



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
Oct. 19, 12
noon,
Sunriver
Library**

Vice President's Message

\$100,000 Two-Year Fuels Agreement - The Deschutes County Forester, Joe Stutler and Carl Jansen signed a fuel reduction agreement for \$100,000 over two years. The agreement differs from our previous grants in that property owners will be asked to do their own work to create defensible spaces and move the limbs, pine needles, etc. to the curbside where the Coalition's contractor will move the material to one of two wood disposal sites.

Specific information on the program is:

The Upper Deschutes River Coalition (UDRC) and Project Wildfire have partnered to offer at no charge to the residents of the communities listed below to pick up yard debris at the roadside in front of your property during the month of October & November, 2010 and again in May & June, 2011.

The yard debris we will not pick up includes: sod, rocks, plastics, household garbage, dirt, manure, cloth, yard (non-woody) waste, grass, metal, rocks and cement.

Only woody mass debris will be picked up at no cost and will be hauled to one of Deschutes County biomass drop sites on Fontana Rd (DRRH # 1-5) or Cedar Ct (off Lazy River Dr., south of Thousand Trails) to be ground up for biomass fuel to be used in one of six co-generating electrical power plants in Oregon.

Yard debris we will pick up includes:

Trees (under 6' long), pine needles (not bagged), pallets, limbs, stumps (w/minimal dirt), wood fencing, brush and building (wood) debris.

The UDRC neighborhoods selected for this free woody biomass pickup are listed below. Please contact your UDRC neighborhood representative for the specific month & day's pickup schedule.

Beaver Road District	Bruce Stendal	(541) 593-1606
Blue Eagle Rd District	Lauren James	(541) 815-5233
Caldera Springs	Cathy Smith	(541) 593-7884
Cougar Grove	Jim Larsen	(541) 593-3691
Crosswater Estates	Shannon Magenheimer	(541) 593-7663
DRRH # 1-5	Conrad Ruel	(541) 5937493
DRRH # 6	Nadine Ruth	(541) 536-7591
DRRH # 9	Sandy Peer	(541) 593-2187
Fall River Estates	Mick McMicken	(541) 593-7686
Haner Park	Dan Steelhammer	(541) 382-8313
Lazy River South	Pat Anderes	(541) 593-1123
OWW I	Dean Drabin	(541) 593-2745
OWW II	Jackie Alden	(541) 848-5999
Pinewood Country Estates	Fred Seger	(541) 593-4166
River Forest Acres	June Ramey	(541) 593-1746
River Meadows	Ray Cecchi	(541) 598-2062
Spring River F & S Assoc	Carl Jansen	(541) 593-2777
Sundance Properties	Jim Larsen	(541) 593-3691

**Fuels Meeting
Schedule at the
Sunriver Library:
2:00 pm
Nov. 9
Dec. No meeting**

Reports:

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

www.udrc.org

Thousand Trails
Wild River Assoc

Catherine Chapman (541) 593-8494
Ed Criss (541) 536-9542

All of the \$100,000 will be spent directly on actual work and no funds will be available to support the Coalition's program coordination and annual operations.

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

Jake Keller
UDRC Vice President

Presidents Message - 2011's Operating Budget – We have funding for 3 weeks of Jan.

Your Leadership team completed a review of cash on hand and determined we have unrestricted operating funds of \$6,200 to carry us through 2010 and very little funds to operate in 2011. To pay for the Coalition's base operating expenses we need \$1,750 in unrestricted funds per month.

We are actively looking for financial support from UDRC's board of directors, members, partners, corporate sponsors and people interested in investing in the Coalition's 2011 activities so we can keep working on making South Deschutes County a safe, viable and enjoyable place to live and work.

Please accept Jerry's Challenge (see below), I have.

Carl Jansen, UDRC President

Grant & Donation News

Jerry's Challenge for 2011 Operations!

We need your help in raising funds to keep the Coalition operating in 2011.

Goal: Raise \$1,750 for one month of UDRC operations or \$21,000 total for 2011 operations.

Jerry's Challenge is:
Jerry will donate one month of his salary as Executive Director
(Net \$461.75) IF:

Each UDRC Board member
will fund ½ week or more of operations in 2011:

\$218.75 for ½ week
\$437.50 for one week (One pledge received)
\$875.00 for ½ month
\$1,750 for one full month

Coalition members and partners – you are welcome to take the Jerry Challenge!

Let's keep the UDRC going in 2011!
Don't let your hard work since 2003 slip away!

Join the Jerry Challenge!

COME ON – PLEASE TAKE MY SALARY, Jerry.
Send check to: UDRC, PO Box 3042, Sunriver, OR 97707
Or use PayPal at www.udrc.org
Click on Donate Now at bottom of home page.

Fund Raising – In Action

1. **2011 Operations funding** – we have \$6,200 in operating funds to run the UDRC from now and into 2011.

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 on the river banks and more work will start when the river level lowers in mid-October.
Deschutes Trail Improvements project \$5,000 project – will start in mid-October.

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. The total raised is \$7,500.

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 Mitigation & Enhancement committee. The check for \$5,000 will be issued by Oct. 20. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has granted \$1,500 to the UDRC for the river guide.

4. **Other grant and sponsorship requests: submitted requests to:**

- Deschutes County Discretionary Grant program for web content management software, \$1,500. APPROVED, thank you commissioners!
 - REI – request for \$4,500. (declined)
 - Midstate Electric \$2,000 (declined)
 - Brainerd Foundation – Letter of inquiry (LOI) (declined)
 - Lazar Foundation – LOI
 - JELD-WEN foundation – LOI
 - COIC – request (no funds available)
 - McGraw Foundation – LOI
 - Logsdon Foundation – LOI
 - Kinsman Foundation – LOI (declined)
 - Fred & Gail Jubitz Foundation – LOI (declined)
 - Samuel Johnson Foundation – LOI
 - Leupold & Stevens Foundation – LOI
 - Swindells Trust – LOI (declined)
 - Paul G Allen Foundation – LOI
 - Oregon Community Foundation – LOI (reapply in Feb. 2011)
 - The Bullitt Foundation - LOI (declined)
 - Wilburforce Foundation – LOI (declined)
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UDRC Committee News

The Coalition is looking for energetic 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** –
 - By-laws – are starting to be updated.
 - UDRC Sponsors – Carl and John Moore will be contacting firms to become sponsors of the Coalition to support 2011 operations.
 - Strategic Planning – meeting targeted for January 2011.
- **Public Lands** –
 - NFF – USFS Benham Falls trail project – contractor quote reviewed and approved by UDRC and scope of work approved by USFS. Work will be done in October.
 - USFS:
Rolando Mendez, Forest Service Bend-Fort Rock deputy district ranger, has accepted a new position with the BLM as manager for the Winnemucca, Nevada area. Shane Jeffries, district ranger for Bend-Fort Rock will be the Forest Service representative for the Coalition.

Dennis Fiore, BLM fire manager, has accepted a new position with the BLM in Portland. Sheldon Rhoden will be the BLM representative for the Coalition.

We appreciate collaborating with Rolando and Dennis, and wish them success in their new positions.

The 2010 Fall prescribed burning program on Forest Service and BLM land has started. Prescribed burns are planned for areas near Spring River, Twin Lakes, and Foster Road.

The Forest Service has proposed the Junction Vegetation Management Project, a 17,500 acre planning area which overlaps the Northwest portion of the Coalition WUI boundary. The project will involve thinning, harvest, mowing, and under burning. Safety travel corridors will be created along Forest Roads 40, 42, and 45. The environmental documents will be released for comments in Summer 2011. For more details see the following web link:

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

- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife – Oregon Spotted Frog update:

As eggs, they were rescued from the perils that have all but decimated their population. As tadpoles, they hatched under the watchful eyes of zookeepers. Now, hundreds of Oregon spotted frogs (*Rana pretiosa*) have developed their land legs and taken a big leap back into the wild, where conservationists hope they will have a fighting chance. <http://www.kval.com/outdoors/news/104119464.html>

Glen Ardt – ODFW, Wildlife Habitat Biologist

- **Private lands** –
 - All work has been completed against the Western States Grant as of 9/30/10. The last acreage was completed along So. Century Drive on both sides of Vandevent Road. Our UDRC contractor - Ron Paden - did an excellent job and the technical support from Ken Lane was outstanding.
 - Meeting with Stu Otto (ODF) & Karen Tulare 9/30/10 to finalize the WS Grant reports included compliments from Stu Otto that " the UDRC has not only met but has exceeded the Western States contract requirements for acres treated" and that "the UDRC is a model of what a combined community volunteer organization

should be to compliment the goals and objective of ODF with regard to fuels treatment and compliance to SB 360".

- The new \$100,000 Biomass Fuels Reduction grant contract through Project Wildfire will initially include roadside pickup of private property woody mass debris in October & November, 2010 and again in May & June, 2011. This free pickup service is open to all 20 UDRC neighborhoods. UDRC Contractor bids are due 10/5/10 and are based on the guidelines of Project Wildfire and Deschutes County Forester's 30+ contractor work scope and pricing matrix.
- The grant will have to be managed totally by volunteers, including management and technical support since no grant money can be used to cover the Coalitions administrative costs.

- **Watershed –**

- SOLV – Allan Flood, event coordinator (who did a great job!) reported - the weather was sunny, the river low and the trash high. Many, many thanks and heartfelt appreciation to those 61 volunteers who helped out. Volunteers from all over Central Oregon came together on Sept 25th for the 4th Annual UDRC/SOLV Upper Deschutes River Sweep. We collected over 2700 pounds of trash from the river and around campgrounds bordering the Upper Deschutes River all the way from Wickiup Reservoir to Benham Falls including La Pine State Park. We found cans, an air conditioner, tires, needles, paper, big chunks of plastic insulation, chairs – you name it. One group even found a \$10 bill.

The River Sweep is a partnership between the UDRC and the statewide organization SOLV. SOLV reported this year that volunteers statewide removed an estimated 142,231 pounds of trash and recyclables and 57,685 pounds of invasive plants from beaches and rivers in Oregon.

Special thanks and kudos to team captains Catherine Chapman (General Manager Thousand Trails), Dean Drabin (who took care of the central station at Big River Campground), Jerry Moore (who collected 82 large bags of trash at Thousand Trails and transported them to the transfer station), Carl Jansen (who did just about everything), Ray Cecchi, Nadine Ruth, Dick Patterson, Allan and Nancy Flood, Gail Beeson (Second Tern Volunteer Coordinator), Jim Smith (Deschutes Juvenile Justice Department), Mike (Wells Fargo) and Mick McMicken.

The team captains shared their invaluable knowledge from previous sweeps and pulled together volunteers. .

The UDRC looks forward to partnering with SOLV next year for the 5th Annual Upper Deschutes River Sweep to make it even better. Thanks again, everybody.

- NFF Tumbull fish restoration project – will restart on Oct. 14-15 and should be complete in November. Finalized the USFS contract.
 - Deschutes River Stewardship guide – the team met and reviewed the current guide, discussed changes and additions, and provided edits to Jerry. 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 educational displays –Education committee will review and approve the new display, similar to the Project Wildfire display units by Oct. 1, 2010.
 - Web Site improvements – Carl, Jonathan Kahnoski, and Katie Lighthall will work with Pro Q Solutions staff to develop a more user friendly UDRC web site. The focus is on public access and a secure access for neighborhood representatives, coalition officers and the Executive Director to update the site.