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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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Treasurer Position

Future Meetings

Coalition Monthly Meeting April 20 at 12 noon, Sunriver Library

Future Coalition Meeting @ Sunriver Library:

May 18 @ 12:00

June 15 @ 12:00

Welcome to Spring time in Central Oregon!

We were very successful in selling and donating 2,000 Ponderosa Pine seedlings in the last month. Many of our members purchased the packages of fifty seedlings secured from Drakes Nursery. The seeds originated from the Sisters area. Seedlings were also planted by students at Three Rivers School, Miller and Ponderosa Elementary schools in Bend. Some were purchased by teachers at the La Pine Schools.

Thank you customers and students! We generated over \$800 for the Three Rivers School.

On another note: you will notice more emphasis on watershed and education this year. We need part-time volunteers for community service projects. If you are interested please call me directly. Volunteers need to enjoy what they contribute to our community. It is fun to meet new people and see improvements within our communities.

I am available 24/7 to talk with you or leave me a voice mail.

Please join us at the April 20, 12 noon, Coalition meeting at the Sunriver Public Library.

Carl Jansen, President

April 20 Coalition Meeting, 12 noon, SR Library

Guest Speakers

Topic: Oregon Spotted Frog – how the Coalition and landowners can help.

Speakers: Glen Ardt, Habitat Biologist, ODFW. See Committee News for more information.

Topic: South Deschutes County Wetlands – the primary wetlands in our area and the Conservation Corridor, Protecting historical wetlands.

Speakers: Dave Ogden and Jerry Hubbard.

Topic: South Deschutes County – UDRC area history

Speaker: Everett Turner

Grant & Donation News

Blue Bird Boxes – 18 left at \$13.00 each. Help establish Blue Birds in your neighborhood! Available at the April 20 Board meeting. See Jerry, the bird man of UDRC.

The Big Burn – a great book on the U.S. Forest Service's origination in 1907 and the great forest fire of 1910. \$27.00. See Jerry.

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 April 1, we have received \$3,430 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!**

**Fuels Meeting
Schedule at the
Sunriver Library:
April 13 @ 2:00
May 11 @ 2:00
June 8 @ 2:00**

Reports:

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

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

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. Declined.

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.

DRRH # 9 donated \$1,000 at the March board meeting. THANK YOU!

We also submitted requests to Portland General Electric Foundation for \$2,000 (declined), \$2,500 to the US Fish & Wildlife Service, BLM, Oregon DEQ, Deschutes County, REI and six Coalition member associations to support the Stewardship Guide.

We need to raise \$1,500 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 use UDRC’s PayPal at 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 the 2010 Operations budget and will be sending requests for financial support to members of the board, partners and supporters. For more information or ideas on donors, sponsors and grants, contact Executive Director Jerry Hubbard, jhubbard@chamberscable.com

5. Other grant and sponsorship requests:

Portland General Electric Company Foundation - river stewardship brochure - \$2,000 declined.

Oregon Department of Forestry – fuel reduction \$299,667.

Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) - \$4,500. Recommended to HQ in Seattle.

Bank of the Cascades – \$850 sponsorship of annual meeting and river float.

Home Depot sponsorship of annual meeting and river cleanup.

6. Lu Cavenaugh Consulting – the Coalition hired Lu to create an opening statement on the Coalition which will help readers want to work with the Coalition. Work due 4/21/2010.

7. Grant Resources:

USFS Desk Guide:



fs funds
deskguide.pdf

- Calendar for Grants – see link:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/partnerships/deskguide/index.shtml>
- USFS – provided the following resources:



FFS_Resources.pdf



FFS_WritingAdvice.pdf



FFS_Powerpoint.pdf

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 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.
 - **Treasurer** – John Moore, candidate for the UDRC Treasurer.
- **Public Lands** –
 - Deschutes National Forest – grant pre-proposal submitted by a collaboration of Central Oregon Partnership for Wildfire Risk Reduction, Deschutes Fire Learning Network, Project Wildfire, Metolius Multi-Party Monitoring Team, and Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee was accepted by the USFS Regional Office for a 50,000+ acre landscape restoration project. The UDRC is listed as a USFS partner. This is a new FS program with a 2010 budget of \$10 million.
 - Status memo:



CFLRP April 13
meeting location and

EXF Thinning, Fuels Reduction and Research Project The record of decision authorizes thinning, mowing, and under burning on 2,554 acres of the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest. These actions address the significant threat of insects, disease, and fire in the experimental forest, while also providing a

platform for a suite of new studies. Publication of the Record of Decision on March 26th began the 45-day public appeal period. This area is North of the Fall River Estates neighborhood.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/projects/units/bendrock/exf/index.shtml>

The Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement record of decision including maps will be released in June.

- **Private lands -**

- Private lot inventory – to determine compliance to SB 360 is about 50% complete as follows:
Fuels Reduction Completed under Western States Grant in DRRH # 1-5, Cougar Grove, Sundance:

<u>Month</u>	<u># Lots</u>	<u># Acres</u>
Jan/2010	7	4
Feb	4	5.7
Mar	<u>8</u>	<u>7.1</u>
YTD Totals:	19	16.8

Western States grant will complete fuel reduction on an additional 36 acres by 8/31/2010.

- UDRC neighborhoods being considered for fuel reduction this Spring/Summer include OWW II, OWW I, Vandevent Acres and Vandevent Ranch.
- Fuel Reduction completed on non-County lots under the management of Deschutes County in DRRH # 9:

<u>Month</u>	<u># Lots</u>	<u># Acres</u>
Dec/2009	6	3.06
Jan	8	4.08
Feb	10	5.10
March	<u>12</u>	<u>7.59</u>
To Date:	36	19.83

- SB 360
Neighborhood/community property compliance inventory for ODF SB360 standards completed for DRRH # 1-5, #6, # 9, OWW I, OWW II, Spring River F & S, Cougar Grove, Sundance. Haner Park inventory is in progress.
- FIREWISE
The FIREWISE certified neighborhood/communities of River Meadows, Fall River, Caldera Springs, and Wild River are totally compliant to SB 360. Additional certification of FIREWISE neighborhood/communities planned for 2010 include Crosswater, Spring River F&S, OWW I, and Cougar Grove.

- **Biomass** – Report on collections:



BIOMASS INFO YTD
2010.xlsx

- Heart of Oregon Corps – under contract with Deschutes County Forester, is working on fuel reduction in DRRH 9 on private and county lots.
- Outdoor Burning Regulations – La Pine Rural Fire Protection District:
Call 541-536-9056 just before burning. More information please see:
<http://www.lapinefire.org/burn.html>

- **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. To listen to the frog, click:

<http://www.californiaherps.com/frogs/pages/r.pretiosa.sounds.html>

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 the April 20 Coalition meeting to discuss the program and get member input.

- **Education –**

- National Forest Foundation (NFF) – Jerry Hubbard and Terry Pickering completed 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 attended the conference and his trip was sponsored by Project Wildfire (thanks Project Wildfire). The conference was sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IFCA). Jake assisted with the Project Wildfire's information booth.
- Jake reported many excellent sessions were held including speakers from Australia, Los Angeles, etc., who related firsthand the catastrophic wild fires experienced in their areas. A new program was introduced called 'Ready, Set, Go' which is similar to most of the information previously distributed by Project Wildfire with perhaps a little different twist for public awareness of the dangers of wildfires, recommendations for personal safety of life and property, and evacuation information. A tour of fuel reduction programs in the North Lake Tahoe Fire District concluded the conference.



Katie Lighthall, Project Wildfire, reported: Wow, what a success! Of the 57 booths that were set up at the WUI Conference last week, I do believe it is correct to say that ours was the best attended. We had a steady stream of folks at our booth asking questions - engaging each of us who were there! I think that first afternoon, for three solid hours we had 6-10 people every few minutes hovering around our booth asking questions. The following day was a little slower, but still a steady stream from 10 AM to 3 PM. I estimate our booth contacts at over 200 for sure!

- National Forest Foundation (NFF) – Jerry Hubbard attended their Collaboration, Capacity-Building and the Columbia Gorge conference on March 22-25 at Skamania Lodge in Washington. The NFF paid for the trip (thank you NFF).
Great conference. I met the staff of the NFF, peers from other non-profits working on fuel reduction, watershed and wildlife improvements. I signed up to mentor a Director of a Washington based CWPP who is just starting on a fuel reduction program. Jerry.

- **FREE Rural Living Handbook Now Available**

Publication is a valuable resource guide for Deschutes County landowners

Deschutes County Oregon -
Do you own land in Deschutes County?

The Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District and more than 25 community partners (including the Deschutes County Road Department, the Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste, and Project Wildfire), have created a valuable new publication to assist local landowners with land resources.

The free booklet called "Deschutes County Rural Living Handbook-A Resource for Country Living and Land Stewardship" was created especially for landowners.

The resource guide includes valuable information regarding irrigation water management, water quality and rights, livestock, agriculture, pasture and manure, wildlife and habitat, fish and habitat, recreation, home gardening and small farms, solid waste disposal and recycling, living with neighbors and much more.












A quick eight-question survey card is included inside the publication to help determine if the booklet will be published again in the future.

Copies of the publication are available by calling the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District at (541) 923-2204. Copies are also available in limited numbers in the hallways of the Deschutes County Services Center at 1300 NW Wall St. in Bend.

For more information about the Deschutes County Rural Living Handbook, please call (541) 923-2204.

- Horses! Spring Alaska Olson is in the process of planning a big hands on Horse Workshop, other than OSU/4H and Back-Country Horseman...can you think of anyone that might want to help me? I need a help with Nutrition, Vet/Health, and a location for the event. I am having a SMARTHORSE Workshop planning meeting on April 20th at 11am in Redmond at our USDA Service center...If you can think of anyone that might be able to help plan this event or offer suggestions for me that would be excellent! Thanks
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- 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.

UDRC Web Site – year to date we had 168 unique visitors; 147 first time visitors; 21 returning visitors. Visitor locations were:

457	91.40%	United States	
10	2.00%	United Kingdom	
8	1.60%	Canada	
8	1.60%	China	
5	1.00%	Thailand	
4	0.80%	India	
2	0.40%	Bosnia And Herzegovina	
2	0.40%	Denmark	
2	0.40%	France	
1	0.20%	Portugal	
1	0.20%	Korea, Republic Of	

New News – if you have important news to share with our members and partners in our next UDRC E News please contact Jerry Hubbard at jhubbard@chamberscable.com