

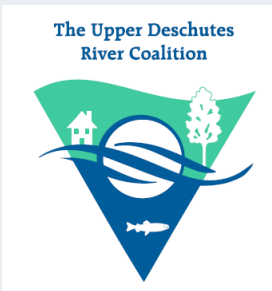
# Upper Deschutes River Coalition

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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***

Our expanded Planning Team includes:



# Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Fellow UDRC Stakeholders –

Many of you know that after 12 years as UDRC board president, I would like to leave this position and devote more volunteer time to other south county community projects. A special thank you to all the volunteers who have supported our mission statement over the years with their time, talent and treasures.

Over the next three months, we are seeking viable candidates with solid administrative and leadership skills to replace me in February 2017. Please contact anyone on our planning committee soon if you have someone in mind or are interested in the position yourself.

Thank you. Carl Jansen

## **2016 Annual Report and Draft 2017 Operations Plan**

### **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

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**2017 Meeting Schedule:**  
[www.udrc.org](http://www.udrc.org)

**Meetings will be posted in late Jan. 2017**

**Communities with a UDRC board member or open position**

**Beaver Road District**  
 Shaun Pigott

**Caldera Springs**

**Cougar Grove**

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

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**  
Dean Richardson

**Gate House**  
Jon O'Shaunessy

**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

**Spring River Acres**  
Chuck Carey

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

**Vandevert Acres Road District**  
Lauren James

**Vandevert 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.**

**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 Wal-Mart 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

**Upper Deschutes River Coalition Nov. 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Chuck Carey, John Nielsen, Al Zupo, Monte Dammarell, Aaron Schofield, Jeff Wieland, Sandra Peer, Wayne Kleckner, Jerry Hubbard, Dean Richardson, Carl Jansen, Bill Filsinger, John Moore, Jim Larsen

Carl Jansen convened the meeting at 2:00 PM. Jerry Hubbard said the La Pine Fire District Burgess Rd. station expansion project will include a dormitory for students. The \$0.3 million cost will be funded by capital reserves. Projects at the main station are landscaping, drainage improvements, and new asphalt.

Jeff Wieland reported the spotted frog injunction suit has been dismissed. The judge required a settlement conference with timelines for increased Winter river flows. The irrigation districts agreed to maintain 100 cfs minimum flow in the Winter. Central Oregon Irrigation District will release 14K acre feet reserve from Crane Prairie reservoir. Sen. Merkley has included \$25M in the U.S. Farm Bill for conservation projects including piping and lining canals.

No nominations were received for UDRC President or Secretary prior to this meeting. Nominations from the floor were Monte Damarell for President and Jerry Hubbard for Secretary. Monte did not commit now but will consider next year. Jerry Hubbard accepted nomination for Secretary, and was approved by the Board. The position of President will remain open. Bill Filsinger will continue as Vice-president and John Moore will continue as

Treasurer. Jim Larsen and Dean Richardson were approved as co-chairs of the Public/Private Lands committee. Jeff Wieland was approved as chair of the Watershed Committee.

The proposed 2017 Operations Plan was reviewed by the Board. Jeff suggested that UDRC sponsor a watershed education meeting at the SHARC with estimated cost of \$400. Dean Richardson attended a presentation on megafires that could be available for a Coalition meeting. The Operations Plan should include efforts to increase neighborhood involvement with the Coalition. Carl suggested quarterly meetings with guest speakers.

Dean reviewed the Fall cost-share roadside chipping project. 98 flyers and brochures were mailed to Fall River Estates lot owners. 50 flyers were distributed in the DRRH 9 neighborhood. 11 Fall River Estates and one DRRH 9 lot owner participated. Landowners paid \$600 for their cost share. The project was completed on Nov. 7. Lot owners arranged piles to reduce contractor labor. Mailings were more effective than posting flyers.

John Moore presented the financial summary report. \$2738 general funds and \$10,488 project restricted funds are on hand. \$3250 are available from the Forest Service participating agreement. \$1000 will be expensed for insurance.

Carl moderated a discussion on the future of the UDRC. Monte said the UDRC brochure should be updated to reflect the demographics of our WUI. He emphasized the need to show the relevance of our organization before asking for more money. Attendance has declined and agency partners are not participating. Jeff said there is a disconnect between the Board members and the neighborhoods. He said UDRC should make presentations at HOA and road district meetings. The UDRC should address river flow and wildlife habitat issues. Jim suggested alternating Board meetings with guest speaker meetings. Wayne Kleckner said we should brainstorm public outreach at the Feb. meeting. Carl said identifying and funding volunteer projects could increase public participation.

Bill Filsinger adjourned the meeting at 3:30. The next Board meeting will be held Feb. 21, 12:30 – 2:00 at the Sunriver Area Library.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Larsen  
Upper Deschutes River Coalition Corporate Secretary

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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:

### 2016 Awards:

**Volunteer of the Year:**  
John Moore  
Spring River

**Partner of the Year:**  
Allison Green  
Project Wildfire

### 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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Fall River Estates Association [www.fallriverestates.org/](http://www.fallriverestates.org/)

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