



## Upper Deschutes River Coalition

Healthy Fire-Resistant Forests

Clean & Abundant Rivers

Beneficial Wildlife Habitat

### UDRC 2013 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 20, 2013

To: UDRC Stakeholders

The Board of Directors approved on 2/19/2013 the following operations plan which reflects our goals and objectives for 2013.

The Leadership Team wishes to thank all of our Board members, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, volunteers and partners for their involvement in creating this operations plan and their support of the Upper Deschutes River Coalition's activities in 2013 and beyond.

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Jim Larsen, Secretary

### **Leadership Committee**

- By the First Board meeting in February 2013, confirm or appoint active committee chairs as noted below:
  - Public Lands – Jim Larsen, Jon O’Shaughnessy and Jerry Hubbard
  - Private Lands – Monte Dammarell and Mick McMicken
  - Watershed – Jeff Wieland, Ray Cecchi and Jim Murphy
  - Education – Carl Jansen, Monte Dammarell and Jonathan Kahnoski
  - Fund Raising and Finance – Jerry Hubbard, John Moore and Jonathan Kahnoski
  
- Continue to communicate to the Board, partners and stakeholders, the role of the UDRC in Newberry Country related to the Coalition’s 2011 Strategic Plan and 2013 Operations Plan with a focus on:

Education	Wildlife	Community involvement
Recreation	Forests and Rivers	Funding the UDRC
Economy		
  
- Work with the Deschutes County Community Development Department in implementing the Newberry Country long term comprehensive plan which incorporates features in our current 2011 strategic plan.
  
- Meet with many of the 24 Coalition’s member neighborhood organizations to encourage participation in the Coalition’s mission, themes and funding.
  
- Expand the membership of the UDRC.
  
- Manage the 2013 operations and grant budgets and report the status to the board of directors monthly.
  
- Review our UDRC 2013 operations plan with the Bend Ft. Rock Ranger District USFS, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Deschutes County Forester, Project Wildfire, Deschutes County Commissioners and other stakeholders.
  
- Complete a financial review of 2012 income and expenses to assure compliance to UDRC policies and nonprofit organization standards.
  
- Broaden UDRC involvement with Sunriver and La Pine Chambers of Commerce.
  
- Expand the scope of our September 2013 Annual Appreciation meeting to be at held at the SHARC (Sunriver Homeowners Aquatic & Recreation Center). Approach Project

Wildfire for sponsorship of the BBQ lunch and improve the silent auction, raffle and awards activities. Target net proceeds from the event at \$4,500.

### **Public Lands Committee**

- Collaborate with Forest Service to incorporate fuels reduction and restoration projects based on priority areas identified in the Coalition public lands survey.
- Meet with Forest Service staff to review fuel treatment plans for 2013 and inform Coalition members.
- Keep Coalition members informed on proposed Forest Service and BLM projects within the Coalition's area and monitor ongoing projects.
- Participate in the Deschutes National Forest's Provincial Advisory Committee by advocating activities focused on supporting the UDRC's overall mission and the mission of the USFS. Jerry Hubbard has reapplied to the PAC in 2012 and the USFS will announce appointments in mid-2013.
- Implement the USFS's Upper Deschutes River Tetherow and Benham area restoration projects.
- Assist the USFS in other 2013 projects.

### **Private Lands Committee**

- Coordinate the implementation of the Plan, Prep and Go! program with Project Wildfire and La Pine Fire District.
- Continue to manage the three year \$100,000 Deschutes County fuel reduction sweat equity program to final completion.
- Develop and implement a cost share agreement between the UDRC and property owners who desire fuel reduction work.
- Develop an expanded UDRC 26 Community Fire Free debris pickup program with the support of road districts and neighborhood associations and others throughout our Wildland Urban Interface.

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- Provide the Oregon Department of Forestry an updated SB360 compliance list for all inventoried properties within our CWPP boundaries.
  
- Coordinate with ODF for the nationally recognized FireWise certification of all UDRC neighborhood/communities possible. Add new members to our existing FireWise communities of Fall River, Crosswater, Caldera Springs, River Meadows, Spring River Fire & Safety Association and Wild River.
  
- Continue to collaborate with all other CWPP’s in Deschutes County through Project Wildfire’s leadership and pursue operational alternatives for improving our defensible space contracts, including cost sharing, sweat-equity, and increased volunteer programs.
  
- Continue collaborative fuel reduction programs with UDRC neighborhoods and County, State, and Federal agencies to optimize limited funding for forest health improvements in and bordering our Wildland Urban Interface.
  - This would include Vandevent South, with ODF fuel reduction funding.
  
  - Complete the updates of the UDRC’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), revision number 3.

**Summary of Broad Action Plan CWPP #3**

<b>Goals</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Entity Responsible</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
		Steering Committee in cooperation with:	
<b>Reduce hazardous fuels on public lands</b>	Upon approval of this CWPP, forward copies of the 2013 UDRC CWPP to all public land managers and public safety officials. In addition make the CWPP available to developers, HOAs and any entities providing governance to communities and organized neighborhoods.	Project Wildfire	Upon CWPP approval in March 2013
<b>Reduce hazardous fuels on private lands</b>	Engage communities in Sweat Equity or other fuels reduction projects on private lands.	Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
	Identify and certify two (2) new communities for application under the national Firewise Communities USA program.	ODF, Project Wildfire	By 12/2015

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<b>Reduce Structural Vulnerability</b>	Identify and certify two (2) new communities for application under the national Firewise Communities USA program.	ODF, Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
	Identify and assess the water resources available for fire. Make recommendations for projects to ensure adequate water resources are available for fire suppression.	La Pine RFPD, UDRC	By 12/2015
<b>Increase Awareness and Education</b>	Provide FireFree and Firewise education and materials to all Communities at Risk - in addition to any ongoing educational events completed by those communities.	Project Wildfire	By 12/2015
<b>Identify, Improve and Protect Critical Transportation Routes</b>	Identify and map existing transportation and evacuation routes of concern. Identify at least one Community at Risk per year to approach and develop evacuation signage projects.	Project Wildfire, Deschutes County, ODOT	By 12/2015

- Use GIS hazard maps to identify priority areas for fuel reduction projects. Secure approval by all relevant partners and the UDRC Board.
- Continue to update GIS hazard maps for the 26 Coalition communities.

**Watershed Committee**

- Work with partners and stakeholders to support sustainable stream flows and fish habitat in the Upper Deschutes River.
  - Continue UDRC sponsored public meetings and seminars on the issues facing the Deschutes River Basin.
  - With partner cooperation develop a long range plan for improved public river access on the Upper and Little Deschutes Rivers.
- Coordinate the 7<sup>th</sup> annual river sweep with SOLVE in September thus reinforcing community partnerships. Continue the river sweep including the Upper Deschutes from Wickiup to Benham Falls, the mouth of the Little Deschutes to State Rec Road, Spring River and Fall River tributaries.
- Continue coordination with other non-profit organizations to leverage watershed programs and optimize funding opportunities.
- Continue study and communications with stakeholders on need for river access near Harper Bridge.

- Implement the USFS's Tetherow and Benham area Upper Deschutes River restoration projects. Secure funding of \$5,500 for Tetherow and \$5,000 for the Benham project by June 2013.

### **Education Committee**

- Improve our current website with relevant information for public use to support our mission and strategic themes.
- Produce e-newsletters on a quarterly basis highlighting current activities, volunteer projects and financial support.
- Produce monthly articles for submission to the Newberry Eagle, Sunriver Scene and the Bend Bulletin which will allow the UDRC increased public visibility.
- Distribute the UDRC landscape defensible space maintenance brochure for use by private property owners within the UDRC service area.
- Host a fall annual recognition event to further educate the public on UDRC.
  - Secure a guest speaker.
- Continue to monitor and support recreational projects submitted in 2012 to U.S. Senator Wyden's Central Oregon Recreational Asset Committee, South Deschutes County Committee. The projects include bike/walking paths from La Pine to Sunriver to Bend.
- Coordinate with community stakeholders the concept of expanding the La Pine Park and Recreation District north of its current boundary.

### **Fund Raising Committee**

- Increase donations to the coalition through better communications to all stakeholders about the value the UDRC is delivering to our 26 neighborhoods and Newberry Country.
- Develop programs for general donations and corporate sponsorships.
- Executive Director to research funding opportunities and submit grant requests to Federal, State, County agencies and foundations.
- Coordinate grant requests with our Coalition partners.

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- Collaborate with other organizations with similar natural resources goals to optimize funding and combined program strength.
- Participate with Deschutes County Project Wildfire on fuel reduction grants for private lots and secure donations from landowners, i.e., cost sharing.

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