



# UPPER DESCHUTES RIVER COALITION

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## UDRC 2010 Operations Plan

### Our Mission:

*To protect Upper Deschutes River Communities by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat.*

February 16, 2010

Dear UDRC Stakeholders:

The board has approved this 2010 operations plan as a guide to influence all operating committees in accomplishing their stated goals for 2010. Significant results will be apparent visually and monetarily with the increased cooperation between our members and partners during the course of 2010. Every stakeholder can use this document to better understand the need to support our mission statement noted above.

### Leadership Committee

- Revise 2004 UDRC by-laws to reflect current and future legal issues which allow a progressive organization to accomplish stated mission in a significant way. Also develop expanded job descriptions for the officers and executive director.
- Continue to meet with local neighborhood organizations and partners in encouraging participation towards meeting our mission statement.
- Promote and supervise Ponderosa Seedling project, partnering with Three Rivers School.
- Manage the member's database, highlighting the updated records of 6,200 lot owners with the UDRC, to include satisfying SB360, donation data, etc.
- Streamline 2010 YTD financial statement reports to reflect appropriate source and use of funds which satisfy non-profit organizational standards. Manage the 2010 operations and grant budgets and report status to board monthly.

- Improve the procedures for monthly coalition meetings designed to encourage more volunteer participation in collective efforts.
- Co-sponsored with the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC), Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV), the UDRC will sponsor a neighborhood-wide river float on September 11<sup>th</sup> focused on a thorough river sweep of human-caused debris and ending with a social with food on the banks of the Deschutes at LaPine State Park. Partners, guests, and neighbors are encouraged to participate in this unique all-day event.
- Prepare and sponsor a Fall 2010 Strategic Planning Conference for members and partners geared towards developing a detailed five year long term vision. This would include action plans for all five committees. Todd Heisler (UDRC) has agreed to facilitate this meeting at the Sunriver Library.
- Early in 2010, the Leadership team plus some committee chairs are meeting to review 2010 plans with the USFS, OWEB, Soil & Water Conservation District, Trout Unlimited and Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

#### Public Lands Committee

- Implement National Forest Foundation grant with USFS to improve Deschutes River streamflow, reduce riverbank erosion and riverside trails through the National Forest Foundation, Central Oregon Flyfishers and Sunriver Anglers grants totaling \$11,250.
- Work with USFS in implementing travel plans with the Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District including boulders to render roads unusable by motorized vehicles.
- Continue to monitor and assist where necessary USFS fuels treatment projects which includes, in 2010, thinning 570 acres, mowing 500 acres and under burning 1,047 acres located within UDRC's CWPP boundary area.
- Continue to monitor and assist where necessary the BLM's 2010 treatments within UDRC's CWPP boundary area. These include: Honey Do Project (40 acres west of Foster Road, adjacent to Home Rec Site #6); Foster Road Project (158 acres adjacent to LaPine State Rec and Foster Roads).

#### Private Lands Committee

- Continue to promote use of two Deschutes County biomass staging sites (on county lots bordering Fontana-Glendale and Lazy River) for woody debris from private and public landowners.
- Continue to contract and manage wildfire fuel reduction activities on private lots within our boundary, using the remaining \$54,000 in Western States grant funds.

These funds will be used to pay contractors to reduce wildfire fuel loads on private lots in DRRH #1-5.

- Coordinate with Deschutes County Forester, Joe Stutler, in assisting where necessary, to reduce wildfire fuel threats using contractor help on private properties in DRRH #6 and #9.
- Provide the Oregon Department of Forestry an updated SB360 compliance list for all lots within our CWPP boundary area.
- Coordinate 2,000 Ponderosa pine seedling installations on private lots by providing seedlings on time to plant in the Spring and instructions on how to increase the survival rate to the maximum.
- Coordinate with the ODF and three neighborhoods on becoming certified as FireWise. Fall River, Crosswater, Caldera Springs and River Meadows have already received this national level award.

#### Watershed Committee

- Work with all partners, including Trout Unlimited and ODF&W, to support sustainable stream flows and fish habitat in the Deschutes during the fall and winter seasons..
- Support coordination of tree bank erosion control efforts on USFS property adjacent to the Deschutes from the Besson Park to Benham Falls.
- Coordinate 4<sup>th</sup> annual river sweep with SOLV on September 11th, thus reinforcing community partnerships.
- Through neighborhood support assist the Deschutes County Planning Department in mapping out specific wetland areas within the UDRC boundaries.

#### Education Committee

- Design and implement production of 10,000 new brochures highlighting the UDRC to replace the last brochure printed in 2008. The focus will be to emphasize the Upper Deschutes River as one of 60 rivers classed as a Wild and Scenic Rivers through a Congressional mandate.
- Continue to update website, increasing user friendly approach, allowing site to serve as our main information platform.
- Create e-newsletters and forward to both members and partners on a quarterly basis.

- Jerry Hubbard and Terry Pickering are attending a series of web based programs on financial management for non-profits sponsored by the NFF.
- Wild land Urban Interface conference, Reno NV – Jake Keller will be attending the conference in late March. His trip is sponsored by Project Wildfire (thank you Project Wildfire). Jake will report on his findings to the board in April.
- National Forest Foundation (NFF) – Jerry Hubbard will attend their Collaboration, Capacity-Building at the Columbia Gorge Conference on March 22-25, Skamania Lodge in Washington. The NFF is paying for the trip (thank you NFF).

### Fund Raising Committee

- Double the donations to the coalition through better communications to all stakeholders about the value the UDRC is delivering to our 21 neighborhoods.
- Research funding opportunities and submit grant request to Federal, State, County agencies and foundations.
- Develop programs for general donations and corporate sponsorships.
- Coordinate grant requests with our Coalition partners.
- Participate with Deschutes County Project Wildfire fuel reduction grants for private lots.
- Fund priorities for 2010 are:
  - Operations
  - Watershed
  - Education
  - Wildlife Habitat
  - Fuel Reduction

This operations plan and attached 2010 budget have been approved by the leadership team and needs approval by the UDRC board.

Respectfully Submitted:

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