



Upper Deschutes River Coalition

Healthy Fire-Resistant Forests

Clean & Abundant Rivers

Beneficial Wildlife Habitat

UDRC 2015 Operations Plan

Approved 3/17/2015

Our Mission: To protect Upper Deschutes River Communities by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat.

Committee Chairs

- On November 18, 2014, the Board of Directors voted to approve officers, some Board members and committee co- chairs to serve in 2015, as noted below:
 - President – Carl Jansen
 - Vice President – Bill Filsinger
 - Secretary – Jim Larsen
 - Treasurer – John Moore
 - Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs
 - Public Lands – Jim Larsen, Dean Richardson
 - Private Lands – Mick McMicken, Jon O’Shanughnessy
 - Watershed – Jeff Wieland
 - Education – Carl Jansen and Bill Filsinger
 - Fund Raising and Finance – Jerry Hubbard and John Moore
 - In November 2014, The Board approved the Leadership Team consisting of the four officers and the Chairs of each committee.
 - The Board approved Jerry Hubbard as Executive Director

- Continue to communicate to the Board, partners and stakeholders on the role of the UDRC in South Deschutes County (Newberry Country) related to the Coalition’s 2011 Strategic Plan and 2015 Operations Plan with a focus on:

Leadership	Public Lands
Private Lands	Watershed
Education	Fund Raising

- Strive to meet with Coalition’s member neighborhood organizations to encourage participation in the Coalition’s mission, themes and funding.
 - Meet with River Forest Acres, Pinewood Country and Gate house.
 - Obtain representatives from neighborhoods not on the UDRC Board.
- Expand involvement of communities and neighbors in volunteer projects on public lands.
 - Action – events to include the SOLVE river cleanup, Sept. 2015 and clean up of Tetherow Meadows and other areas.
- Broaden fund raising support.
 - Action – Leadership Team to review funding plan.
- Encourage communities to join the board in an engaged manner.
 - Action – Leadership Team and Board –Recruit board members from DRRH 1-5, River Forest Acres, and Lazy River West neighborhoods.
- Invite other nonprofits and entities to attend Board meetings when issues relating to them are on the agenda.
 - Action – Invite organizations to attend UDRC board meetings based on UDRC agenda.
- Manage the 2015 operations and grant budgets and report the status to the board of directors monthly.
 - Action – Jerry and John Moore responsibility. Provide summary on income and expenses and current projects.
- Review our UDRC 2015 operations plan with the Bend Ft. Rock Ranger District USFS (Jim L), Bureau of Land Management (Jim L), and Oregon Department of Forestry (Mick), Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (Jeff), Oregon State Parks (TBD), Deschutes County Forester (Mick), Project Wildfire (Mick), Deschutes County Commissioners (Jeff) and other stakeholders.

- Action – Leadership Team members to call organizations once the 2015 Ops Plan is approved by the Board forward them the Operations Plan and invite their feedback and attendance at the March Board meeting.
- Complete a financial review of 2014 income and expenses to assure compliance to UDRC policies and nonprofit organization standards.
 - Action – John Moore to complete draft for the Leadership team in January 2015 and final report for the February 2015 board meeting.
- Maintain and expand the E news list and other contact lists to help educate key south county community neighbors.
 - Action – Carl to maintain the list.
 - Develop plan to get more residents information on the UDRC.
 - Consider Facebook and other social media.
- Determine the role of the annual UDRC Appreciation Event.
 - Action – LT to discuss and present options to the February board meeting. Target date is Sept. 12 at Thousand Trails. Carl to develop one page event plan.

Public Lands Committee

- Collaborate with the Forest Service on planning for the UDRC WUI Fuels Treatment Project. Fuels treatments within the 1100 acre total planning area will reduce wildfire impact and improve meadow habitat. The project includes fuels treatments bordering Spring River, River Meadows, Cougar Grove, Oregon Water Wonderland 1, and Beaver Road District, Lazy River/Huntington Road, Wild River, Fall River Estates, and Haner Park neighborhoods.
 - Action – Jim L - collaborates with the USFS on the Fuels Treatment Project proposal.
 - Action – Jim L to involve Jeff W and or Joe Stutler in fuels plan for the 162 acres next to Spring River Road.
 - Action – Jim L - work with the USFS on the 2015-2016 USFS fuel treatment plans.
 - Action – Work with USFS and land owners bordering forest service property to perform fuels reduction work under the UDRC Participating Agreement.
- Develop stewardship agreement for the Big River boat launch site and the Besson Day Use Area
 - Action – USFS, Jim Larsen and Jerry to work on the agreement.
 - Work with USFS on signage plan. Explore grants to fund plan.
- Meet with Forest Service staff to review fuel treatment plans for 2015-2016 and inform Coalition members. Action – Jim Larsen.

- Keep Coalition members informed on proposed Forest Service and BLM projects within the Coalition’s area and monitor ongoing projects.
 - - Rocket project
 - Junction project
 - o Action – Jim Larsen to update members via e news and UDRC meetings.
 - o Expand outreach to neighborhoods regarding USFS future fuel reduction plans; create list of future projects.
- 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.
 - o Action - USFS will announce appointments in 2015.
- Review issues related to shooting on USFS land adjacent to UDRC neighborhoods, Deschutes County no shooting zones and the process for reporting shooting issues.

Private Lands Committee

- UDRC’s 2013 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), revision number 3.
 - o In 2015, review the plan’s action items.

Summary of Broad Action Plan CWPP #3

Goals	Action	Entity Responsible	Timeline
		Steering Committee in cooperation with:	
Reduce hazardous fuels on private lands	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	Completed 2013
Reduce hazardous fuels on private lands	Engage communities in Sweat Equity or other fuels reduction projects on private lands.	Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
Reduce Structural Vulnerability	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 OWW11.	ODF, Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
	Identify and assess the water resources available for fire. Make recommendations for projects to	La Pine RFPD	By 12/2015

	ensure adequate water resources are available for fire suppression.		
Increase Awareness and Education	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
Identify, Improve and Protect Critical Transportation Routes	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	Completed 2014

- Provide the Oregon Department of Forestry an updated SB360 survey list for all inventoried properties within our CWPP boundaries.
 - Action – Jim Larsen to provide data.
- Develop plan and schedule for an integrated neighborhoods sweat equity program. Educate HOA’s and property owners on involvement, funding and or payment options for sweat equity work.
 - Action – Status –Mick and Jon to draft plan ready in spring 2015.
 - Action – Carl to continue to work with land owners on the south side of Vandeventer Road on ladder fuel reduction options.
- Provide community wide educational material on SB360, defensible space, Fire Wise and Fire Adapted Communities.
 - Action – Use the UDRC web site and Project Wildfire.
- Plan use of La Pine High School Student Forestry Program in sweat equity work.
 - Action – 2015 project by Mick and Jon.
- Coordinate with ODF to recognize and attain FireWise certification of all UDRC neighborhood communities. 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. Encourage their commitment.
- 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. Mick and Jon to coordinate.
- 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 -2019 USFS UDRC agreements.
- Use GIS neighborhood hazard maps to identify priority areas for fuel reduction projects. Secure approval by all relevant partners and the UDRC Board.
 - Continue to update GIS hazard maps for the 28 Coalition communities.
 - Action – Jim Larsen to coordinate.

Watershed Committee

- Participate with other stakeholders in the processes for improving Upper Deschutes River flow issues.
 - Continue UDRC sponsored public meetings and seminars on the issues facing the Deschutes River Basin.
 - Action – Jeff will coordinate with the Basin Study and the Community Outreach Program (COP).
 - With partner cooperation continue to develop a long range plan for improved public river access on the Upper and Little Deschutes Rivers.
 - Action – Coordinate with Paddle Trail alliance, Deschutes County and the USFS.
 - 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 to use the E News to inform board and members.
 - Participate with the Basin Study work group related to a future water management agreement, Deschutes Water Planning Initiative, Habitat Conservation Plan, and the Oregon Spotted Frog threatened species list.
 - Action – Jeff is the point person.

- Coordinate the 9th annual river sweep with SOLVE on September 27th 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 26, 2015. Clean 40 miles of riverbanks and remove trash. Carl to coordinate.
- Continue coordination with other non-profit organizations to leverage watershed programs and optimize funding opportunities.
 - Action – Jerry to work with Sunriver Anglers, Trout unlimited and Central Oregon Flyfishers.

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 periodic basis highlighting current activities, volunteer projects and financial support.
 - Action – Jerry to produce E News.
- Distribute the UDRC Landscape Defensible Space Maintenance brochure for use by private property owners within the UDRC service area.
- Action – Leadership Team and Board
- Provide UDRC article to SR Chamber for the 2014-2015 Sunriver Magazine (20,000 copies printed).
 - Jerry to draft article by 1/31/15 for review by Leadership Team and Board.
- Provide input to SR Resort management and County personnel on the potential impact to our local communities regarding the Pine Forest expansion plans.
 - Board

Fund Raising Committee

- Manage the program to list ladder fuel reduction contractors on UDRC web site and E News for a yearly fee of \$75.

- Action – Jerry to obtain renewal for 2015.
- Increase donations to the coalition through better communications to all stakeholders about the value the UDRC is delivering to our 28 neighborhoods in Newberry Country.
 - Action - HOA’s and Road Districts to submit funds.
- Research funding opportunities and submit grant requests to foundations for funding in early 2015.
 - Action – Jerry and Jim Larsen to take action by March 2015.
- Develop a program to ask HOA and neighborhoods to become paid supporters of the Coalition.
 - Action – Jerry is point.
- Develop personal relationship with individuals, firms and foundations to aid in fund raising.
 - Action – Leadership Team and the Board.

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