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Our Mission:

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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

A special thank you all the volunteers who spent many hours in supporting the Sept 17th River Bank Cleanup Project and the Sept 24th UDRC Annual Meeting and Appreciation Event.

To summarize both events briefly:

On the 17th, over 30 volunteers within our coalition boundary area picked up trash on and near Fall, Little Deschutes, Big Deschutes and Spring Rivers. In cooperation with Oregon based SOLV we picked up over 600 lbs of litter, 4500 Oregon volunteers picked up over 69,000 pounds of trash on our Oregon beaches and rivers. WOW what a great event.

On the 24th, over 150 people participated in our annual meeting and appreciation luncheon at the 1000 Trails conference center. A special thank you to all of our donors and silent auction and raffle customers who helped generate over \$3400 in gross sales. These funds will again support sustaining our administrative operations into mid 2012.

Also I would like to thank Joe Stutler and his Project Wildfire team in providing a wonderful "Santa Maria" lunch for all attendees and also Dean Drabin and Katie Lighthall in organizing/leading the raffle and silent auction activities.

Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors that we plan to conduct these events again in Sept 2012.

Should you have any ideas to improve these events please call me.

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.

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2010 Meeting Schedule:

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

**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; 8; & 9.

Fall River Estates

Haner Park

Lazy River South

Lazy River/Huntington

Oregon Water Wonderland # 1 & 2

Pinewood Country Estates

Pine River Estates

Who We Are!

The UDRC is a multiple-issue, project-based coalition representing a broad range of interests among its 24 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 to catalyze and coordinate its stakeholders 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 water rights issues.

News on USFS and Fire Fighting

Recent research completed by the USFS and published in the Canadian Journal of Forest Research shows that aggressive thinning treatments are the most effective in reducing the probability of crown fires in the Western U.S., with fuel treatments that leave 50-100 trees/acre the most effective.

Though the optimal number of trees/acre varies by site, species, terrain and other factors, the study shows that "Once again, an ounce of prevention equals a pound of cure," says Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Thinning dense forests reduces the impacts of the catastrophic wildfires we've already seen this year and...helps protect communities, provide jobs and promotes overall better forest health."

Tidwell noted that while 38 structures burned during the Arizona wildfires, thousands more were saved by fuel treatments implemented by federal, state and local agencies and private citizens that successfully reduced fire behavior.

As a result the Forest Service is seeking to treat over 2.4 million acres over the next 20 years and in process producing a mountain of low-quality logs and biomass. The biggest obstacle to this project is to develop local markets for the long term supply of wood.

Highlights from September 2011 issue, PanelWorld, Taking Stock article "Research shows fighting fire with thinning works" by Dan Shell, Managing Editor.

River Forest Acres

River Meadows

Spring River Fire & Safety Assn.

Sun Country Estates

Sundance

Thousand Trails

Vandevent Ranch

Whispering Pines

Wild River Assn.

UDRC Attending Conferences

Ready Set Go! Statewide Conference – Jake Keller and Jerry Hubbard will attend the International Association of Fire Chiefs conference in Bend in October. Project Wildfire is coordinating 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 – Jerry Hubbard will attend the NFF's Collaboration & Capacity-Building workshop on Oct 11 – 13 located near Denver. The NFF is sponsoring the UDRC's attendance. About 50 people have registered for the conference.

Backyards & Beyond Wildland Fire Education Conference – Jake Keller will attend the NFPA conference in Denver October 27-29 as an alternate for Ray Cecchi (River Meadows) who was sponsored through a NFPA scholarship. Unfortunately Ray had made other commitments and could not attend.

This conference offers 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.

Grants

Since 2005, the UDRC has received \$596,722 in grants! The grants ranged from \$194,000 Western States Fuel Grant, a \$145,000 National Fire Plan fuels reduction grant and a BLM planning grant of \$100,000 to smaller but still important grants from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Deschutes County, National Forest Foundation and Project Wildfire.

A big thank you to the UDRC volunteers and staff for the hard work over the years in obtaining grants and to the entities making the grants.

Private Lands

The fall 2011 sweat equity biomass roadside pickup program will continue with contractors scheduled for pickup week 10/10 – 10/14, 2011 at the following neighborhoods: River Forest Acres, River Meadows, OWW 1, OWW 2, Fall River, DRRH 9, DRRH 6. If any other neighborhoods/communities have pickup schedules, call Jake Keller, (541) 350-4081. Remember: DON'T BURN IT – HAUL IT!!

Also, remember that chipping grant funding is still available in a limited amount through ODF if any neighborhoods would prefer chipping versus hauling their biomass to the So. County drop sites. Again, let Jake Keller know if this is a viable option for your neighborhood.

Grant funding for additional private lands fuel reduction is still on hold with no new opportunities scheduled until (possibly) early 2012. Priorities to begin private lands fuel reduction have been established with DRRH # 6 and Beaver RD in the top of the list.

The UDRC is proud to announce that we now have **six** certified FIREWISE neighborhood/communities including: Caldera Springs, Crosswater, Fall River, River Meadows, Wild River, and the latest to be approved: Spring River Fire & Safety Assoc.

This certification is a national recognition program sponsored through the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) which requires the certified neighborhood/communities to maintain an 85% compliance to very stringent fuel reduction standards (similar to, but much stricter than SB360). Congratulations to all our FIREWISE Coalition neighbors. Your hard work has paid off!

US Forest Service – new headquarters – You are invited!

October 13, 2011

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Deschutes National Forest Bend Ft. Rock Ranger District and USFWS Bend Field Office New Bend Pine Office
63095 Deschutes Market Road**

Welcome, 3 p.m.

Dedication of New Building, 3 p.m.

Musical Performance, Katie Bullock, Youth Choir of Central Oregon

Ribbon Cutting, 3:30 p.m.

Public Tours. 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Forest Service Fire Engines

Smokey Bear

Puppet Show “Critters in the Cracks,” every 30 minutes

Highlights of “Green Building” Kirby Nagelhout Construction and Steele and Associates Architects

Native Landscaping Tour

End

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE COALITION

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lodgepole Pine for \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cranebow Trout for \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rainbow Trout for \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Trout for \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ponderosa Pine for \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Redband Steelhead for \$5,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Elk for \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Another Amount \$ _____ |

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May we include your name in our list of donors? ___Yes ___No

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Thank You!

SISTERS – OCT. 17 BIOMASS AND GOVERNOR KITZHABER YOU ARE INVITED

Come learn how using biomass as heating fuel in large public buildings can help save money, restore local forests, create jobs, and increase our energy independence!

The second of four tours showcasing biomass heat installations around the state will be held at the Sisters High School in Sisters, Oregon on October 17, from 2 to 4:30 pm. **Governor Kitzhaber plans to join us to celebrate** the project and the benefits it will provide to the school, community, and state!

These tours offer the opportunity to

- Learn about the renewable energy that costs **LESS** than non-renewable fossil fuel
- See the latest biomass heat installations up close and personal

- Meet local champions who built new renewable energy infrastructure in tough economic times
- Find out how "heating local" can help restore our forests

Here are the details:

WHAT: A community tour of the new biomass heat system at the Sisters High School

WHEN: October 17, 2011 from 2 to 4:30 pm

WHERE: Sisters High School, 1700 West Mckinney Butte Road, Sisters, OR

WHY: To learn about biomass heat, energy savings, connections to local forests, and energy independence

RSVP and More Information: www.sustainablenorthwest.org

This event is a partnership between Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, East Fork Consulting, Sustainable Northwest, and the Oregon Department of Energy, with generous funding from USDA Rural Development and Oregon's biomass thermal industry.

Stay tuned for details about additional community tours at Oakridge Elementary School and the Estacada District Office later this fall! We look forward to sharing these exciting projects with you.

Please share this announcement with other who may be interested and contact me if you have any questions.

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