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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:

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President's Message

The 2011 holiday season is fast approaching. The UDRC has completed its last board/partners meeting on November 15th. Besides completing a new strategic long range plan in January, we have satisfied almost 75% of our planned projects as outlined in the 2011 operations plan. During our last meeting we reviewed our achievements in 2011 and highlighted specific activities to be achieved in 2012.

Your leadership team plans to draft a 2012 operations plan to be presented at our February 21, 2012 Board and Partners meeting at the Sunriver Public Library. If you would like to propose action items for 2012 in advance please call me to discuss.

The Leadership team will be preparing the 2011 Annual Report in the next month or so. The annual report will be sent to the Board for review and approval then to our partners and stakeholders.

A special thanks to everyone who have made the UDRC a success in 2011. May the good things of life be yours in abundance not only over the holidays but throughout the coming year.

Carl Jansen, 541/593-2777

PS – please consider Becoming a Friend of the Coalition – see the gift form at the end of the e news.

Who We Are!

The UDRC is a multiple-issue, project-based coalition representing a broad range of interests among its 25 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.*

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December and January no meetings

2012 Meeting Schedule see our web site

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

February 21, 2012

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

Lazy River West

Lazy River/Huntington Rd

Oregon Water Wonderland # 1 & 2

Pinewood Country Estates

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 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.

UDRC Representative Reports

Ready-Set-Go! Statewide Conference – on 11/18, Jake Keller attended the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) conference in Bend in November. Project Wildfire coordinated the one-day conference to introduce the Ready-Set-Go! Program, describe grant funding opportunities and provide information and materials to build support for the statewide implantation of the program.

National Forest Foundation – on 10/11-13, Jerry Hubbard attended the conference with 30 other nonprofits and Forest Service representatives and some of the key points were:

- 40% of USFS staff will retire in 3 years
 - Maybe more if early buyout
- USFS – Congress – continuing resolutions hamper FS operations – don't know what their budget is until months into FY
- FS partnerships in US - \$1.4 Billion in grants and community involvement
- USFS 2011 Forest Condition report and action plans – ready Nov. 2011
- USFS NEPA – large scale landscape plans – Like the Sister West Bend project – one large NEPA or smaller NEPA's?
- USFS leadership transitions – ask for the transitions letter
- Ten year stewardship contracts allow contractors to have a steady base and can contract with markets.
 - Sustainable supply is the key to markets and profits.
 - Does Deschutes NF have 10 year contracts?
- Economic Database and Reports – great program, free. Created by the USFS and the BLM.
 - www.headwaterseconomics.org
 - Deschutes County report
 - Download link to database – search by state, county, compare counties, dozen reports by industry sector.

Pine River Estates

River Forest Acres

River Meadows

Spring River Fire & Safety Assn.

Sun Country Estates

Sundance

Thousand Trails

Vandevent Ranch

Vandevent Acres Road District

Whispering Pines

Wild River Assn.

Backyards & Beyond Wildland Fire Education Conference – Jake Keller attended the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) conference in Denver October 27-29.

This conference offered specific training and information on many important fire recognition & mitigation subjects from experts in wildland/urban interface (W/UI) areas including renowned Research Physical Scientist, Jack Cohen and Michele Steinberg, Manager, Firewise Communities Program.

Fire behavior, evacuation recommendations, prevention, etc., were key issues addressed in this conference. Over 300 conference attendees from most states and some foreign countries participated in this very informative, educational, and worthwhile conference.

Grants

Deschutes County Commissioners awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Coalition to fund the completion of wildfire risk evaluation on a dozen neighborhoods (see Public Lands below).

A big THANK YOU to commissioners Tammy Baney, Alan Unger and Tony DeBone for their support of the Coalition's work to reduce the threat of wildfires.

Private Lands

Wildfire Risk Evaluation of our 25 Neighborhoods was nearly completed through October with 5 remaining to be completed in November. This evaluation is not as detailed & thorough evaluation of private properties as the SB 360/Defensible Space or the FIREWISE inspection but does give us a good idea which of the 6,200 properties in our WUI need additional fuel reduction works.

With the help of Carl Jansen & Lauren James, Dean Drabin & Monte Dammarell, Ken Lane & Cathy Smith, Jake Keller & Jim Larsen, this project will be completed by the end of 2011.

The Sweat Equity Fuel Reduction (aka, The Biomass Roadside Pickup Program) contract work produced excellent results in October with 1,463 cubic yards of woody biomass material collected from 6 neighborhoods. There were 150 pickups made from 88 private properties and an estimated 1,564 sweat equity hours expended by the residents. Most of the material collected would have been burned rather than being hauled to the Cedar Court and Fontana biomass collection sites for use in power production.

Thanks to the volunteer neighborhood representatives – Jackie Alden (OWW II), Dean Drabin (OWW I), Kelle Jones (River Forest Acres), Ray Cecchi (River Meadows), Nadine Ruth (DRRH # 6), Conrad Ruel (DRRH # 1-5), Phase 3 of this contract went very smoothly. The next scheduled pickup will be in May or June, 2012.

No new update from Project Wildfire regarding the funding release from FEMA for additional fuel reduction/defensible space work to be done in DRRH # 6 and Beaver Road District as committed in 2010. Joe Stutler (County Forester) is working diligently to get this funding released. Stay tuned on this.

The Firewise and Ready-Set-Go programs will be the primary objectives in 2012 with both programs similar to the SB360/Defensible Space program the UDRC has worked over the past 4 years. All 3 programs are similar but differ enough in scope and implementation but have the same end results: to make the communities in our UDRC WUI as fire free as possible.

The UDRC currently has 6 of 25 communities certified as FireWise with potentially 3-additional to be certified 2012. Congratulations to the FireWise communities of: Caldera, Crosswater, Fall River, River Meadows, Spring River F&S, Wild River.

Again, thanks to the neighborhood representatives who ambitiously helped to get their communities certified.

Public Lands

Jerry Hubbard, Executive Director of the Coalition has joined the Deschutes National Forest's Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) and will serve a three year term. The Deschutes PAC is one of the original 12 federal advisory committees established as a result of the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP). The purpose of the committee is to help facilitate communication between federal and non-federal entities to help implement the NWFP. The PAC is composed of members that represent a broad spectrum of interests specifically identified in the Secretary of Agriculture's charter. The first PAC meeting is December 12, 2011.

Jerry was also invited to serve on U.S. Senator Wyden's Recreational Asset Committee representing South Deschutes County with six others representing Sunriver Owners Association, the Sunriver Chamber and outdoor enthusiasts and the La Pine Parks and Recreation District. Jerry will serve as the chair of the committee and provide updates through the E news.

Jerry and the others will present ideas on recreational projects in January to Senator Wyden for evaluation and possible inclusion in the Federal fiscal year 2013 budget. The goals of the program are to strengthen recreation and the economy in Central Oregon.

Forest Service Travel Management Program

This program restricts off highway vehicle travel to designated routes shown on Motor Vehicle Use Maps. The Record of Decision was issued on Aug. 4, 2011. The maps are available online and at all Forest Service offices.

Website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/centraloregon>

Click on Travel Management - FEIS

Click on Motor Vehicle Use Maps

Spring River prescribed burn

The prescribed burn of 102 acres West of the Spring River community was completed on Oct. 18 by the Bend – Fort rock Ranger district personnel. The under burn was designed to use wildfire to reduce hazardous fuels within the Wildland Urban Interface and introduce fire back into the Ponderosa pine ecosystem. Spring River residents were very pleased with the outcome.

Midstate Power Line

The proposed power line would begin at the intersection of La Pine State Rec. Road and Whittier Road and run north approximately 2.43 miles to Foster Road adjacent to the Western boundary of the Pinewood Country Estates community. The project would involve the installation of 40 foot tall power poles every 300 feet along the described route. The project is needed to supply power to the residents of Southern Deschutes County and to provide a more reliable power source for existing customers of Midstate Electric Cooperative. Public comments will be accepted until Dec. 1.

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=37480

- Deschutes National Forest Headquarters

The Deschutes National Forest Headquarters and Bend-Ft. Rock Ranger District Offices will move on November 11, 2011 to a new office location at 63095 Deschutes Market Road, in NE Bend adjacent to the Bend Pine Park.

Community News

La Pine Rural Fire Protection District needs donations of vehicles for extrication training (removing injured occupants). Contact the District at 541-536-2935.

Sunriver Anglers Club – Christmas Dinner is December 14 in the Great Hall at the Sunriver Resort. Cost is \$50 per person. For more info see www.sunriveranglers.org

Deschutes County – South County Plan

Southern Deschutes County spans more than 125 square miles and is bounded by federal lands managed by the Deschutes National Forest and the BLM. During Deschutes county's Comprehensive Plan Update, residents in these areas expressed interest in an area-specific plan.

An area plan is an integral part of the Comprehensive Plan and contains a vision statement and a detailed account of its public involvement process and land use inventories. Once adopted, an area plan can be implemented using regulatory and non-regulatory tools.

Public outreach – the County staff including Peter Gutowsky will work with citizens and stakeholder to develop a South County Community Plan. The UDRC intends to be a key participant in this project which is related to our mission statement and objectives.

For additional information please see www.deschutes.org/Community-Development.aspx

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GIFT FORM

Yes, I/we would like to help the Upper Deschutes River Coalition (501(c) 3) 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.

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

I have enclosed a gift of:

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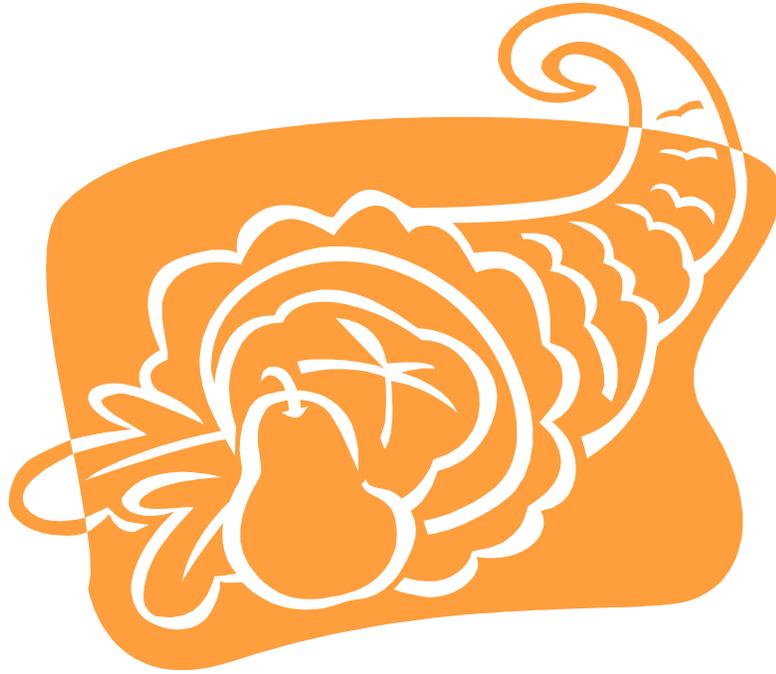
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Please send your completed gift form and check to:

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Thank You! Carl Jansen, President; Jake Keller, VP; John Moore, Treasurer; Kelle Jones, Secretary; Jerry Hubbard, Executive Director.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Carl, Jake, John, Kelle and Jerry