

Upper Deschutes River Coalition E News

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July's meeting is Monday, the 19th, not Tuesday.

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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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**Coalition
Monthly
Meeting
Monday
July 19 at
12 noon,
Sunriver
Library**

Upcoming Events

The Leadership Team and Directors are planning to hold three important events in September and November.

Our Annual Partners/Members meeting and silent auction fund raiser is Saturday, September 11th at the Thousand Trails Conference Center. Please set this date aside from 1:30 am to 3 pm for an informative social event including adult-level games designed to develop lasting friendships. Spread the word throughout your neighborhoods. We need 200 plus attendees to make this a success for all.

Our Fifth Annual SOLV sponsored Four River's Sweep is set for 9 am on Saturday September 25th. Team captains and crews will sweep the Upper Deschutes from Wickiup to Cardinal Bridge, the Little Deschutes from Thousand Trails to the Deschutes, Fall River to the Deschutes and Spring River to the Deschutes. During the past several years over 3,000 pounds of human caused debris have been collected and turned over to the County landfill. More information later. Set this date aside for a portion of your community service projects.

In November, we plan on holding a Strategic Planning event. What do you want the Upper Deschutes River Coalition do in the next five Years? Please inform your Board representatives or Leadership Team about your ideas to support our mission statement.

Carl Jansen, President

2010's Operating Budget – Funding will run out in December.

The Leadership team completed a review of cash on hand and determined we have unrestricted operating funds to run the Coalition until December.

To pay for the Coalition's base operating expenses we need \$3,000 in unrestricted funds per month.

We are actively looking for financial support from UDRC's board of directors, members, partners and people interested in investing in the Coalition so we can keep working on making South Deschutes County a safe, viable and enjoyable place to live and work.

Grant & Donation News

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.

**Fuels Meeting
Schedule at the
Sunriver Library:
July 13 @ 2:00
August 10 - same
Sept. 14
Oct. 12
Nov. 9
Dec. No meeting**

Reports:

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

www.udrc.org

**UDRC 2010
Annual
Meeting!**

Sept. 11

**At the Thousand
Trails Conference
Center.**

**Starts at 11:30
am and ends at 3
pm.**

**SOLV River
Cleanup!**

Sept. 25

UDRC members will be floating the Upper Deschutes, Little Deschutes, Spring River and walking the Fall River.

Last year volunteers collected 1,000 plus pounds of trash.

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. **REI** – asked the Coalition to submit a request by July 14 for up to \$5,000.

2. **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.

3. **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.

US Fish & Wildlife Service – is granting \$1,500 to the UDRC for the river guide.

We also submitted requests to \$2,500 to the BLM, Oregon DEQ, and six Coalition member associations to support the Stewardship Guide.

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

4. **US Bancorp - \$3,750 Grant**

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

5. **Other grant and sponsorship requests:**

Deschutes County Discretionary Grant program for the Deschutes River Stewardship Guide, \$1,500.

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

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. 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 during the Fall Strategic Planning meeting.
 - The National Forest Foundation’s magazine “Your National Forests” featured

the UDRC in the summer – fall 2010 edition.

- **Public Lands** – Senator Ron Wyden introduced senate bill S2895, the Oregon Eastside Forests Restoration, Old Growth Protection and Jobs Act. This bill would promote landscape forest restoration projects in Eastern Oregon, protect old growth trees and riparian areas, establish a scientific panel, and increase timber supply to mills. Sen. Wyden held a recent hearing in Bend and is taking public comments at his website.

<http://wyden.senate.gov/issues/legislation/details/?id=df1f6633-dac0-4ef7-b68c-9f3f0cb82c67>

Jerry Hubbard and Jim Larsen will collaborate with the Forest Service and BLM to review completed fuels reduction projects and prioritize future fuels treatments within the Coalition Wildland/Urban Interface.

- The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act - Central Oregon Stakeholders – Status report:

The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act proposal submitted from Central Oregon has been forwarded to the national office with 30 other proposals from around the nation. The regional office and Mary Wagner did end up ranking the Region 6 proposals, and unfortunately put the Deschutes proposal 5th, or last. This was a surprise, as we were in the top two following the pre-proposal stage and were greatly encouraged by mid-process conversations. We do not understand all the criteria that went into the regional forester's decision; please see the attached letter from Mary Wagner.

This does **not** mean we're out of the running. All proposals were submitted to the national office, which means the regional forester would support any project selected and help to ensure the match.

Amy Waltz

Fire Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy, Oregon Field Office, Bend

- **Private lands** – Private Lands Fuel Committee continues to meet monthly on 2nd Tuesday at Sunriver Library from 2 - 3:00 p.m.
New strategy for fuel reduction on any new grant allocations will include cost sharing by the private property owners either in the form of 50 % of the actual fuel reduction cost (estimated at \$1,200/ acre) or in-kind labor by the property owner to equal 50% of the total hours (estimated at 60-hours) or a combination of cost sharing and in-kind hours.

All fuel reduction has been completed per Western States Grant private property waivers in DRRH # 1-5. Fuel reduction will continue through August, 2010 on private property along South Century Drive near OWW I and along South Century Drive on both sides of Vandevent Road.

All waivers remaining (6) for OWW II and DRRH #6 will be considered under any new fuel reduction grant allocations.

Fuel reduction continues in DRRH # 9 and # 6 by Heart Of Oregon Corp under the funding and direction of Deschutes County.

Individual neighborhood SB360 compliance inventory continues with Haner Park, Huntington Road corridor, Lazy River corridor, and Blue Eagle neighborhoods targeted for completion by our UDRC 2010 Annual Meeting on Sept. 11, 2010 at the Thousand Trails clubhouse.

- **Watershed – East Lake – help needed!**
HELP WANTED FOR CHUB TRAPPING AND* *REMOVAL* Your help is needed with the tui chub trapping and removal efforts at both East and Lava lakes.

Jen Luke, from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has asked for our help from July 13 through July 16 at East Lake. .

Please let me know where you would like to meet_ * the morning of your shift... I will let the ODFW person know where to meet you. If you want to contact them to confirm or change plans, that's ok.

8:30 AM- ODFW office, 61374 Parrell Road, Bend *9:15 AM – parking lot across from RV park at beginning of Paulina Lake Road* *9:45 AM – boat ramp at East Lake Resort*

Jennifer Luke
STEP Biologist
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- **Education** – Our group has met several times to formulate a branding theme, evaluate and update the current UDRC brochure and ODFW Stewardship Guide , our business card, website, e-news, and current displays. We also will expand UDRC services at local neighborhood association meetings, and upcoming events including the Partners/Members Annual meeting set for September 11th and the Four Rivers Sweep set for September 25th. The focus is to broaden our volunteer and donor base by supplying value-oriented information about the UDRC and its overall mission. Watch for more positive results from this group in upcoming e-newsletters. If you would like to volunteer or have ideas to improve our community outreach education process call Carl at 541-593-2777.

- **Education Committee meeting – July 16 at 1 pm to 3 pm, Sunriver Public Library.**