



Upper Deschutes River Communities

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Clean & Abundant River Flows

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January 18, 2019

Dear Friends of the Upper Deschutes River Communities

Your continued support of our fuel reduction work will reduce the risk of wildfires. A fire in communities surrounded by forests could have a major negative impact on residents living in South Deschutes County including seniors and low-income families.

Your support with a \$100 or more donation will complement our outreach communications plan with the US Forest Service and our five-year \$25,000 match from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund in Bend Oregon.

The Maybelle Clark Macdonald Funds UDRC program will provide funds up to \$500 per property owner for fuels reduction.

Why this project:

With your support for a donation the Coalition will be able develop and implement a fuels reduction program for citizens in South Deschutes County. The end result will be the creation of defensible spaces on many homes.

Since 2005, the Upper Deschutes River Coalition, now known as the Upper Deschutes River Communities, has raised \$611,000 in grants. The UDRC has a proven record of accomplishment in collaborating with citizens, neighborhoods, Federal, State, County agencies and other non-profit organizations working on the Upper Deschutes River basin.

The majority of our private properties remain at high risk from the threat of wildfires. Reducing the threat of wildfires by education and through proven methods of fuels reduction with private and public funding remains our primary goal. Many residents have voluntarily completed their

own fuel reduction process and are now certified through Oregon Dept. of Forestry as being ‘fire adapted’. Your support of our fuel reduction work will reduce the chance of wildfires and will help to make our communities more fire adapted.

Proposed program:

Through grants and donations, a hazardous Fuels Reduction program will be available to landowners to reduce hazardous wildland vegetation (fuels) around homes in an effort to reduce the risk of damage caused by wildfire.

Applicants who fill out a defensible space reimbursement application and receive approval from the UDRC may submit a paid invoice from a contractor and receive a reimbursement up to \$500. Expected outcomes: The program will provide funds up to \$500 per property owner for fuels reduction.

The goal of the grant is to foster long-term stewardship and responsibility for the creating defensible spaces thus reducing the risk of wildfires. The end result will be expanded and improved educational programs, increased fuel reduction, healthier rivers and wildlife habitat. Our children and grandchildren will be given an environmental legacy that they can enjoy for decades.

Schedule of expenditures - the program will begin in the spring of 2019 and end in the fall of 2019.

The Upper Deschutes River Communities appreciates your consideration of support and we look forward to continuing our work in 2019.

Sincerely,

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PS We have raised \$2498 towards our 2019 goal of \$5,000 to get the MCM match of \$5,000 in April 2020.