

# 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

**Coalition Monthly Meeting June 15 at 12 noon, Sunriver Library**

**Future Coalition Meeting @ Sunriver Library:  
Fuels Meeting Schedule at the Sunriver Library:  
June 8 @ 2:00**

## New Education Committee!

Jake, Jerry and I are holding the first educational committee meeting set for Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon at the Sunriver Library.

The intent is to expand the committee with volunteers interested in supporting many of the planned educational projects for 2010.

These include:

- Continued upgrades to our website.
- Develop and implement a new UDRC general brochure
- Develop and implement a new Deschutes River Stewardship brochure
- Input to Jerry on quarterly E-News articles to be released.
- Plan for annual UDRC meeting event at the Thousand Trails Lodge with partners, members, friends and neighbors. This includes silent auction items for fundraiser and community-based outreach programs.
- Develop and implement new UDRC poster signs complementing Project Wildfire.
- Other UDRC business issues related to educating the public??

We need your volunteer time and ideas to make this committee successful. Please call or email me your interest to participate.

*Carl Jansen, President*

## 2010 Reforestation Project, A Success

2,000 Ponderosa Pine seedlings are now absorbing carbon dioxide thanks to the many volunteers and customers who purchased and planted these young trees. UDRC members, students and teachers from Miller and Ponderosa Elementary schools in Bend, Three Rivers Elementary near Sunriver, and the La Pine schools planted these 2-year old trees supplied by Drake's Crossing Nursery on lands in Shevlin, Pine Nursery Parks in Bend, Miller Elementary in Bend, Thousand Trails and many other privately-owned lots within our UDRC boundary area. Photos will be posted on the UDRC web at [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)

Thank you to all of you who participated in this first time event. The UDRC presented a check for over \$900 to Gayle Vidal, principle of Three Rivers School for use to support school activities. Carl Jansen, President, UDRC

## 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.

## Reports:

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

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

**New Grant Request** - \$1,500 to the Deschutes County Discretionary Grant program for the Deschutes River Stewardship Guide.

## 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 – USFS has placed over 150 trees in the river banks and more work will start when the river level lowers.  
Deschutes Trail Improvements project \$5,000 project – will start this summer.

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.

### 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](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 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](mailto:jhubbard@chamberscable.com)

### 5. Other grant and sponsorship requests:

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 Cavanaugh 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 June, 2010.

**7. Grant Resources** – The Coalition purchased a \$99.00 one year subscription to the Grant Station's internet based grant research data base.

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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.
  - **Treasurer** – John Moore was elected the UDRC Treasurer at the April meeting.
- **Public Lands** –
  - Deschutes National Forest – Deschutes Skyline Landscape restoration proposal was submitted to the Forest Service Northwest Region office by a collaboration of Central Oregon Partnership for Wildfire Risk Reduction, Deschutes Fire Learning Network, Project Wildfire, Mettolius Multi-Party Monitoring Team, and Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee. The 130,000 acre landscape extends from the West side of Bend to the South side of Sisters. The UDRC is listed as a USFS partner and submitted a letter of support. This is a new FS program with a 2010 budget of \$10 million for fiscal year 2011. Two proposals will be chosen by the Northwest region office and forwarded to the national Forest Service office.

Status final submittal:



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- Provincial Advisory Committee, Deschutes National Forest – At the Board's recommendation, Jerry Hubbard submitted his nomination to the PAC to replace Jim Larsen who completed three-two year terms.
- **Private lands** –
  - Bird and Bat Houses - a student at COCC has a Biology project involving building and installing bird and bat houses. They need help finding places to install the houses. If you have locations please contact Angie Monday at [Angie.Monday@hotmail.com](mailto:Angie.Monday@hotmail.com)
  - Fuel reduction on private lands in our UDRC CWPP WUI continues with an average of six acres per week being completed between two contractors (Paden & Heart of Oregon) in three neighborhoods - DRRH # 1 - 5, DRRH # 9, and Sundance - Sunriver.
  - Work should begin in OWW2 and OWW1 in late May, early June with potential work to start along So. Century Drive near Vandervert Road or on Huntington Road in June or late July.
  - UDRC fuel reduction (direct) funding expires 8/31/10. The committed private properties scheduled (w/waivers) for completion will take that long to complete.

Potential fuel reduction work in our UDRC WUI based on available biomass grant funding may be a viable option for additional work completion in 2010 - 2011, particularly along evacuation routes in DRRH #6, Haner Park, and DRRH # 1-5.

- **Watershed –**
  - The National Forest Foundation's check was received for \$5,000 for the Tumbull Fish Habitat project. The U.S. Forest Service has placed 150 dead and down trees to the river bank. More work will begin when the river level falls.
  
- **Education –**
  - National Forest Foundation (NFF) – Jerry Hubbard was accepted as a mentor for one year with the Director of the Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition based in Leavenworth, WA.
  - Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District – Smart Calendar Spring Alaska Olson is in the process of creating a Smart Calendar, which will help people stay on the same page with upcoming workshops and events. Feel free to forward to Spring any new events that comes your way, it would be nice to fill the calendar to Dec 2010! Thanks so much!

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## Community News

**REI Events:** May 18 Free program on Family Hiking at REI store.  
June 19 Free community workshop on family camping across from REI.  
**More info. at** <http://www.rei.com/stores/events/96>

**Bad Weeds – Let's Pull Together event:**



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### **High Desert Museum:**

#### **THIS WEEKEND: FUN IN THE FORESTS!**

Meet Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl; see family friendly demonstrations of leave-no-trace camping at our outdoor campsite. Get fired up with our hands-on educational program about forest fires. Check out a U.S. Forest Service Fire Truck (unless it's off to a wild fire) and meet real forest firefighters.

Explore our historic High Desert Ranger Station, where U.S. Forest Service retirees, the "Old Smokeys" of the Pacific Northwest, will talk about wildfire prevention and the evolving roles of the Forest Service. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In connection with the exhibit *Year of the Forest: Respectful Recreation*.

Sat. and Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m