



# 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:*

[www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)

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

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## **President's Message**

To All Our Stakeholders:

Thank you to everyone involved who participated in our January 28<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Meeting. All of you provided a vital set of visions on what our South County should look like in 2021. We intend to refine these views and incorporate them into a series of action items to attain your vision of 2021. With these views of the long-term future, your leadership team has attempted to incorporate them into a set of activities within our draft 2011 Operations Plan. We hope to refine the plan for Board approval at the April meeting.

Spring time is approaching. Temperatures are rising. Goodbye to minus 20's. Hello to the 50's. Due to economic grant constraints from the county and federal government, we will be unable to remove the biomass from our roadsides this Spring. The county will allow us to haul biomass to the staging areas on Fontana and Lazy River and they will remove the piles as necessary. From 2008 to 2010 the UDRC's contractors have removed 19,797 green tons of biomass and the County's contractors have removed 22,223 green tons of biomass for a total of 42,020 green tons which was used for fueling electrical power plants in Oregon.

During the first half of 2011, John Moore and I intend to mount an intensive campaign to secure corporate sponsors to provide operating funds for the UDRC for 2011 and beyond. A corporate sponsor is defined as a business or association who can provide at least \$300 to the UDRC annually. Please call me if you have leads on businesses who might want to be recognized on our new website as well as other promotional literature.

On another subject, we are trying to expand our set of volunteers for specific projects to be outlined in our forthcoming 2011 operations plan. Thank you to our many, many partners and members who have put in a significant amount of volunteer time in 2010 on UDRC projects. We are interested in securing more volunteer support beyond our existing volunteer base. Please spread the word to try and secure people's interest to access our new updated website. We have a number of volunteer projects planned in 2011. There is strength in numbers. Please call me to discuss your thoughts.

Have a safe, successful Spring Season!

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**Secretary Position is open.**

**2011 Meeting Schedule:**

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

March 15  
April 19  
May 17  
June 21  
July 19  
August 16  
September – Annual Meeting, date TBD  
October 18  
November 15

December and January no meetings

**Communities represented by the Upper Deschutes River Coalition:**

Beaver Road District

Blue Eagle Road District

Caldera Springs

Cougar Grove

Crosswater

Deschutes River Recreational Home sites 1-5; 6; & 9.

Fall River Estates

Haner Park

Lazy River South

Oregon Water Wonderland # 1 & 2

Pinewood Country Estates

River Forest Acres

River Meadows

## 2011 Operations Plan and Budget

A draft operations plan will be presented by the Leadership team to the Board at the April meeting. We wanted to hold off allowing time to firm up the UDRC's Strategic Plan. The 2011 budget is the same forecast as presented at the November 2010 board meeting. Current unrestricted cash will carry the Coalition through August 2011.

**PLEASE HELP BY MAKING A DONATION NOW!**

## URDC Committee News

### Leadership Team

- Our new web site is operational at [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org) More work will be done over the next few months to add links to other web sites. If you have ideas on how to improve the site please contact Jerry Hubbard at [jhubbard@chamberscable.com](mailto:jhubbard@chamberscable.com)
- The new member data base management system is operational and member information is being updated. We are adding information to the data base on the 6,000 property owners in the Coalition's service area.

### Private Lands

- UDRC/Deschutes County fuel reduction program – phase two is postponed due to issues with the federal agency funding the work Jake Keller is managing the program for the UDRC and will keep the Coalition informed of future funding.
- We are encouraging private lot owners who have received no cost fuel reduction work to financially support the UDRC – see [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org) and use PayPal.

### Public Lands

- Jim Larsen will be creating maps of areas of hazardous fuels bordering Coalition neighborhoods to propose a fuels reduction project.
- Jim will also be running computer simulations to identify high risk areas for wildfire within the Coalition CWPP boundary.
- Jim will keeping informed on progress of the Forest Service Junction fuels reduction project proposal.

### Watershed

- Deschutes River Stewardship Guide – the team will start working on a new guide in February. The guide will help river front property owners understand how to protect the river banks, restore river banks and where to get advice, help and permits. The guide was funded with a \$5,000 grant in late 2010 by the Central Oregon Irrigation District.
- In April volunteers are needed to plant 800 trees and shrubs on the Upper Deschutes River north of Sunriver. Contact Jim Larsen for more information.

**Spring River Fire &  
Safety Assn.**

**Sundance**

**Thousand Trails**

**Vandevent Ranch**

**Wild River Assn.**

**Plus members at  
large**

## **Fund Raising**

- National Forest Foundation – a grant request up to \$24,000 was submitted on 2/15/2011 under the Community Capacity & Land Stewardship program.
- Corporate Sponsorship program – John Moore and Carl Jansen will start meeting with business leaders to ask for their firm's support of the Coalition.