



## UPPER DESCHUTES RIVER COALITION

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### 2016 Annual Report and Proposed 2017 Operations Plan

**VISION STATEMENT:** *Community and partners aware of issues, engaged, collaborating and acting together to create and maintain a healthy, scenic and sustainable environment where everyone is able to live their core values.*

**OUR MISSION:** *To protect Upper Deschutes River Communities by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat.*

## PUBLIC and PRIVATE LANDS COMMITTEE

### 2016 Accomplishments

#### Work with Federal, County and Nonprofit Partners:

Worked with the FS on the Big River boat access parking expansion feasibility

Continued work with the Forest Service/UDRC on 2016 projects.

Issued Performance Report to FS as required by the UDRC/USFS five year agreement

Provided environmental review and comments on the FS Upper Deschutes WUI Fuels project

Provided the board and stakeholders with information on FS/BLM projects

Engaged the UDRC in the La Pine Basin Cohesive Strategy participation (300,000 acres)

#### Work with Communities

Completed spring cost share roadside chipping project on 13 lots on Indio in DRRH 1-5

Completed cost-share Fall roadside chipping program on 12 lots in Fall River Estates and DRRH 9 neighborhoods.

Helped connect larger lot owners with NRCS & ODF funding for defensible space work

Provided assistance on large lot fuels reduction project proposals with the County and ODF

Assisted Project Wildfire with coordination of ladder fuel chipping along community roads in May and June. Project Wildfire spent \$40,000 plus on roadside contractor chipping on Spring River, OWW1 and OWW11.

Coordinated with the FireFree biomass disposal event at the South County Transfer Station in May

Updated Bylaws to allow Officers as Board Members.

### 2017 Operations Plan

#### Work with Federal, County and Nonprofit Partners:

Continue with FS/UDRC on planning agreement projects.

By April 1, issue Performance Report to FS as required by the UDRC/USFS five year agreement

Implement fuel reduction work as required by the UDRC/USFS five year agreement

Provide the board and stakeholders with information on FS/BLM and Project Wildfire projects

## **Work with Communities**

Encourage UDRC neighborhood participation in the Greater La Pine Basin Cohesive Strategy. For private and public lands, the GLB funding will be one of the bigger happenings in 2017. The funding can be funneled to neighborhood fuel reduction work through ODF, NRCS and the county. The UDRC will be key in both communicating to neighborhoods when money is available and perhaps coordinating some of the work.

Expand the roadside chipping program in UDRC communities

Consider holding a public meeting in May to discuss mega fires, neighborhood fire risks, defensible spaces and other issues relating to creating safe communities

## **WATERSHED COMMITTEE**

### **2016 Accomplishments**

Completed the transfer of the Four Rivers SOLVE Project to Sunriver Nature Center management

Continued involvement with the Upper Deschutes Basin Study

[www.usbr.gov/pn/studies/deschutes/index.html](http://www.usbr.gov/pn/studies/deschutes/index.html)

Involve members with the Fall River fish study with Trout Unlimited

Continued UDRC support with the ODF&W fish tracking project aimed at improving fisheries

### **2017 Operations Plan**

Continue involvement with the Upper Deschutes Basin Study

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Communicate to the Board and stakeholders on the status of the various watershed projects.

Continue UDRC support with the ODF&W projects aimed at improving fisheries

Consider holding a public meeting on water issues in the spring of 2107

Determine if ODF&F and Trout Unlimited has projects that the UDRC can participate with funds and or volunteers

## **FUNDRAISING, ADMINISTRATION and EDUCATION**

### **2016 Accomplishments**

Prepared 17 grant requests to support fuel reduction and other board approved programs

Awarded five year \$25,000 grant from the MCM Foundation for fuel reduction. Raised \$5,000 in matching funds and received \$5,000 in April 2016.

Awarded \$1,000 grant from Walmart and \$1,000 from the Sunriver Resort.

Hosted 2016 Annual Appreciation event and fund raiser at 1000 Trails in September. Raised \$3200.

Increased activity on UDRC's Facebook page with 25 likes

Updated and added new readers to the Mail Chimp e mail contact program

Maintained the UDRC's Website to improve communication to neighborhoods and stakeholders  
Secured membership in Oregon Non-Profit Association  
Continued membership in local Chambers of Commerce to increase exposure  
Engaged all board members and stakeholders in increased participation in projects

### **2017 Operations Plan**

Prepare 10 grant requests to support fuel reduction and other board approved programs  
Raise \$5,000 from April 1, 2016 to April 1, 2017 to match MCM 2017 grant of \$5,000  
Board to develop fund raising plan to fund basic operations and funds for fuel reduction  
Board to establish committee to review the appreciation event to increase participation, etc.  
Board to fill leadership team vacancies for the President and Secretary  
Board to recruit more board members so the board is more involved in all UDRC sponsored activities  
Board to become more involved in neighborhoods by meeting with HOA, communities and groups to determine what the UDRC can do for citizens  
Discuss with the UDRC Board a board engagement project and seek suggestions on improving the UDRC  
Continue to update the web site, Facebook and the e news