



# Upper Deschutes River Coalition E-News

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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.

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## Future Meetings

**Fuels Committee meeting Feb. 9 at 12 noon, Sunriver Library**

**Coalition Monthly Meeting Feb. 16 at 1 PM, Sunriver Library**

## Community Reforestation Project

The Upper Deschutes River Coalition in partnership with the Three Rivers School is selling Ponderosa Pine tree seedlings. Each seedling comes with a root and stem protector plus planting instructions. The Coalition will donate the net proceeds to the school.

One order has fifty seedlings in a container and costs \$50.00. Neighbors can go together and share the cost of one order of fifty seedlings thus making it easier to help reforest our communities. A three foot Ponderosa Pine at a nursery could cost \$50. The eight inch bare root pine tree costs \$1.00 and over ten years will provide a great return on your investment.

Ponderosa Pine trees are the most fire and bug resistant tree within our watershed.

The Coalition will confirm your order and notify you when and where to pick up your seedlings.

All orders must be received by March 15, 2010 and be paid in advance by cash, check, or credit cards and PayPal at [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org).

Please support the Upper Deschutes River Coalition and the Three Rivers School in our reforestation program. Questions, please call me at 593-2777

## 2010 Operations Plan and Budget

The Leadership team is currently drafting a detailed operations plan and budget for all committees to follow as a guide to operate in 2010. We will release the draft and have it reviewed for Board approval at the February 16 and March 16 monthly Coalition meetings.

*Carl Jansen, President*

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## Grant & Donation News

In December 2009, the Coalition mailed 4,500 letters to our neighbors with the Project Wildfire FireFee brochure and a request for financial support for the Coalition. As of January 1, we have received \$2,630 in support. Project Wildfire provided a grant of \$3,500 for the mailing.

Approved grants in 2010 currently total \$5,000.

**Thank You for your support!**

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## Reports:

The most recent Minutes, Financials and Other Documents can be found on our website.

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

## Invest in your Upper Deschutes River Coalition

We need your help in raising funds to keep the Coalition operating in 2010. Your consideration of a donation now would enable the Coalition to maintain its services to our homeowners and communities.

We believe that education is the key to developing long-term stewardship of our rivers, forests and wildlife habitats. Through education and management we can leave our children and grandchildren a great legacy.

For more information on how you can help sustain the UDRC mission, [click here](#) or contact Executive Director Jerry Hubbard at [jhubbard@chamberscable.com](mailto:jhubbard@chamberscable.com)

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## Fund Raising – In Action

### 1. National Forest Foundation – Approval of our \$10,000 grant!

The NFF approved our grant request for two projects selected by the National Forest Foundation, Sun Country Tours, Sunriver Resort and the US Forest Service, the projects are:

Tumbull Fish Restoration project \$5,000 project  
Deschutes Trail Improvements project \$5,000 project

The Sunriver Anglers Club has donated \$1,000 and the Central Oregon Flyfishers has given \$250 to the Tumbull Fish project

Jubitz Family Foundation – submitted letter of inquiry for \$5,000 to support the river and fish habitat work by the USFS. Decision pending.

### 2. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife – Approval of our \$5,000 Grant!

The grant will update the Deschutes River Stewardship – A Guide for Property Owners was approved by the Upper Deschutes River M&E committee. We also submitted requests to the Bill Healy Foundation for \$3,190 and to Portland General Electric Foundation for \$2,000 to support the Stewardship Guide.

**We need to raise \$3,000 to get the \$5,000 grant.**

If you would like to donate please send your check to the UDRC and mark it for the “River Guide”. You can also you UDRC’s PayPal at [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)

### 3. US Bancorp - \$3,750 Grant

A general support grant for UDRC operations was submitted October 30, 2009. Decision pending.

### 4. Member Neighborhood Challenge

We are asking members and partners for help with 2010 Operations budget and will be sending requests for financial support to members of the board, partners and supports. For more information or ideas on donors, sponsors and grants, contact Executive Director Jerry Hubbard, [jhubbard@chamberscable.com](mailto:jhubbard@chamberscable.com)

### 5. American Fisheries Society - \$2,500 Grant

A request was submitted to fund educational display boards based on the Coalition’s mission. Declined.

### 6. Other grant and sponsorship requests:

Oregon Department of Forestry – fuel reduction \$299,667.  
National Forest Foundation – strategic plan \$5,000. Declined.  
Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) - \$4,500.  
Bank of the Cascades – \$850 sponsorship of annual meeting and river float.  
Home Depot \$2,500 community landscaping. Declined.  
Home Depot sponsorship of annual meeting and river cleanup.

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## UDRC Committee News

The Coalition is looking for volunteers to join our committees. Neighbors in the UDRC region and partners are encouraged to help us move to the next level of performance. The year 2010 promises to be a very exciting year. Visit [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org) and click on Committees to review their objectives and current members.

- **Public Lands –**
  - The Leadership team plus Cathy Smith and Ken Lane met with David Blair of Senator Wyden's staff and reviewed the UDRC's accomplishments, goals and the 2007 Community Wild Fire Protection Plan. Mr. Blair was involved in the first Wild Fire Protection Plan.
  
- **Watershed –**
  - The National Forest Foundation's check was received for \$5,000 for the Tumbull Fish Habitat project. The U.S. Forest Service has started moving dead and down trees to the river bank. More work will begin as weather allows.
  
  - 2010 River Management Society conference, May 18-20 in Portland – Ray Checci and Jerry Hubbard will attend. Ray will host a poster session describing the River Meadows bank restoration project. Jerry will be networking for potential sponsors and donors.
  
- **Private lands - Fuel Reduction –**
  - Jake Keller and Carl Jansen are working with our members to inventory the Coalition neighborhoods and determine which lots comply with Senate Bill 360 for defensible spaces. The inventory will be used in our requests for fuel reduction funds and will be submitted to the Oregon Dept. of Forestry for their inventory records.
  
  - Heart of Oregon Corps – under contract with Deschutes County forestry, is working on fuel reduction on 97 lots in DRRH #5 and 9.
  
- **Education –**
  - National Forest Foundation (NFF) – 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 and his trip is sponsored by Project Wildfire (thanks Project Wildfire).
  
  - National Forest Foundation (NFF) – Jerry Hubbard will attend their Collaboration, Capacity-Building and the Columbia Gorge conference on March 22-25 at Skamania Lodge in Washington. The NFF is paying for the trip (thank you NFF).
  
  - 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.
  
  - We will be issuing our newsletter monthly or when hot information needs to be sent to members, partners and supporters. If you have articles or other news information, please forward to [jhubbard@chamberscable.com](mailto:jhubbard@chamberscable.com)