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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.

2011 Annual Report and 2012 Operations Report is at:

www.udrc.org

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President's Message

At our March 20th Board and partners meeting, Paul Barnum, Executive Director for the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) presented his views regarding improving management of our private and public forest lands in Oregon. OFRI has been leading improved forest management efforts throughout our state.

The Deschutes National Forest (DNF) is the largest public forest managed by the USFS in Oregon. The National Forest Foundation considers the DNF, the only "Treasured Forest" in Oregon, out of the 14 national forests in Oregon.

The Coalition is on the radar screen by many since we have over 57,000 acres of public lands in our Wildland Urban Interface. The UDRC is becoming a focal point towards improving our local public forests. Please review and support the Todd Lake project described in this E News.

Another focal point regarding private lands centers on removing ladder fuels on our private lots this spring. Plan now to participate to keep your home safe from wildfires. More information is in the E news Private Land Committee section.

2011 Volunteer of the Year

Remembering Jake Keller, 1938 – 2012, Vice President and Chair of the Private Lands Committee of the UDRC for over five years was elected Volunteer of the Year for 2011 by the Board at the March meeting. In the following years the board agreed to present the "Jake Keller Memorial Volunteer of the Year" at future meetings each February.

Jake's amount of volunteer time and leadership resulted in our neighbors spending over 7,000 volunteer hours in 2011 toward reducing ladder fuel threats on over 6,000 Private lots. Jake and Jim Larsen documented these achievements by auditing the properties and publishing 26 community maps highlighting the green yellow and red hazard rated logs. Over 70% of our lots in our Wildland urban Interface boundary are considered green meaning defensible space has been achieved.

Great work Jake, our Coalition's 2011 Volunteer of the Year!

PS – please consider supporting the Jake Keller Memorial Fund – see the gift form at the end of our e news.

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2012 Meeting

Schedule:
www.udrc.org

**Please attend our
Board and Partner
meetings at the
Sunriver Public
Library at 12:30 p.m.
on:**

**Next meeting is April
17, 2012 followed by
May 15, June 19, July
17, & August 21.**

**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

Haner Park

Who We Are!

The UDRC is a multiple-issue, project-based coalition representing a broad range of interests among its 26 member communities, Federal, State, County and other stakeholders.

The 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, stakeholders and partners. For example, of primary importance is to first educate, lobby and advocate, gather information and be the voice of reason in ongoing wildland fire, water rights, and native habitat issues.

Leadership Committee

UDRC Sponsor Program – Sponsors will be featured on the Coalition's web site, our E News, and at our monthly Board and partner meetings. Sponsorships start at \$250. If you would like to discuss being a sponsor contact John Moore, UDRC Treasurer at jjemoore@msn.com

Private Lands Committee

Wildfire Neighborhood Fuel Risk Maps - completed maps are available on www.udrc.com under "member neighborhoods".

New UDRC Brochure – thanks to our partner's at Project Wildfire we are creating a new UDRC brochure on our mission and how to maintain your property's defensible space.

Spring 2012 Ladder Fuel Reduction Projects

**Notice – Deschutes County's Fontana and Cedar Court drop off sites are closed!
\$500 penalty for unauthorized use.**

Lazy River West & Huntington

Oregon Water Wonderland # 1 & 2

Pinewood Country Estates

River Forest Acres

River Meadows

Spring River Fire & Safety Assn.

Sun Country Estates

Sundance - Sunriver

Thousand Trails

Vandevent Acres Road District

Vandevent Ranch

Whispering Pines

Wild River Assn.

Fire Free Days:

Drop off your woody biomass for free at two areas:

Sunriver Area

**Sunriver Compost Site, off Cottonwood exits, east of the railroad tracks
May 4 & 5, 8 – 4 pm.**

**South Deschutes County: La Pine SW Transfer Station off US 97 between
Sunriver and La Pine.**

May 18-19, 2012 8AM-4PM

Joe Stutler, County Forester and Project Wildfire are committed to assist property owners in maintaining defensible space requirements. Due to unauthorized use of the biomass sites at Fontana and Cedar Court, we can no longer drop off our woody material and needles.

Your UDRC board members will be working with the Private Land committee chairs to plan a early June pickup (using contractors) woody material that property owners will bring to their road sides. More information will be available in coming months. Plan to improve your defensible space on your lot by placing biomass piles on the roadsides this spring.

National Fire Academy: from Joe Stutler:

This one we are proud of in Central OR....

Recently Deputy Chief (Dave Pickardt) from Redmond Fire was attending the Executive Fire Officers' Program at the National Fire Academy in Gettysburg, as part of the program the issue of wildland fire and WUI was addressed and the academy offered an outdated video. The Deputy Chief from Redmond informed the academy there was a better product available. Consequently we received the following message from the Academy:

On 3/23/2012 12:27 PM, Marchone, Mary wrote:
Good afternoon Katie,

I am the manager of the second year **Executive Analysis of Community Risk Reduction** course which is part of the Executive Fire Officers' Program at the National Fire Academy.

I recently came about a video on You Tube called **Project Wildfire VOB**. I believe the video is actually called **Beyond the Flames: The Story of Project Wildfire**. I think it is excellent and I would like to use it in class. We must get permission before taking videos off of You Tube. I was wondering if you could grant me permission to use this segment in class. Do you have a DVD you could provide to me? I always worry about items being taken off of You Tube and how to access them after that.

It is a great production and I think it would be extremely valuable addition to the course. Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Marchone, Training Specialist
Fire Prevention Management
FEMA/Department of Homeland Security
United States Fire Administration/National Fire Academy



Manure Exchange Program



NEED MANURE? HAVE MANURE TO GET RID OF?

The Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District has set up a FREE Manure Exchange program to assist landowners with removal of excess manure. If you are in need of manure please check our web page for more information and a list of available sources.

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Public Lands Committee

Forest Service Draft Proposal for the Bend – Sunriver Paved FS Road 41

Below is a draft report listing options for creating a paved bike path/paved FS road 41. The Forest Service is still evaluating options and the public will have an opportunity to comment this year.



Bend-SunriverPavedPath_final_...

Double click to open.

Forest Service Travel Management Rule

The Deschutes National Forest has announced the implementation of the Travel Management Rule effective January 2012. This rule limits motor vehicle use to designated routes shown on the Motor Vehicle Use Maps. No existing designated roads or trails were closed. Cross-country travel is not allowed except for designated areas. Some forest service roads are limited to highway legal vehicles. Access to

dispersed campsites is allowed within 300 feet of a designated road.

Travel Management Rule news release:

<http://bit.ly/GPfcnZ>

Motor Vehicle Use Maps Overview and FAQ:

<http://bit.ly/H2Yy4F>

Refer to the following list to download and view maps covering the area around your community. A

portion of the map may be printed on 8.5 x 11 inch paper.

Central Coalition area: Map 4

Fall River Estates area: Map 3

Haner Park area: Map 5

Wild River area: Map 6

Full size 36 x 44 inches printed maps are available free at the Deschutes National Forest Headquarters,
63095 Deschutes Market Rd., Bend, OR.

Todd Lake Camp Site Restoration Project – July 2012

The National Forest Foundation is granting \$10,000 to the Coalition to restore the camp site at Todd Lake. The project is set to start about July 9-12, and 16-17) and will take several weeks to complete.

Executive Summary

Todd Lake is located twenty-five miles west of Bend, Oregon just off the Cascade Lakes National Scenic Byway. Todd Lake is a popular trailhead that provides access to the Three Sisters Wilderness as well as a high day use area that is renowned for its wildflowers in the spring. The site offers stunning views of Broken Top and South Sister. Over the past two decades, recreation use has increased dramatically at Todd Lake. Several restoration projects to protect the area's vegetation and wildlife have been implemented over the past decade, but with the increased visitor use and aging developments, more restoration work and upgrades are needed.

Project Goals and Objectives

Todd Lake is a high elevation lake that is only snow free for a few months a year. This alpine environment has a short growing season, making it fragile and extremely susceptible to disturbance. With the increased use at this site by both locals and tourists, it is imperative that the fragile riparian area at the outlet of the lake is protected. In addition, both the Western Toad and the Cascade Frog live in the lake and riparian zone and are protected by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Todd Lake is a beautiful area and maintaining the picturesque views are a top priority. In order to protect the riparian zone and retain the pristine feel, a new fence will be approximately 20-24" high. Signs to keep people out will be approximately 18" high and will be 4" wide brown carsonite, simply stating "Area Closed for Restoration". This will provide a barrier to encourage people to stay out, yet still offer the scenic vistas

The scope of this project is twofold; first it is to protect the riparian area at the outlet of Todd Lake, the second is to provide better services for visitors.

The following is a summary of work to be completed with this grant:

- Replace the failing lodge pole worm fence at the outlet, on the south side of the lake that protects the riparian zone. There is approximately 1000' of fence replacement.
- Installation of small signs on/near the fence that indicate that the area behind it is a restoration area and should not be walked on.
- Maintain the three neglected campsites on the northwest side of the lake. Remove the collapsing picnic tables and the concrete blocks that used to be fire rings. Replace fire rings with metal ones and install them with concrete so that they cannot be moved. Install posts to indicate campsites like those found at Devil's Lake. General clean-up of campsites and naturalize illegal campsites around the lake.
- Install small trail markers at the north side of the lake to encourage users to stay on one path through the meadow.
- Fix/paint the Todd Lake sign near the outlet.
- Remove redundant signs and consolidate messages to avoid sign pollution at the lake.
- General rehab and cleanup of all areas around the lake.

In conjunction with this project, the U.S. Forest Service has committed money and personnel to complete the following tasks:

- Remove old/broken tables and benches from around the outlet and replace with new ones.
- Provide a map of campsites at the trailhead so that campers know the location of sites.
- Provide a re-usable wildflower guide at the bulletin board that visitors can take with them and then return.

Volunteers will be needed and people interested in helping may contact Jerry Hubbard at jhubbard@chamberscable.com

Financial support of the Todd Lake Project is needed!

- Lodgepole Pine for \$100
- Cranebow Trout for \$250
- Rainbow Trout for \$500
- Brown Trout for \$1,000
- Ponderosa Pine for \$2,500

Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Please make your check payable to "Upper Deschutes River Coalition"
C/o Todd Lake Restoration
PO Box 3042,
Sunriver, OR 97707

Tax ID Number is 03-0557393

Todd Lake Material Needed:

12 bags of concrete, 40 lb. size
250 logs of peeled Lodgepole fencing, untreated, 6" diameter, 10' long

Contact Jerry Hubbard at 541-390-9798

Watershed Committee

The Watershed Committee will focus on 3 activities in 2012 and beyond:

1. **Winter Flows out of Wickiup:** Low Winter flows out of Wickiup cause bank exposure, drying, and freezing. High Spring irrigation flows then wash-out the dry banks, resulting in widening of the riverbed, loss of riverfront property, downstream siltation problems, and loss of clean stream-bed habitat. Typically, releases from Wickiup are stopped in Sept/Oct and Winter flows are only the 20 cfs that leak from the dam. A wet and snowy 2010-2011 Winter & Spring resulted in less need to store additional irrigation water in Wickiup and Crane Prairie this Winter, so the flows out of Wickiup have been around 300 cfs, which happens to coincide with ODFW's instream water right. (See

<http://www.wkcc.org/levels/?P=Oregon.html> for up-to-date river levels

Higher, predictable flows will not only help keep the banks damp and stable, they will also provide critical Winter habitat for Rainbow Trout and Fall spawning water for Brown Trout and Kokanee Salmon. In addition to better winter paddling opportunities, restoring the declining trophy trout fishery can bring badly needed \$\$ to our area since quality tailwater fisheries typically pump millions of \$\$ into the local economy. The Deschutes above Benham offers a unique opportunity because it is the only stretch that can be fished from a boat, allowing boomers and youngsters to fish when wading isn't an option.

The UDRC has been involved in preliminary conversations about how to increase Winter flows, and there is good news. At their annual Board of Directors retreat, the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC) board authorized devoting the time and manpower to develop a plan to stabilize future Winter flows. This is really significant since both the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) and North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) are on the DRC board and aware of a general strategy to stabilize flows while guaranteeing the water needed by Agriculture. A broad outline of the plan discussed at the DRC retreat could be complete for Board review mid-year.

After that, there's a couple of years of hard work of getting the Districts and Agencies to agree on specifics that work for everyone concerned. Increasing irrigation district efficiency is central for an agreement to release more stored water. Over the next few years, funds for the project will be raised while the process of actually putting a water management agreement into action gets done. It's a long and complicated process involving many stakeholders and no guarantees. Having said that, there is good faith agreement among the major players that this is worth pursuing. God willing and the creek don't flood (pun intended) we could see results much sooner than the 25 - 30 years or so previously thought. We will provide periodic updates and welcome any support that you can provide.

2. **Bank Stabilization & Habitat Restoration:** Higher Winter Flows will reduce bank freezing, drying, and erosion. The more predictable water levels mean better opportunities for successful, long-term bank stabilization and riparian habitat restoration. We will be partnering with Trout Unlimited (TU), Sunriver Anglers, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW), and other agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to identify, fund, and arrange volunteers for restoration projects.

If you haven't participated before, a day spent making a difference is not only fulfilling, but also fun and educational. For example, I recently participated in the Wychus Creek fish rescue, had a great time with a bunch of other river stewards and wildlife professionals, and learned more

about our stream-bed ecosystems in one day than I have in 30+ years of fishing here.

3. **RiverSweep:** This year's SOLV RiverSweep cleanup is scheduled for 9-22-12. As always, the UDRC will be the organizing force behind the annual clean-up from Wickiup to Benham Falls. We've had a positive response from the LaPine Chamber of Commerce regarding additional community involvement in cleaning up the LaPine stretch of the Deschutes from LaPine State Park up to Wickiup, as well as the Little Deschutes. We can always use more volunteers for this easy and fun day of hands-on river stewardship, so please contact us to sign up or get more info.

Deschutes River Conservancy's Tod Heisler – Featured in Oregon 1859 Magazine

The Spring 2012 addition of 1859 Oregon's Magazine, page 67, article "Cooperation Runs Through It" features Tod Heisler embraces a new model to lead the Deschutes River Conservancy to historic success.

[Congratulations to Tod and the DRC.](#)

River Stewardship Guide – is available at www.udrc.org
Front page under the information section.

E News – E Lists –

If you would like to receive e news or updates on the Coalition please send us your contact information – send to Kelle Jones at kellejones@gmail.com

Community News

Community Greenhouse update

The Community Greenhouse project is transitioning from one person's vision into a community's plan. OSU Cascades students recently completed research into several project aspects, including: Greenhouse Operation, Grants, Biomass heating, and Composting. These reports will be important evaluation tools as the project moves forward. Meetings have been held with local individuals, businesses, organizations, plus Deschutes County and La Pine city officials. The feedback and positive response have demonstrated strong public support for the Community Greenhouse. The Steering Committee is preparing the project business plan with completion in April. The business plan is an integral part of grant applications and gaining additional community support.

Several parcels in Southern Deschutes County are being considered for the Community Greenhouse. County owned property surrounding Rosland School on Burgess Rd between Highway 97 and Huntington Rd is the desired location. The property, known as "The New Neighborhood" is situated inside the La Pine city limits. Local planning officials have master planned the 350 to 500 acre property as residential and community development use. The Community Greenhouse will satisfy the community development aspect by creating local paid staff jobs working in concert with community volunteers.

The project has many social components including education and environmental needs – growing tree seedlings and native plants for reforestation. Senior citizens, veterans, disabled individuals, and students will enjoy working and volunteering in Community

Greenhouse. A portion of the food will be distributed to local food kitchens and food banks.

The current projection has Community Greenhouse becoming operational in the 3rd quarter of 2013. There are many “hills to be climbed” before construction will begin. Careful planning and good communication within the community will shorten the timeline. The Community Greenhouse will be a model for other communities to follow and help create a healthy, positive outcome for all areas south of Bend.

For more information contact Monte Dammarell [kriverhaus@gmail.com]

Central Oregon Seed Exchange

The Seed Exchange is a local Deschutes County resource for purchasing, sharing and saving vegetable and flower seed. For a seed availability list, or to donate seed check out the website at www.seedexchange.weekly.com
Spring Alaska Olson, Principal Ecologist 541-647-9604

Invest in the Coalition!

The Coalition’s 2012 plans will continue to make our neighborhoods safer from the risk of wildfire through our sweat equity program (thanks to a two-year \$100,000 grant from Deschutes Country) and the Oregon Department of Forestry’s wood chipping program.

The Coalition strives to be financially transparent as possible. We post our financial information on our web site www.udrc.org and review the monthly statements at our Board and partner meetings. We invite questions and try to provide timely responses. Jerry Hubbard, Executive Director, UDRC (jhubbard@chamberscable.com) is available to discuss our operations.

The Jake Keller Memorial Fund

GIFT FORM

Yes, I/we would like to help the Upper Deschutes River Coalition build an environmentally minded community by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat within the 69,000 acre service area.

Your investment will help the Coalition build a strong base for financial stability.

I have enclosed a gift of:

- Lodgepole Pine for \$100
- Cranebow Trout for \$250
- Rainbow Trout for \$500
- Brown Trout for \$1,000
- Ponderosa Pine for \$2,500
- Redband Steelhead for \$5,000
- Bull Elk for \$10,000
- Another Amount \$ _____

Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

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Our Tax ID Number is 03-0557393

Appreciated Stock Gifts are Welcome!

For more information call 541-593-2777 or visit www.udrc.org

Use PayPal at www.udrc.org

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May we include your name in our list of donors? ___ Yes ___ No

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Date _____

Please send your completed gift form and check to:

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Thank You!