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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 No
December
and January
meetings**

Fuels Meeting Schedule

President's Message

Dear Stakeholders:

Activities in 2010, by our UDRC neighborhood volunteers and our wonderful partners and collaborators have been significant compared to previous years. We are just getting started towards making our communities wildfire resistant, improving our river banks and encouraging healthy wildlife habitat. Our intent is to make the next five years even more constructive and productive in South Deschutes County.

We are scheduling our Second Strategic Planning Conference on January 28, 2011 from 10am to 3 pm at the Thousand Trails conference Center. During the end of the year and early next, please reflect on where the UDRC should place their resources and volunteer time in improving our community base and supporting our mission. What is your vision of what our 52,000 acre UDRC area should be looking like in 2015...in 2020? Invitations will be sent to the UDRC Board and specific stakeholders. Tod Heisler, Executive Director of the Deschutes River Conservancy has agreed to facilitate the conference discussions. We are looking for a consensus into our future quality of life.

May all of you enjoy your family and friends during the upcoming special Holiday Season.
Let it snow.

Carl Jansen
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Treasurer's Message - 2011's Operating Budget – We have funding until June 1, 2011.

Our cash requirements from November 2010 to December 2011 are \$18,362.
We have unrestricted operating funds of \$8,594.50 to operate thru June 1, 2011.
After June 1, we have no money.

We are actively looking for financial support from UDRC's board of directors, members, partners, corporate sponsors and people interested in supporting 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 consider a tax deductible investment in the UDRC, a 501 C 3 non profit.

John Moore, UDRC Treasurer

at the Sunriver
Library:
Dec. No meeting

Reports:

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

www.udrc.org

Strategic Planning Conference

January 28, 2011
1000 Trails
Conference Center
10 am to 3 pm

Grant & Donation News

Become a Friend of the Coalition for just \$20!

The following people have become recent Friends of the Coalition:

Jerry Hubbard	John & Bonnie Rosen
Charles Carey	Maryteresa & Paul Evenson
Gene & Josie Whisnant	Wendy Isaac
Bruce Edmonston	Carl Jansen
Ray Cecchi	John Moore
Karen Tulare	Jake & Ricky Keller
Jeff & Patricia Wieland	Joan Warren
Chuck Harpham	Al Zupo

We are looking forward to your donation and being a Friend of the Upper Deschutes River Coalition.

**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 \$8,594 in operating funds to run the UDRC from now and into 2011.
2. **National Forest Foundation –2009 \$10,000 grant Projects Complete!**
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 is a \$5,000 project – USFS has placed over 250 dead and down trees on the west side of the river north of Cardinal Bridge. Planting of 500 mixed local carex species and 175 Willow stakes will be planted in April 2011 by volunteers.
 - The Deschutes Trail Improvements is a project \$5,000 project – the trail work is complete and looks great. The two road closures are complete.
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 was received. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has also granted \$1,500 to the UDRC for the river guide.

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** –
 - UDRC Corporate Sponsors – Carl and John Moore will be contacting business firms to become sponsors of the Coalition to support 2011 operations.
 - Strategic Planning – meeting targeted for January 28, 2011.
- **Private Lands** –
 - The new \$100,000 Biomass Fuels Reduction grant contract has been a success for Phase 1 (Fall - 2010) with:
 - 4,300 cubic yards of woody biomass collected from 12 UDRC neighborhoods
 - Over 7,000 ‘sweat equity’ and volunteer hours to insure the fuels – trees, limbs, branches, pine needles – from their private properties was at the roadside for pickup between a pre-scheduled time frame from October 1 to November 30, 2010.
 - Four local contractors were selected for Phase 1 biomass pickup and removal to the two UDRC Wild land urban Interface (WUI) collection sites at Fontana and Cedar Court. The four contractors expended 383 labor hours, picked up from 411 properties, and transported 258 loads ranging from 10 to 20 cubic yards of green ton biomass material per load.
 - The neighborhoods representatives who helped coordinate this effort are to be complimented as well as the individual participating property owners.
 - Phase 2 (spring – 2011) should be potentially more successful once we advertise this cost effective and beneficial biomass pickup service amongst the over 6,000 properties in our UDRC WUI.
 - The biomass collection sites on Fontana (DRRH # 1-5) and Cedar Court (Lazy River) have been a huge success this year (2010) with:
 - Over 66,000 cubic yards of biomass material ground up and transported by the County’s contractor T-2.
 - Over 111,400 cubic yards (23,800 green tons) have been ground up and transported to various electrical generating plants in Oregon since these sites were open in 2008 (Fontana) and 2009 (Cedar Court).
 - Local residents are to be congratulated for ‘hauling’ their yard waste to the two drop sites rather than pile burning the woody material on their property.
 - Fuel reduction/Defensible Space programs for the UDRC have come to a halt with winter weather setting in.
 - UDRC has completed from early 2007 through November 30, 2010, 293 individual private properties in eleven neighborhoods.
 - Plans for 2011 include over 100 properties to be treated in DRRH # 6 as well as other select private properties (TBD) in at least five other neighborhoods.
 - The UDRC fuel treatment/defensible space program would not be as successful without the collaboration with Deschutes County/Project Wildfire who completed treatment on an additional 105 private properties in the UDRC WUI in 2010.
 - A potential fuel treatment project in 2011 for up to 50-acres could become reality through Oregon Department of Forestry (Stu Otto, manager) grant funding. Additional funding through Project Wildfire (FEMA Grants) could potentially become a reality in 2011. Working with our UDRC collaborative partner agencies, the fuel treatment/defensible space programs on private properties will not only continue but could very well flourish in 2011.
- **Public lands** – We plan to meet with Forest Service administration in February to define a fuels reduction project that would treat areas of concern bordering Coalition neighborhoods. Jim Larsen is evaluating a fire probability computer modeling program that may be helpful to identify wildfire risk areas.
- **Watershed** –
 - NFF Tumbull fish restoration project – Status – all dead and down trees has been placed in the river banks and 675 plants will be planted in April 2011 by volunteers.

- Deschutes River Stewardship guide –received \$5,000 from the Central Oregon Irrigation District to fund the new brochure. The goal is to have a new brochure ready for distribution by February 2011.

- **Education –**

- Web Site improvements – the front page design is complete and the format and content for the other pages is progressing.

- **Community News**

- **Lend a Helping Hand** – there are several nonprofits that provide services to those in need. Your support of the following programs will help make the holiday season more healthy and enjoyable for those in need:

- **NEWBERRY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

- Volunteer opportunities & Donations
- Contact 541-593-5005 PO Box 3364, Sunriver 97707

- **OBSIDIAN OFFERS A HOLIDAY WISH** – **Obsidian Hair Spa**, located in building #17 in **The Village at Sunriver**, will partner with the Sunriver Care and Share food distribution program to present its 1st Annual Holiday Wish event. The spa will donate 100% of its proceeds on Saturday, Dec 11th, to help local families. Local residents and visitors are encouraged to stop by with donations of canned food & loose change for a “make-a-wish” bowl.

Pick up a child’s gift request from the special holiday giving tree. There will be festive activities at the spa throughout the day on Dec 11th, including chair and table massages next door, given by the staff of **Massage Sunriver**, and snacks and other refreshments. The public is invited to stop by and participate to help our local families in need. Info & spa appointments – 541-593-1978.

- **CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM SEEKS DONATIONS** – Sunriver Community Christmas Sharing Program is seeking donations of food and gifts to help needy families in the Sunriver Area. Shopping bags with lists of requested food items are available at Sunriver churches, fire station, public library, and many local businesses. “Giving Trees” are located at area churches and at **Obsidian Hair Spa in The Village at Sunriver**. Volunteers are also needed to help deliver food and gifts on Dec 17th. Info & to volunteer – 541-598-7959 or 541-593-7641.

- **DESCHUTES RIVER RECREATIONAL HOMESITES (DRRH) Community Club**

The Club is collecting non-perishable food for DRRH residents who need a little help. If you would like to donate food please drop off the items at Sandy Peer’s home at 56270 Solar Drive, cross road is Spring River Road. Questions – call Jerry Hubbard at 541-390-9798.

Thanks for your help.