It's maximum safe capacity is 200K AF, so it is 98% full.

Crane Prairie's maximum safe capacity is 86,900 acre feet of water. It is currently 86% full at 74,389 AF.

Flows below Wickiup - Current flows in various reaches below Wickiup can be found most easily at <http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/cgi-bin/riverData?region=OR>. Winter flows below Wickiup are determined for the most part by two things: maximum safe reservoir capacity and predicted fill rates based on long range precipitation and snow forecasts.

The reservoirs are kept slightly below maximum safe capacity to allow for heavy rain or unusually rapid run-off. As they get closer to their maximum, water is released (regardless of snowpack and precip) to allow a margin for the unexpected. The Deschutes flow out of Wickiup is 301 cfs as of 3-5-15. Flow at the Benham gauge was 867 cfs due to contributions from the Fall, Little Deschutes, and Spring Rivers.

When abundant precipitation is forecast, OWRD (Oregon Water Resources Department) and NUID (North Unit Irrigation District) release water above the approximately 20 cfs (cubic feet/second) minimum flow that leaks out of Wickiup dam, preventing too rapid a fill. Filling too rapidly can result in the release of larger amounts of water in anticipation of major precipitation events, creating bank stabilization and other ecosystem problems. Releases vary as the long-range forecasts change.

Of course, within reason, the increased Winter flows are good for the river itself. In most years, OWRD and NUID are able to keep the minimum flows closer to 50 cfs. Strong precipitation forecasts often allow Winter releases of around 300 cfs, the (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) instream water right and the minimum target of efforts to improve Winter flows.

The Deschutes Basin Study - The BSWG (Basin Study Work Group) and sub-groups (Deschutes, Wychus, Crooked) have been working hard to finalize the Plan of Study (POS) to be submitted to BoR (Bureau of Reclamation) in April. The Plan of Study includes descriptions of the tasks to be accomplished in the Basin Study, selection of data collection and modeling programs, time frames for completion of tasks, budgets for those tasks, selection of study teams, consultants, and designing a Project Management Structure.

Jeff Wieland
541-598-7790
Wilyj8@yahoo.com

Ray Cecchi
541-598-2062
ravant35@gmail.com

Shaun Pigott
541-407-7155

Education & Outreach

Carl Jansen
Bill Filsinger

Fund Raising

Jerry Hubbard
John Moore
Carl Jansen

2015 Meeting Schedule:
www.udrc.org

**Next meeting March 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

Sundance – Sunriver

As you might imagine, a group of 32 stakeholder representatives writing the Plan of Study is complicated and time-consuming. Fortunately, the BSWG Steering Committee is very close to consensus on the POS, although there are some minor changes to be made coming out of our meeting on 3-3-15. Since the POS has not been fully agreed on by the Steering Committee, details about it will be available further down the road. Having said that, it's safe to say the major required elements of the Basin Study are:

1. Analysis of Existing Water Supplies.
2. Analysis of Current and Future Water Demands.
3. Analysis of How Existing Water and Power Infrastructure Will Perform in the Face of Changing Water realities, including Climate Change.
4. Develop Options to meet Future Water Supply Needs.
5. Conduct Evaluation and Trade-off Analysis of Options Identified.
6. Develop Draft and Final Basin Study reports.
7. Project Management.

One aspect of the POS that will be of interest to Upper Deschutes communities is a mandatory Communications and Outreach Plan (COP). The COP tasks included developing a Basin Study website, creating a Power Point explaining the Basin Study, and conducting educational meetings around the basin. Although the COP will be developed in detail over the next few months, you may rest assured that we are working to make sure that Upper Deschutes Communities are acknowledged as stakeholders, and that COP meeting(s) will be held in our geographic area.

In summary, the Basin Study Work Group and various sub-groups and committees are working hard to complete a Plan of Study that ultimately focuses on solutions to the basin water supply/demand imbalances. On completion of the approximately 3 year Basin Study, those solutions will eventually form the basis for a collaborative Water Management Agreement (WMA) that will benefit Agricultural, Municipal, and InStream interests.

There's a long ways to go, and there are many technical, political, and financial hurdles to overcome. Having said that, we are making real progress in this unprecedented, collaborative effort to restore our rivers while improving supply certainly for Ag and Muni.

Jeff Wieland
Watershed Committee Chair
jeffjwieland@me.com

Five Million Year Journey to the Columbia River: A film:

<http://www.deschutesriverfilm.com/>

Private Lands Committee

Project Wildfire has a new blog site at:

Thousand Trails

Upper Fall River

Vandevort Acres Road District

Vandevort 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 Spring River

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

projectwildfireoregon.blogspot.com

Wildland Community Preparedness Day – May 2, 2015

Sixty-five \$500 project funding awards are available to implement neighborhood projects in the US.

Click on the link to review the program and the simple grant application form.

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/outdoors/wildland-fires/national-wildfire-community-preparedness-day>

You do not need to be a nonprofit to apply.



Reduce the risk of losing your home to wildfire and take advantage of FREE yard debris disposal at local collection sites.

Create and maintain defensible space around your home and recycle your needles, branches, brush, shrubs and limbs for FREE!

La Pine

Southwest Transfer Station 8AM-4PM

May 15-16, 2015 54580 Highway 97, La Pine

Sunriver

Sunriver Compost Site 8AM-4PM

May 8-9, 2015 Cottonwood Road, Sunriver

Public Lands

Kirk Flannigan, Deputy District Ranger, Deschutes National Forest, Bend-Fort Rock RD has accepted a 4 month detail on the Coronado National Forest in Tucson, AZ.

USFS Junction Fuel Reduction Project – see attached link to view the 25

2012 Awards:

Volunteer of the year:

Mick McMicken
Fall River

Partner of the Year:

Katie Lighthall
Project Wildfire

page summary report. The Forest Service Junction project area is 17,500 acres West of the core Coalition neighborhoods and North of road 42. The project purpose is improved forest health, fuels reduction, and forest products. Treatments include harvest, thinning, mowing, and prescribed burning. Implementation is expected to start in Fall 2015 and continue up to 10 years. http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/69653_FSPLT3_2420291.pdf

USFS 2015-2020 Upper Deschutes River Fuels Reduction Project

The Forest Service has started analysis for the Upper Deschutes River Fuels Reduction project. This project includes the areas of concern for hazardous fuels bordering Coalition neighborhoods submitted by the Coalition public lands committee. Implementation could start in the Fall 2015 if the project is approved.

This is a brief project description from the Forest Service website: Ladder fuel reduction, shrub mowing, and prescribed burning totaling about 1200 acres, within the wildland-urban interface of several small communities in the Upper Deschutes River area. Southwest of Bend in the following subdivisions: Ponderosa Pines Estates; Haner Park Access; UDRC WUI This webpage will include project documents when they are available: http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45297

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.

US Forest Service – Tetherow Boat Ramp & Benham Falls Projects

The Forest Service is planning the Upper Deschutes Riparian Restoration project. Along Deschutes River near Tethrow Boat Ramp and Benham Falls Day Use Area: User-created roads and trails created by motor vehicles will be de-compacted through subsoiling; vegetation planted (upland shrubs and grass); plus stream bank restored. This will be a good opportunity for Coalition participation. This webpage will include documents when they are available: http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45683

Education Committee

Interesting items from the National Forest Foundation:

[14 Best Places to Canoe and Kayak on National Forests](#)

[10 Pacific Northwest Wilderness Areas for Those Seeking Solitude](#)

Backcountry Cooking: Beyond the Freeze-dried

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is there whenever a personal or community disaster impacts us. Currently, there is a definitive need for personnel to staff volunteer teams for service specifically in Southern Deschutes County.

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. By joining the Red Cross you will touch millions of lives and experience the greatness of the human spirit at its best.

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to provide assistance to individuals following disasters/home fires, teach first aid and CPR classes, provide assistance to families of military members, present preparedness education classes to children and much more.

To register as a volunteer, visit

https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=intake&entry_point_id=3253&unit_id=944&logout=1

Please join the American Red Cross as a volunteer; together we can save a life.

Fund Raising

Grants have been submitted to several foundations and corporations to help fund the UDRC-USFS fuel reduction agreement over the next three years.

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

Please support the Coalition's future by joining
The Friends of the Coalition.

[Donate to the UDRC Today](#)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lodgepole Pine \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cranebow Trout \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rainbow Trout \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Trout \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ponderosa Pine \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Redband Steelhead for \$5,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Elk \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Another Amount \$_____ |

To Donate Click here: [Donate to the UDRC Today](#)

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 541-390-9798 or visit www.udrc.org

Use PayPal at [Donate to the UDRC Today](#)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Upper Deschutes River Coalition P O Box 3042, Sunriver, OR 97707
Thank You!

Past Sponsors of the Upper Deschutes River Coalition include:

Search North America <http://www.searchna.com/>

Sunriver Resort www.sunriver-resort.com

Crosswater Club <http://www.crosswater.com/>

Caldera Springs <http://www.calderasprings.com/>

Portland General Electric Company
http://www.portlandgeneral.com/community_environment/default.aspx

Cascade Natural Gas Company
<http://www.cngc.com/>

River Meadows Community www.rivermeadows.com/

Sunriver Brewing Company www.sunriverbrewingcompany.com

Fall River HOA

Vandever Ranch Association <http://vandevertranch.org/>

DRRH Number 9



