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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.

Please review our updated 2015 Operations Plan at: www.udrc.org

At UDRC Organization

Also, Click Who We are and Our History for a map of our service area



Happy Holidays in Beautiful Central Oregon

Message from the UDRC President:

Our UDRC officers, planning team, board members (representing 20 plus South County communities), our 15 plus partners, and the many community volunteers should be proud of the wide range of natural resource improvements made within our 69,000 acre wildland-urban interface in 2015. This brief report highlights many of the key projects supporting UDRC's vision and mission.

A very special THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered your time, talents and donations throughout 2015. We are looking forward to contributing even more positive improvements to our UDRC natural resource base into 2016 and beyond.

Our planning team will be developing a detailed 2016 UDRC Business Plan in January. The draft plan will be reviewed, changes made if necessary, and approved at our next community board meeting set for Feb 16, 2016 at 7pm in the Sunriver Library Conference Room.

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I wish you a very merry Christmas and a successful new year for everyone engaged in support of our mission.

Carl Jansen

UDRC 2015 Accomplishments

Project Wildfire:

During May, Alison Green, through Project Wildfire, coordinated free ladder fuel drop offs at county transfer sites. UDRC volunteers assisted in the disposal of over 2000 cubic yards of ladder fuel at the South County transfer station. Besides coordinating incoming traffic flow for vehicles and loaded trailers, volunteers distributed Project Wildfire and UDRC literature to all drivers arriving at the site during the May Fire Free Weekend.

Other county funds were used to treat ladder fuel removal on three acres of River Meadows HOA lands. Ray Cecchi and ten River Meadows volunteers helped thin out HOA lands this summer.

Allison is encouraging other board members to contact her now for tentative ladder fuel reduction projects prior to the 2016 fire season. This includes local resident volunteer project hours using project wildfire funding for chipping and ladder fuel removal on private lands. Please call Alison at her office -- 541/322-7129 or on her cell -- 541/419-1116.

UDRC/USFS – WUI Fuel Reduction Projects:

In late 2014, John Allen and Carl Jansen signed a participating agreement allowing the Forest Service, the UDRC, and local community volunteers to treat more than 3000 acres on both private and public lands at selected locations within our Wildland-Urban Interface of 69,000 acres. The Forest Service will contribute \$5,000 per year, matched by funds and volunteer time from the UDRC community residents. The Forest Service will treat their adjacent lands with direct funding.

The Deschutes National Forest released \$5,000 per year to support neighborhood ladder fuel reduction projects. Maybelle Clark McDonald Foundation announced a \$25,000 grant over a five year period to support ladder fuel reduction projects on private lands. Jerry Hubbard was responsible for the funding application and will

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2016 Meeting Schedule:
www.udrc.org

To be determined by the
2016 Board of Directors

Communities represented
by the Upper Deschutes
River Coalition:

Beaver Road District
Shaun Pigott

Caldera Springs

Cougar Grove
Jim Larsen

Crosswater

**Deschutes River
Recreational Home sites:**

#1-5
Kevin Smalling

6
Bonnie Wilkins
Nadine Ruth

8

9
Sandra Peer
John Nielsen

Fall River Estates
Bill Swanson

Fall River West
Dean Richardson

Gate House

Haner Park
Maidie Kenney

Lazy River West

Lazy River Huntington
Monte Dammarell

Oregon Water Wonderland:
1
Dean Drabin

2
Ricky Keller

Pinewood Country Estates
Bill Filsinger
Carol Strom

River Forest Acres
Chris Meredith

River Meadows
Ray Checci

continue to coordinate the management of the grant funds together by reporting to our board, the Forest Service and Maybelle Clark McDonald Foundation management.

Forest Service Junction Vegetation Management Project:

Another major project approved by the Forest Service in 2015 is the 17,000 acre Junction Project. This project is located on Forest Service lands, near FS40, FS42, and FS45 roads. These roads are primary access roads for local residents and tourists entering the Deschutes National Forest recreation areas. Treatments include: overstory tree removal, seed tree harvesting, commercial thinning, prescribed burning, and mowing with a focus on ladder fuel reduction.

Greater La Pine Basin Cohesive Strategy Project:

Dean Richardson, Jim Larson and Carl Jansen participated in a series of summer discussions with many partners and other landowners to outline a proposed plan to treat over 340,000 acres of private and public lands, ranging from Spring River in Deschutes County to Chemult in Klamath County.

John Allan and his Forest Service staff, together with other key associates in the Walker Ranger District, presented the final proposal to a group in La Pine in October. Many associates, including the UDRC, support this \$2 million plus request which has been submitted to USFS Region 6 in Portland. Pending approval in Portland, the proposal will be reviewed and hopefully approved by the USFS headquarters in Washington D.C.

No Shooting Zone Established Near Lloyd Way:

Through the dedicated efforts of Bill Moore and local DRRH 1-5 residents, the Forest Service moved boulders and posted "No Shooting" signs around the Forest Service owned cinder pit near Lloyd Way. Problems like stray shots going into homes, and noise at night have disturbed many of our local residents.

September SOLVE/UDRC Riverside Cleanup:

Over 75 resident volunteers from Bend, UDRC and La Pine participated in removing over 500 pounds of human caused trash residing on 40 miles along four river banks located from Wickiup to Lava Lands. Besides the Upper Deschutes, river banks on the Little Deschutes, and the Fall and Spring Rivers were cleaned of

Spring River Fire & Safety Assn.

Jeff Wieland
Chuck Carey

Sun Country Estates

Sunriver Business Park

Sundance – Sunriver

Thousand Trails

Vandevort Acres Road District

Lauren James

Vandevort Ranch

Whispering Pines

Wild River Assn.

Check out our stakeholders page at www.udrc.org
For detailed information and links to all of our stakeholders.

Jake Keller Awards:

2015 Awards:

Volunteer of the Year:

Carl Jansen
Spring River

Partner of the Year:

Alex Enna
USFS

2014 Awards:

Volunteer of the Year:

Jeff Wieland
Spring River

Partner of the Year:

Kirk Flannigan
USFS

human caused trash.

Community groups from the Ya Ya Sisterhood, Sunriver Nature Center, and Bend area residents helped on this project. During the past eight years, managed by the UDRC and SOLVE, over three tons of trash, including a sunken pontoon boat, abandoned wall safes, and car batteries have been removed.

Kody Osborn, Lead Naturalist at the SR Nature Center, has agreed to coordinate all future SOLVE September cleanups. He will contact future volunteers directly. The Sunriver Nature Center has been involved in Arbor Day events in the spring. Our partner will now coordinate the river clean up event, allowing the planning team to focus on more critical events and services.

Upper Deschutes River Basin Study:

The Upper Deschutes Basin Study is underway, and technical teams are working on their contracted tasks. Jeff Wieland, UDRC board member and study team member, has been engaged for several years and continues to update us on progress. Bureau of Reclamation requires that basin studies include a community outreach plan to keep the public informed of progress.

Watch for community meetings over the next three years as key milestones are achieved. If you'd like to stay current about the Upper Deschutes Basin Study, visit the Bureau of Reclamation website at www.usbr.gov/pn/studies/deschutes/index.html. For a list of basin study participants, go to www.usbr.gov/pn/studies/deschutes/wrkgrp.html.

Education and Fund Raising Issues:

Six E-News releases to over 500+ UDRC stakeholders were conducted during 2015. The planning team continued to update the website -- www.udrc.org -- during the year. Over 6,000 visits were made by inquiring parties. Unfortunately hackers shut down the website four times during the last part of 2015. UDRC spent \$1,100 with our website developer, Pro Q Solutions, to upgrade the site's integrity.

UDRC Facebook Page:

Go to the UDRC Facebook page for current community news and announcements. You do not have to be a Facebook member to view the page. If you are a Facebook member, you can add postings and comments.

2013 Awards:

Volunteer of the year:

Jim Larsen
Cougar Grove

Partner of the Year:

Stu Otto, Oregon
Dept. of Forestry

2012 Awards:

Volunteer of the year:

Mick McMicken
Fall River

Partner of the Year:

Katie Lighthall
Project Wildfire

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Funding the UDRC

The fundraising through our September Annual Meeting, community, business and individual donations for 2015 exceeded \$9,000. A special **Thank You** to all for your financial support.

Now that 2015 is about to end, perhaps some potential donors reading this E-News are considering helping fund our operations into 2016 and beyond. Please look at the information below. The UDRC is a non-profit registered corporation in Oregon.

Friends of the Coalition Contributions

Please support the Coalition's future by joining The Friends of the Coalition.

[Donate to the UDRC Today](#)

It takes \$7,000 a year to operate the Coalition.

By becoming a Friend of the Upper Deschutes River Coalition your investment will help the Coalition's 2015 work that includes:

- Our home owner sweat equity work on private property (funded from a grant from Project Wildfire)
- Our new five year agreement with the USFS
- Our work with the USFS on the new Upper Deschutes River Wildland-Urban interface fuels reduction project (3,600 acres next to UDRC communities).
- Our continued direct involvement with the Deschutes Basin Study (river flows and more)

I have enclosed a gift of:

- \$100
- \$250
- \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 \$10,000
- another Amount \$ _____

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http://www.portlandgeneral.com/community_environment/default.aspx

Cascade Natural Gas Company
<http://www.cngc.com/>

River Meadows Community
www.rivermeadows.com/

Sunriver Brewing Company
www.sunriverbrewingcompany.com

Fall River Estates Association
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Vandevent Ranch Association
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Thank You!

Who We Are!

The UDRC is a multi-issue, project-based nonprofit coalition representing a broad range of interests among its 29 member communities, Federal, State, County and other stakeholders.

Our 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 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, public, nonprofits and partners. For example, of primary importance is to first educate, and advocate, gather factual information and be the voice of reason in ongoing wildland fire, water rights, and native habitat issues.

Fuel Reduction Grant - \$25,000 Grant from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund - from the Foundation:

Congratulations! Your Application has been approved for funding at some or all of the requested amount during our Fall Grant Cycle.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund - thank you for your service to your community and the difference that you make each and every day. We applaud your efforts and feel fortunate to support your organization.

Best Wishes for Continued Success,

Monique M. McCleary, President
Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund

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Recreational Home
sites Number 9

Oregon Water
Wonderland One
www.oww2.org/

Oregon Water
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