

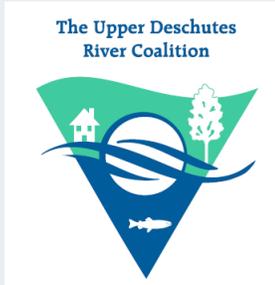
# Upper Deschutes River Coalition

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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](http://www.udrc.org)***

***At UDRC Organization***

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



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## **Message from the UDRC President:**

Fellow UDRC Stakeholders –

We are now engaged in the peak summer months for potential forest fires and a high rate of visitor traffic, both on the roads and our Deschutes river systems. **Stay alert!!**

Note: our next local community meeting is set for Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at the DRRH Clubhouse. The Central Oregon Red Cross will discuss future disaster preparedness procedures for all attendees. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

Also note that in our Enews under “Operations”, an invitation to attend and participate in our 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the 1000 Trails Conference Center on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We need your active participation in this important event.

Mark your September calendar now and spread the word to your friends. We need an RSVP by September 10<sup>th</sup> to order food and prepare in advance for this exciting event. 12 years and going strong!

Carl Jansen

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**2016 Meeting Schedule:**  
[www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)

[August 16 DRRH clubhouse: 12:30](#)

[Sept. 17 1000 Trails 11 am: 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event](#)

***An Invitation to Celebrate the UDRC's 12th Anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at the 1000 Trails Conference Center Doors open at 11:00 am***



**Neighbors and partners within our Wildland Urban Interface of 69,000 acres are invited to socialize, and to learn about our present and future projects to improve our environment in South Deschutes County. Also, you can participate in our annual fundraising events (a raffle and silent auction).**

**Our goal is to raise \$4,000 to support our operations. You can visit our website at [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org).**

- Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon and includes a delicious catered buffet.
- The cost is \$10 per person, which includes five raffle tickets to be used to win items of your choice. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased: 1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10.
- Guest speakers on federal forests and water flow issues.
- Presentation of the Jake Keller 2016 Volunteer and Partner of the Year awards.
- Key planning team members will provide an overview of the UDRC's future private lot ladder fuel reduction efforts.
- Partners will provide information tables and assistance available to our 25 plus neighboring communities.

Please RSVP to Carl Jansen at [carlj@searchna.com](mailto:carlj@searchna.com) or to Bill Filsinger at [bfilsinger53@gmail.com](mailto:bfilsinger53@gmail.com) by September 10th.

We need your support with donations of items for our fund raiser. Contact John Moore at [jjemoore@msn.com](mailto:jjemoore@msn.com) or Jim Larsen at [jimqlarsen@icloud.com](mailto:jimqlarsen@icloud.com) to donate items that can be raffled off or bid on at the silent auction.

Hope to see you there!

**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

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**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

**Spring River Acres**  
Chuck Carey

**Sun Country Estates**  
**Sunriver Business Park**  
**Sundance – Sunriver**  
**Thousand Trails**

**Vandevent Acres Road District**

## **PUBLIC LANDS**

The Deschutes National Forest has published the final Environmental Assessment and draft Decision Notice for the Upper Deschutes River WUI Fuels Treatment project. The final decision will be made following a 30 day public objection period beginning July 29. The 4200 acre project area includes thinning, mowing, and underburning in units bordering the Spring River, DRRH 1-5, DRRH 9, Sundance, River Meadows, Cougar Grove, OWW I, Foster Road District, Lazy River/Huntington, Fall River West, Wild River, and Haner Park neighborhoods.

Project Documents: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45297>  
Click on "UDR WUI Final Environmental Assessment"

**[Join the Oregon Natural Desert Association for 2016 Desert Conference: Public Lands, Common Ground.](#)** From Sutton Mountain to sage-grouse, we'll explore unique examples of high desert land management solutions, looking for shared values among varied views and toeholds for future collaborative efforts.

### **2016 Desert Conference: Public Lands, Common Ground**

Friday, October 14, 8am-6pm  
Unitarian Universalist Campus  
61980 Skyline Ranch Road, Bend

2016 Desert Conference will span one action-packed day, kicking off with a keynote from Nancy Langston, an environmental historian who has conducted extensive research on the history of eastern Oregon's Malheur basin and authored the noted book *Where Land and Water Meet: A Western Landscape Transformed*. Then, a series of panels will bring landowners, conservationists, elected officials, scientists, and engaged citizens together to explore shared solutions in managing our public lands:

## **PRIVATE LANDS**

**Subject: Re: YCC defensible space interpretive site at Lake Chinook Fire Station. From Joe Stutler, Senior Advisor, Deschutes County**

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**More information is at the end of the E News.**

Deschutes County Project Wildfire completed sweat equity chipping projects in Spring River, OWW I, and OWW II neighborhoods. The UDRC completed cost-share chipping projects on eleven 1/2 acre lots and two large lots.

Lauren James

**Vandevent Ranch  
Whispering Pines**

**Wild River Assn.**  
Cory Misley

Check out our stakeholders  
page at [www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)  
For detailed information  
and links to all of our  
stakeholders.

The UDRC chipping program will resume this Fall after fire season. The application process and schedule will be published in the Enews and UDRC mailing list. Landowners doing ladder fuel reduction on 1/2 acre lots will mail a \$50 check. Landowners doing lot thinning will pay 50% of the cost based on a bid for the roadside material. The UDRC pays the remaining cost from grant funds and donations.

From the UDRC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/udrc.org>

<http://www.ktvz.com/news/La-Pine-RFPD-continues-wildland-interface-structural-assessments/40291168>

[http://sheriff.deschutes.org/Ready Set Go Brochure %20072315.pdf](http://sheriff.deschutes.org/Ready_Set_Go_Brochure_%20072315.pdf)

## **WATERSHED**

River Safety – Sunriver Chamber of Commerce: Harper Bridge Area

Applications for a safe parking area (75 plus vehicles) and safe river access by floaters and water gear have been made recently to the Oregon Department of State Lands and the Corp of Engineers by the Sunriver Chamber of Commerce board members. This 17 acre Brynwood property site is located on the Northwest corner of Harper Bridge.

Over 7 wooded acres of this site have soil conditions suitable for a safe vehicle parking area. Over 90 vehicles are parking on both sides of Spring River Road, east of Harper Bridge. This area represents a severe safety risk for vehicles, pedestrians, roadway bicyclists, and floating gear. Many residents have expressed full support of this project. We will keep you informed on the Sunriver Chamber's progress.

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>

## **OPERATIONS**

2016 Annual Fund Raiser Event at Thousand Trails Resort

Our 2016 fund raiser event is set for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the 1000 Trails Community Center. 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.

## **More on Public and Private Lands**

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Prior fuel treatments in the area allowed for a successful coordinated multi-agency initial attack response to easily stop the fire at one acre. Due to the condition of the fuels, resources easily contained the fire and began mop-up even as temperatures reached 90 degrees and winds gusted at 10-15 miles per hour.

About 10 years ago, the property had small Ponderosa pine, juniper trees and brush removed, considerably reducing the fire fuels available to burn.

Typically, the presence of small trees (ladder fuels) and thick underbrush make controlling a fire under hot and dry conditions difficult for fire resources.

With the fuels reduction project, today the understory on this particular parcel is composed of small scattered shrubs, bunchgrass and Ponderosa pine.

Not a single tree torched in the fire area, as the fire stayed on the ground and could easily be controlled by firefighters arriving on scene with water and hand tools.

"Conditions are especially dry this fire season, even with the wet winter and spring we had this year, increasing the potential for fires to spread quickly," noted Ed Keith, Deschutes County forester. "Fuel reduction projects such as this allow for safer and more effective fire suppression."

"Fires are a natural occurrence here in Central Oregon, so everyone, including Deschutes County, must take responsibility for their property to mitigate the potential losses to themselves and their neighbors," Keith added.

"Everyone, from homeowners to firefighters and other community leaders, has a role to play in wildfire preparedness and better adapting to wildfire in Deschutes County," he said.

Project Wildfire Coordinator Alison Green said, "Fuels treatments on landscapes and defensible space projects greatly reduce the impact that fires will have on the landscape and in neighborhoods adjacent to those landscapes."

"Hazardous fuels treatments allow for safe and effective fire suppression and a chance for communities to better understand their roles and responsibilities when living in a fire prone environment such as central Oregon," she added.

The outcome could have been very different if the fire had occurred in the same area, but where fuels had not been reduced.

Green said the quick stop on the fire is added proof that years of coordinated fuel reduction efforts by county, state, federal and private landowners in Deschutes

County pay dividends in the form of providing a safer environment for firefighters to work in while also providing safety to communities.

For more information about Project Wildfire ,visit [www.projectwildfire.org](http://www.projectwildfire.org)<<http://www.projectwildfire.org/>>. For more information on Fire Adapted Communities [fireadaptednetwork.org](http://fireadaptednetwork.org)<<http://fireadaptednetwork.org/>>

The full article is available below, please share. If anyone still wants to know "what is the Cohesive Strategy?" this is it...thanks for all your good work...joe

<http://m.ktvz.com/news/fuels-reduction-work-keeps-wilt-road-fire-small/41018324>

Joe Stutler  
Senior Advisor, Deschutes County  
Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy, Western Region Co-Chair IAFC, Wildland Fire Policy Committee

## 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/](http://www.fallriverestates.org/)

Vandevent Ranch Association <http://vandeverttranch.org/>

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

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

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