



# 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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### Open

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## Future Meetings

Fuels Committee meeting April ?? at 12:30 to 1:30 pm, Sunriver Library

Coalition Monthly Meeting March 16 at 1 PM, Sunriver Library

## Biomass as an Energy Resource

In February I participated in three conferences focused on Biomass located in Atlanta, Eugene and Redmond. Significant interest exists throughout the U.S. in utilizing our wood waste materials located within our industrial, private and national forests.

Besides wood products, pulp/paper biomass feed stocks is becoming a valuable resource for power generation. Wood waste is now being converted into pellets for home heating, wood pucks for industrial uses and chipped wood material including bark for power generation. It is now considered as green energy.

Our Coalition partners and members should be proud of our track record in supplying this green energy. Some even consider it green oil. I plan to highlight more information about this transition to green in future messages.

## 2010 Operations Plan and Budget

Was approved at the February Board of Directors meeting. They are posted on our web site at [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)

*Carl Jansen, President*

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## March 16 Board Meeting – Guest Speaker

**Guest Speaker:** Spring Alaska Olson, USDS Conservation Technician, Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District, will provide an overview of the District's services and how members and partners of the Coalition can take advantage of the services, many of which are free.

Ms. Olson will provide "Tips – On Land & Water Management for Small Acreages in Oregon" which is a nice brochure on weed management, grazing management, irrigation, fencing options, healthy streams and fish, riparian areas and wetland and knowing your responsibilities.

## National Forest Foundation

Will soon feature the Coalition in "Your National Forests" magazine in the Field Reports section highlighting our partnership with the National Forest Foundation, their past grants and support of the Coalition. The magazine can be viewed at [www.nationalforests.org](http://www.nationalforests.org)

April & May  
Coalition Meeting  
– new time 1:00  
to 2:30 pm,  
Sunriver Public  
Library.

**Reports:**

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

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

## 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 March 1, we have received \$3,030 in support. Project Wildfire provided a grant of \$3,500 for the mailing.

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

**Thank You for your support!**

## 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 2009 \$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. Trout Unlimited has pledged \$1,000 for the 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 2010 \$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 (declined); Portland General Electric Foundation for \$2,000 and \$2,500 to the US Fish & Wildlife Service to support the Stewardship Guide.

**We need to raise \$2,700 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. Bill Healy Foundation** – declined our request for \$3,190 for the river stewardship brochure. They received 170 applications

#### 6. **Other grant and sponsorship requests:**

Portland General Electric Company Foundation - river stewardship brochure - \$2,000.  
Oregon Department of Forestry – fuel reduction \$299,667.  
Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) - \$4,500.  
Bank of the Cascades – \$850 sponsorship of annual meeting and river float.  
Home Depot sponsorship of annual meeting and river cleanup.

**7. Lu Cavanaugh Consulting** – hired to create an opening statement on the Coalition which will help readers want to work with the Coalition.

**8. Grant Partnership** – The Coalition and the Heart of Oregon Corps, with Lu Cavanaugh, will be applying for USFS Title 11 grant funds with the proposal due March 26. Funding for 2011.

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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.

- **Leadership** – We are updating the UDRC's bylaws over the next few months and will present the updated bylaws to the Board.
- **Public Lands** –
  - David Blair of Senator Wyden's staff is arranging a meeting with the Coalition and other stakeholders to discuss fuel availability for biomass plants.
- **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.
  - Oregon Spotted Frog Habitat – ODFW and the US Fish and Wildlife Service met with Jim Larsen and Jerry Hubbard to discuss how the Coalition members can work with the ODFW and the US F&WS on creating a strategy to help the Oregon Spotted Frogs.

The desired outcomes of the proposed partnership are:

- Private landowners who own potential Oregon Spotted Frog habitat are aware of their property's value for the OSF, agency recommended conservation measures, and opportunities for the OSF habitat enhancement.
- Measures that can be taken to eliminate or minimize conflicts or

concerns private landowners have with the Oregon Spotted Frog conservation recommendations have been developed.

The proposed strategy is:

- Who are the key folks to help develop a strategy
- What actions need to be taken
- Where for each action
- Timeline for actions
- Why the need for each action
- How will each action be implemented

Representatives from ODFW and the US F&WS will attend a future Coalition meeting to discuss the program and get member input.

- **Private lands - Fuel Reduction –**

- **Landowner Fire Liability** – When a wildfire results from forest management or prescribed burning activities, Am I At Risk? Under Oregon law, unlike other states, forest landowners are responsible to control and extinguish wildfires that occur on their land. The basic laws, paraphrased, include:
  - Uncontrolled fire declared nuisance – when a fire on forestland burns uncontrolled and threatens life, forest resources or property, and proper action is not taken to prevent its spread, the fire is considered a public nuisance, which is commonly defined as “unreasonable interference with the health, safety, peace or comfort of the community”.
  - Landowner/operator responsible to put out the fire – A forest landowner or operator has the duty to control and extinguish a wildfire on the landowner’s land. If the landowner or operator hasn’t sufficient personnel or equipment to provide fire protection, then the Oregon Department of Forestry or a forest protective association must step in and extinguish it.
  - Learning more about liability – contact the nearest ODF or forest protective association office, or check the following websites:
    - [www.leg.state.or.us/ors/477.html](http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/477.html)
    - [www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/fire.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/fire.shtml)
- Private lot inventory – to determine compliance to SB 360 is about 50% complete as follows:
  - The following UDRC neighborhoods are inventoried and ready to submit compliance data to the Oregon Department of Forestry: DRRH # 1-5, 6, and 9; OWW 1 and 11, Spring River F&S; Sundance, Sunriver, Cougar Grove, Caldara, Crosswater, River Meadows, and Fall River. The target is May 1, 2010 to have 100%.
  - Contracted fuel reduction work continues in Sundance-Sunriver and DRRH # 1 – 5 under Western States Grand and should be complete by August 31, 2010.
  - All remaining firewood will be removed from lots treated by Ron Paden by May 31, 2010.
- **Biomass** – removal YTD totals 3,640 cubic yards from Cedar Ct. and Fontana Road sites. This equates to 26 truckloads of hog fuel wood chips to power plants in Roseburg and elsewhere.
- Heart of Oregon Corps – under contract with Deschutes County Forester, is working on fuel reduction in DRRH 9 on private and county lots.

- **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 met to review 2010 plans with the USFS, Trout Unlimited and the Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District. Future meeting include the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and US Dept. of Agriculture, Bend office.
- 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)

**UDRC Web Site** – year to date we had 234 unique visitors; 197 first time visitors; 37 returning visitors and 591 times the site has been visited.

**Volunteers Needed for Tree Planting – Sunriver Marina/Trout House**

March 27th (time as yet unspecified) has **tentatively** been set as the date to plant some 1300 seedlings just downstream from the Trout House/Sunriver Marina which will complete the bank restoration and large wood placement project. Volunteer to assist in this planting are directed to contact Patti Gentiluomo at the Sunriver Owners Association (541-593-1522) the week of March 22nd.

**Volunteers Needed for sod placement – Shevlin Pond**

The dredging of Shevlin Pond and the wheelchair access dock are complete. The only item left is to restore the landscaping disturbed by the contractor. As a part of the grant, COF committed to help restore the landscaping. Sod-laying will be the primary activity.

We need about a half-dozen volunteers to help lay sod. We are meeting at Shevlin Pond at 8:30 am on Thursday, March 18th. Lunch will be provided. Please bring boots and work gloves (knee-pads would also be helpful.)

I hope to see you there. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

Thank you,

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