



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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**Coalition
Monthly
Meeting
Tuesday
August 17
at 12 noon,
Sunriver
Library**

The Rooster Rock Fire has been stopped!

The long awaited wildfire in Central Oregon has arrived and consumed over 6,000 acres of USFS and private land.

The Rooster Rock fire should bring to the forefront in our neighbor's minds the need to create defensible spaces on their property and to prepare for the worst, a mandatory evacuation of your homes. Project Wildfire's new educational program "Plan Prep Go!" describes what we need to do in planning for the potential loss of our homes and property. Please visit www.ProjectWildfire.org for more information.

Since 2005, the Coalition has invested \$246,203 in wildfire fuel reduction on private properties in nine neighborhoods. We have treated over 300 high risk acres or about 600 lots in our Wild land Urban Interface area (where we live and work).

The Coalition is working hard to secure new grants and agreements so we can continue to treat private property and lessen the threat of wildfires in our communities.

With your continued volunteer time and financial support the Coalition will continue to work on your behalf to reduce the threat of wildfires. Please consider making a donation to the Coalition so we can continue to operate in 2011 by visiting our web site and using PayPal www.udrc.org

Thank you in advance for your support both as a volunteer and donor.

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 for 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.

Fuels Meeting
Schedule at the
Sunriver Library:
2:00 pm
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 11:00
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.

Grant & Donation News

Invest in Your Upper Deschutes River Coalition

We need your help in raising funds to keep the Coalition operating in 2011. 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. **REI** – at their request the Coalition submitted a request a \$4,500 for river and trail projects for the USFS.
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 – has granted \$1,500 to the UDRC for the river 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: submitted requests to:**
 - Deschutes County Discretionary Grant program for web content management software, \$1,500.
 - Midstate Electric \$2,000
 - Brainerd Foundation – Letter of inquiry (LOI)
 - Lazar Foundation – LOI
 - JELD-WEN foundation – LOI
 - COIC – request
 - McGraw Foundation – LOI
 - Logsdon Foundation – LOI
 - Kinsman Foundation – LOI

- Fred & Gail Jubitz Foundation – LOI
 - Samuel Johnson Foundation – LOI
 - Leupold & Stevens Foundation – LOI
 - Swindells Trust – LOI
 - Paul G Allen Foundation – LOI
 - Oregon Community Foundation – LOI
 - The Bullitt Foundation - LOI (declined Request)
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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. 2011 promises to be a very exciting year. Visit www.udrc.org and click on Committees to review their objectives and current members.

- **Leadership** –
 - Nominations for 2011 Officers – an e nominating process are being used to gather names of candidates for the four officer positions. The names will be submitted to the Board for review and e voting. The results will be announced at the annual meeting on 9/11/2010.
- **Public Lands** –
 - The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act - Central Oregon Stakeholders – Status report: WE WON! See last page of our E news.
 - The Coalition completed placement of boulders on Forest Service land at the entrance to five decommissioned spur roads off Foster Road.
 - NFF – USFS Benham Falls trail project – planning is underway to get contractor quotes for the work.
 - UDRC – USFS – meeting to discuss long-range strategy of the USFS’s fuel reduction work and the Coalition’s desire to have the USFS do fuel reduction earlier than 2017 on the UDRC’s western boundry.
- **Private lands** –
 - Deschutes County Forester – two-year \$100,000 fuel reduction agreement – status: will be executed once the Coalition has general liability insurance.
 - Western States Grant – all funds will be spent by 9/1/2010.
 - Deschutes County Forester – Heart of Oregon Corps – status: work continues in DRRH #6 & #9 neighborhoods.
- **Watershed** –
 - NFF Tumbull fish restoration project –on hold until river level drops.
 - Deschutes River Stewardship guide – the team met and reviewed the current guide, discussed changes and additions, agreed to provide edits to Jerry by 8/13 to combine edits. The input will be given to Every Idea, our communications/marketing firm in Bend, to assemble a new brochure. The goal is to have a new brochure ready for distribution by December.
- **Education** –
 - UDRC new brochure – is in the final stages of completion and will be presented to the Board at the August meeting.
 - UDRC new educational displays – once the brochure is approved the Education committee will begin work on the display, probably similar to the Project Wildfire display units.

Good News! Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Proposals Authorized!

The **Chief Forester and Secretary of Agriculture** authorized the **Deschutes Skyline Proposal** as one of 10 projects to receive money from the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act! As many of you know, our project was recommended to receive funding by the Federal Advisory committee last month. This final authorization makes it a done deal.

Congratulations to the collaborators and to the Deschutes National Forest! This award will bring \$500,000 this year to the proposed collaborative landscape, incorporating 130,000 acres of forest west of Bend and south of Sisters, including the municipal watersheds that supply water to those cities.

Again, it's great to feel the recognition for the collaborative efforts on-going in Central Oregon and the Deschutes National Forest's own commitment to broad stakeholder involvement and restoration management goals. Thanks for pulling together and creating our proposal! Many thanks also go to Commissioner Alan Unger for carrying our message to DC and testifying to the Federal Advisory Committee.

Enjoy your weekend,

Amy Waltz, TNC; Phil Chang, COIC; Tom Mafera, USFS

(The full Deschutes Skyline proposal is on the website: www.firelearningnetwork.org if you need more details).

Below are excerpts from an article by Matt Volz for the Helena, Montana newspaper, Victoria Advocate.
<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2010/aug/13/bc-mt-forest-restoration1st-ld-writethru/?features&travel>