



# Upper Deschutes River Coalition

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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.*

***Information on the Coalition is at:***

***<http://www.udrc.org/udrcinfo/about.htm>***



Dear Friends of the Coalition,

Happy Holidays from the Upper Deschutes River Coalition! The UDRC's staff and Board of Directors extend our warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season to you and your family. We would also like to take a moment to thank you for everything you do to support the conservation and stewardship of our treasured Deschutes National Forest and the 21 communities within the Coalition's service area (see link for map)

[http://www.udrc.org/pdfs/CWPP\\_map\\_final.pdf](http://www.udrc.org/pdfs/CWPP_map_final.pdf)

Our private and public lands exist because of individuals like you who love and appreciate these magnificent lands and the diverse wildlife, natural resources and recreational opportunities that they provide.

## **UDRC Has Another Great Year**

We're a pretty humble bunch here at the Coalition, but every once in a while we like to toot our own horn. We've had a great year, with new members, new projects, and lots of great on-the-ground work. In partnerships with our 21 community members, the USFS, the National Forest Foundation, Project Wildfire, Deschutes County Forester and the Oregon Department of Forestry we have completed many worthwhile projects. Our 2010 annual report to stakeholders will be released in January.

## **Issues Facing the Upper Deschutes River Coalition**

- Upper Deschutes River – it is a Wild and Scenic River or an irrigation ditch? How can the river maintain a constant flow of water to protect fish, wildlife and private property? Is the water being used for the public good and in a beneficial way? Should the Wild and Scenic River designation be deleted since it cannot be wild and scenic with no running water?
- USFS fuel reduction next to the Coalition's Wildland Urban Interface boundary – what can be done to get the USFS to move faster to reduce the threat of wildfires on Federal land.
- UDRC's operating budget – how can the Coalition raise operating funds to achieve our mission?

- Fuel reduction on private property – how can the Coalition obtain funding to continue providing no or low cost work to create defensible spaces on private property.
- How do we prevent the erosion from occurring on the banks of the Upper Deschutes River?

If you have issues or comments on the above issues please e mail Jerry Hubbard, Executive Director, UDRC at [jhubbard@chamberscable.com](mailto:jhubbard@chamberscable.com)

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**Our best wishes to you and your friends and family for an improved new year in 2011! Happy Holidays,**

**Carl Jansen Jake Keller John Moore Jerry Hubbard**

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### *Resources*

**Book a Winter Getaway – from the National Forest Foundation:**

Winter is one of the best times to get out onto your National Forests. The hushed quiet of a winter day is a great experience to share with your friends and family. Follow animal tracks in the snow, test your wood-chopping skills, snowshoe or cross-country ski, or zip through the trees on a snowmobile. If cold isn't your thing, escape it and head to a southern National Forest for some quiet off-season camping. However you get out, remember to dress warmly and bring extra supplies in case you run into trouble. Check out the [U.S. Forest Service Web site](#) for great winter recreation opportunities on your National Forests.

### *Give to the National Forest Foundation!*

The end of the year is a great time to donate to the National Forest Foundation. Give a [gift of trees](#) or a [gift membership](#) to someone you know who loves the outdoors. Your tax-deductible donation will help the NFF fulfill its mission to engage Americans in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of the 193-million-acre National Forest System. Thanks for considering the [National Forest Foundation](#) this holiday season!

### *Give to the Upper Deschutes River Coalition!*

The end of the year is a great time to donate to the Upper Deschutes River Coalition. Give a membership to someone you know who loves the outdoors. Your tax-deductible donation will help the Coalition fulfill its mission to engage residents of South Deschutes County in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of our 52,000 acres of private and public lands. Thanks for considering the Upper Deschutes River Coalition this holiday season!

**PLEASE HELP BY [MAKING A DONATION](#) NOW!**