

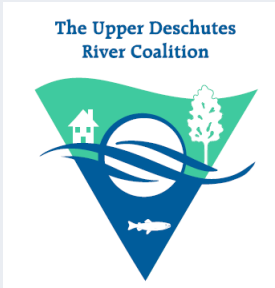
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Our Mission:

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 2016 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 FATHER'S DAY

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Message from the UDRC President:

Fellow UDRC Stakeholders –

As a result of very low attendance at our last three 7 pm monthly meetings, no partners were represented and we did not have a board quorum present to make crucial operating decisions for 2016.

Our planning team has decided to reset our future monthly business meetings for 12:30 noon on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, commencing on June 21st at the Sunriver Library. It's important for all board members to attend the next meeting set for June 21st.

Our next two monthly meetings in July will be held at the River Meadows Home Owner Association clubhouse and the August meeting at the DRRH clubhouse building.

Also note our 2016 fund raiser and appreciation event is set for Saturday, September 17th at the 1000 Trails Community Center. Our goal is to raise \$5,000! We hope to secure many valuable donated items and complimentary activity passes for the silent auction and raffle. I encourage everyone to help secure donations for this important annual event.

Contact anyone on the planning team for more information.

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2016 Meeting Schedule:
www.udrc.org

[Sunriver public library](#)
12:30 noon

[June 21](#)
[July 19 River Meadows](#)
[August 16 DRRH clubhouse](#)
[Sept. 17 1000 Trails 11 am](#)

Please review the E news in depth. Your planning team has been active in making our UDRC outreach services valuable to everyone living within our 25 plus communities. If you have prospective E news readers who might find our E news valuable, send an email to Jim Larsen at jimlarsen@icloud.com together with their name, location, and email address. So far, we have over 400 email addresses on our current list. Jerry Hubbard and Jim Larson have been instrumental in releasing our E news on a timely basis.

Carl Jansen

PUBLIC LANDS



At the May 21 Board and Partner meeting, Jim Larsen reported that the Forest Service Upper Deschutes River WUI Fuels Reduction Project Draft Environmental Analysis is available for a 30 day public comment period. The proposal includes thinning, mowing, and prescribed burning on a total of 4151 acres. Many treatment areas were developed with input from Coalition neighborhoods. The public comment period ends June 1. A decision to proceed with the project is expected in August. The project documents may be accessed on this website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45297>

PRIVATE LANDS

At the May 21 Board and Partner meeting, Dean Richardson updated the Indio Road biomass chipping project. The Board had allocated \$500 in Coalition reserved funds for the project. Owners on nine lots contributed \$450 towards the cost of the project. Three Rivers Tree Service submitted the lowest bid and was selected for the project. The project was completed successfully on May 16. Neighbors added material after the bid was made and additional time was required to haul and dump the chips.

The Private/Public lands committee allocated an additional \$200 for the project. The total expense from Coalition project funds will be \$250. The \$50 per lot fee covered more than half the project expenses.

The Public/Private Lands committee proposed more chipping projects for completion this Spring. However, a Board quorum was not present so board approval was not possible. Two lot owners have roadside biomass ready for chipping. The Planning Team will send an email to the Board requesting approval to proceed with these projects before wildfire season starts.

Communities with a UDRC board member or open position

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
Jon O'Shaunessy

Haner Park
Maidie Kenney

Lazy River West

Lazy River Huntington
Monte Dammarell

Oregon Water Wonderland:
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Dean Drabin
2
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Pinewood Country Estates
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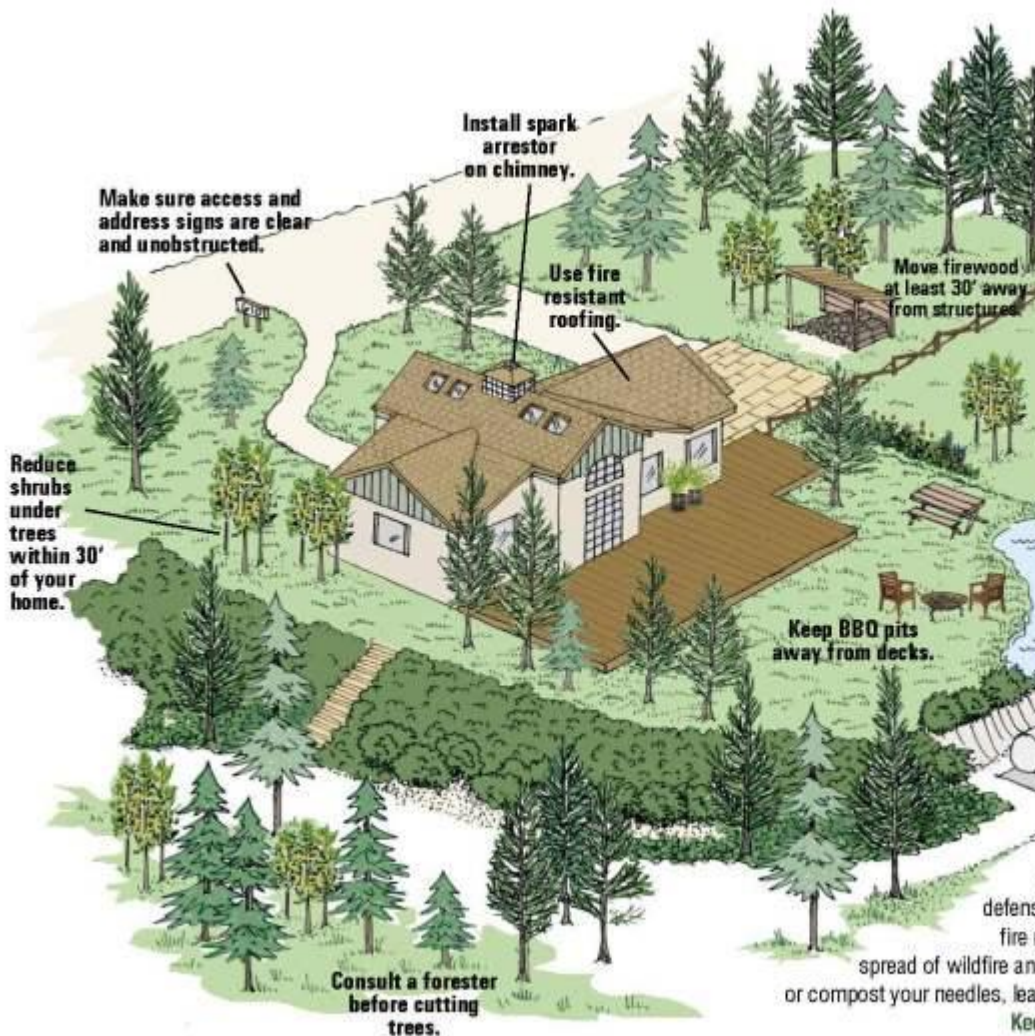
River Forest Acres
Chris Meredith

River Meadows
Ray Checci

Spring River Acres
Chuck Carey

Sun Country Estates
Sunriver Business Park
Sundance – Sunriver
Thousand Trails

Vandevort Acres Road District
Lauren James



Defensible Space – Is your property safe?

DESCHUTES COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY ALERT PROGRAM

****Note to Bend residents: If you have 97703 zip code, for now please sign up with the zip code of 97701****

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures,

Vandevort Ranch
Whispering Pines

Wild River Assn.
Cory Misley

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For detailed information
and links to all of our
stakeholders.

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WATERSHED

River Safety

Check out these sites for information on using the Upper Deschutes River:

<http://www.deschutespaddletrail.info>

<http://www.deschutespaddletrail.info/paddingsafety.html>

<http://www.deschutespaddletrail.info/riveretiquette.html>

SUNRIVER YOUTH FREE FISHING DAY At Caldera Springs



Please join us **Saturday, June 4th, 2016**, near Obsidian Lake at Caldera Springs Resort for a great morning of family fun! Activities include fishing for trout, storytelling in the salmon tent, fish printing and tattoos, casting practice, live displays of fish and other aquatic life, the famous talking trout, fish anatomy, and other activities.

Fishing in the stocked lake is limited to children 14 years of age or younger. Bringing personal fishing equipment is encouraged but not required, as some will

be available for use on site.

Registration is from 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
ALL fishing ends at 12:00 pm.

FREE hot dog lunch prepared by the Sunriver Anglers and sponsored by the Sunriver Resort from 11:00 AM - 1:00 pm.

Sponsored By: Sunriver Anglers, ODF&W, Sunriver Resort, Caldera Springs, and the USFS.

Harper Bridge River Access

At the UDRC May board and partner meeting, Kent Elliott from the Sunriver Chamber of Commerce presented a proposal to address safety issues at the current Harper Bridge river access site. Private land on Spring River Rd. West of Harper Bridge is for sale that could accommodate a parking area for watercraft access. Kent has discussed the proposal with County, State, and Federal agencies, and Sunriver Owners Association.

The Chamber has committed funds to apply for environmental permits. Tourists, resort guests, and area residents would benefit from safe river access and businesses located across the road. If there is a viable alternative, Deschutes County wants to close the Eastside Harper Bridge site. He asked for comments on the proposal. Question: Would there be room for trailers? The site would have a gravel area for parking and a portable toilet. The river access site is intended for non-motorized craft.

Senate bill could fund Central Oregon water projects

Money would go for conservation, spotted frog habitat work

By Hilary Corrigan / The Bulletin

Published May 20, 2016

A U.S. Senate bill could help pay for Central Oregon water-related projects that aim to conserve water and improve habitat for the Oregon spotted frog.

The Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously voted the Senate agriculture appropriations bill out of committee Thursday with a bipartisan 30-0 vote, sending the measure to the Senate for a full vote. The bill would later need to merge with a version from the House to become law.

Local irrigation districts could be in a good position to compete for at least \$50 million.

“This is funding we’ve never seen before,” said Craig Horrell, district manager of Central Oregon Irrigation District that provides irrigation water to areas around Alfalfa, Bend and Redmond, among others, and city water to Redmond. “This is a larger amount of funding at one time than we’ve seen.”

The bill appropriates nearly \$150 billion for federal agriculture and nutrition programs in 2017.

It includes \$150 million in new funding for the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program. That program targets federal and state efforts to prevent erosion, conserve water and conserve land in watersheds, among other projects. It has not been funded since 2010.

Irrigation districts can use funds from that program to improve water efficiency and conservation and habitat for fish and wildlife, such as the spotted frog. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the frog as a threatened species under the endangered species act in 2014 and recently designated [critical habitat](#) in Oregon and Washington for the animal.

“This program is a good fit for the collaborative process underway in the Deschutes Basin to conserve water and improve the habitat of the spotted frog, helping to keep Central Oregon family farms in business,” stated a news release from Sen. Jeff Merkley. The Oregon Democrat serves on the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture manages the watershed program, and districts can apply for grants. Districts in Central Oregon are well-positioned to compete for funding — especially for about \$50 million out of the \$150 million total provided — because of criteria laid out in the program, said Courtney Warner Crowell, a Merkley spokesman.

Districts usually compete for smaller amounts of money through various grants and revolving funds, Horrell said. But those funds have not been large enough to do expensive projects like installing pipes in canals for long distances, only shorter distances.

“They’re expensive,” Horrell said of projects to conserve water, such as piping.

In a statement, Mike Britton — general manager of North Unit Irrigation District that supplies irrigation water to farmland in Jefferson County and president of the Deschutes Basin Board of Control that helps coordinate several Central Oregon irrigation districts — called the legislation “a great opportunity for the Deschutes Basin and Central Oregon.”

The new financing to help districts modernize irrigation equipment would strengthen agricultural resilience, support economic development and provide a chance to enhance environmental benefits for fish and other species, Britton said.

Separately, the nonprofit Farmers Conservation Alliance, an Oregon nonprofit, on Thursday announced a statewide partnership joining 12 rural irrigation districts, local farmers, state and federal agencies, Energy Trust of Oregon and conservation groups in an effort to improve irrigation districts’ leaking open canal systems. The partnership looks to update those systems using pipes to save water and to save on related electricity, maintenance and replacement costs.

OPERATIONS

2016 Annual Fund Raiser Event at Thousand Trails Resort

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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.

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

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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<http://www.cngc.com/>

Fall River Estates Association www.fallriverestates.org/

Vandever Ranch Association <http://vandevertranch.org/>

Deschutes River Recreational Home sites Number 9

Oregon Water Wonderland One <http://www.oww1.com>

Oregon Water Wonderland Two <http://www.oww2.org>

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