



# Upper Deschutes River Coalition

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## *Our Mission:*

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## **President's Message – Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season**

Happy Holidays from the UDRC leadership team of Jake, John, Kelle, Jerry and Carl. May you and your loved ones enjoy this season and may 2012 be an improvement over 2011.

All of our community members and partners have a lot to be proud of with the UDRC achievements made in 2011. Our goal is to release a 2011 operations and financial report to all at our February 21st, 2012 board/partners meeting. We also intend to provide a draft 2012 operations plan at the meeting. Please contact Jerry or myself if you have action items we should address in 2012.

In addition, reflect and act on the possibility of providing a tax deductible financial gift to the UDRC by end of 2011. We need everyone's support to make 2012 more successful than 2011. John and I will be implementing a UDRC Business Sponsorship Program in 2012. This program will focus on securing financial support from local businesses and promote their services using our E News, our web site and other marketing services designed to expand their business services within our communities. We have over 6,000 lot owners within our Wildfire-Urban Interface. Please call or e mail me if you have leads on businesses that would benefit from this marketing program.

Carl Jansen, 541/593-2777

**PS – please consider Becoming a Friend of the Coalition – see the gift form at the end of the e news.**

## **Who We Are!**

**The UDRC** is a multiple-issue, project-based coalition representing a broad range of interests among its 26 member communities, Federal, State, County and other stakeholders.

**The UDRC's Twenty Year Vision Statement:** *Communities and partners aware of the issues, engaged, collaborating and acting together to create and maintain a healthy, scenic and sustainable environment where everyone is able to live with their core values.*

**UDRC's Mission Statement:** To protect Upper Deschutes River Communities by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows

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**2012 Meeting Schedule:**

**Please attend our Board and Partner meetings at the Sunriver Public Library at 12:30 p.m. on:**

**December and January no meetings**

**Next meeting is February 21, 2012.**

**Communities represented by the Upper Deschutes River Coalition:**

**Beaver Road District**

**Caldera Springs**

**Cougar Grove**

**Crosswater**

**Deschutes River Recreational Home sites 1-5; 6; 8; & 9.**

**Fall River Estates**

**Haner Park**

**Lazy River West**

**Lazy River/Huntington**

**Oregon Water Wonderland # 1 & 2**

**Pinewood Country Estates**

**River Forest Acres**

**River Meadows**

and wildlife habitat.

**UDRC's Primary Role:** The Upper Deschutes River Coalition is the lead organization in its 69,000 acre Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) to catalyze and coordinate its stakeholder's community neighbors, stakeholders and partners. For example, of primary importance is to first educate, lobby and advocate, gather information and be the voice of reason in ongoing wildland fire, water rights, and native habitat issues.

## Safety During the Holidays

When decorating for the holiday season, keep your district and family safe by following these tips from the Special Districts of Oregon Association:

- Access to exits and exit paths shall not be obstructed by decorative materials.
- All sources of ignition shall not be allowed within the vicinity of combustible decorative materials. Some districts do not allow candles or open flames without approval from a fire authority.
- Only UL listed miniature lights shall be used, in accordance with their listing.
- Heavy duty extension cords shall be approved commercially manufactured UL listed assemblies (14-gauge minimum, 15-amp minimum). Only grounded extension cords shall be used.
- Electrical lights and extension cords that are physically damaged or altered shall not be used unless repairs are in accordance with the Electrical Code.

## Natural Vegetation

- Fire-retardant coatings should be used on all natural vegetation such as corn stalks, straw bales, etc.
- Fire-retardant coatings are not required on natural trees and will not extend the length of time a tree should be permitted indoors. While freshly cut trees are naturally flame resistant due to their high water content, they become extremely flammable when permitted to dry out. When brought indoors, the heat and lower humidity will accelerate the drying process.

## Care of Christmas trees shall be as follows:

- Saw off at an angle at least 1/2 inch above the original cut.
- Mount securely in a tree stand, pail, tub, or other water-type holder or reservoir.
- Maintain the water level above the cut as long as the tree is indoors and add fresh water daily.
- Decorations made of natural materials shall be removed at any indication of dryness, such as brittleness, loss of color, or fallen needles. Christmas trees and other natural holiday decorations shall be removed if the building is unoccupied for more than three (3) days.

## Artificial Decorations

- Artificial decorations may have electrical devices used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- All decorations shall be either inherently fire retardant or treated with a flame retardant to be flame resistant and shall comply with O.F.C. 805 (2004 Edition).

**Spring River Fire & Safety Assn.**

**Sun Country Estates**

**Sundance - Sunriver**

**Thousand Trails**

**Vandevent Acres Road District**

**Vandevent Ranch**

**Whispering Pines**

**Wild River Assn.**

## **Private Lands**

The physical inventory of all private lots in the UDRC WUI is completed for input into the Hazard Map data base. Vandevent Ranch and Haner Park were the last of the 25 neighborhoods/communities to be inventoried for compliance to the SB 360 and Fire Wise standards. The majority of these inventories are roadside assessments by UDRC ODF trained volunteer assessors and did not constitute a 100 % private property (360) assessment. The overall UDRC WUI Hazard Map should be completed and ready for viewing and distribution by 12/31/2011.

Completed maps are available on [www.udrc.com](http://www.udrc.com) under member neighborhoods.

The three Deschutes County Commissioners approved our grant for \$2,500 to help fund the project. Thank your Commissioners!

The grant monies from FEMA committed to Project Wildfire earlier in 2011 are still 'on hold'. The UDRC has over 150 private property waivers for defensible space/fuel reduction anxiously waiting for this funding to be released. Stay tuned on this one!

The biomass fuel reduction sweat equity roadside pickup program scheduled for October-November was a success with 1,263 cubic yards of biomass material collected from six neighborhoods and dropped off to the Cedar Court collection site. The UDRC has approx. \$70 K left on our contract with the County to be used in 2012 for biomass roadside pickup. We plan to conduct a 2012 Spring & Fall pickup service for all neighborhood/communities, if they want to participate.

Everyone is encouraged to not burn their yard waste, but let the UDRC haul it.

## **Public Lands**

The Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District personnel with Sunriver Fire completed controlled burns on 100 plus acres west of Spring River Road and fire burns on highway 97 west of our service area. Residents are very pleased with the Forest Service's work and the support of the local fire districts.

## **E News – E Lists -**

If you would like to receive e news or updates on the Coalition please send us your contact information – send to Kelle Jones at [kellejones@gmail.com](mailto:kellejones@gmail.com)

# BECOME A FRIEND OF THE COALITION

## GIFT FORM

Yes, I/we would like to help the Upper Deschutes River Coalition build an environmentally minded community by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat within the 69,000 acre service area.

Your investment will help the Coalition build a strong base for financial stability.

I have enclosed a gift of:

- Lodgepole Pine for \$100
- Cranebow Trout for \$250
- Rainbow Trout for \$500
- Brown Trout for \$1,000
- Ponderosa Pine for \$2,500
- Redband Steelhead for \$5,000
- Bull Elk for \$10,000
- Another Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.  
Please make your check payable to "Upper Deschutes River Coalition"  
Our Tax ID Number is 03-0557393

**Appreciated Stock Gifts are Welcome!**

For more information call 541-593-2777 or visit [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)

Use PayPal at [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)

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E Mail \_\_\_\_\_

May we include your name in our list of donors? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, print your name as it should appear for recognition:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed gift form and check to:

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Thank You!