

Teanaway Community Forest



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Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Summary September 8, 2016

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Andrea Imler

Paul Jewell

Kitty Craig

Martha Wyckoff

Tom Ring (for Phil Rigdon)

Urban Eberhart

Doug Schindler

Kathy Young

John Littel

Andrew Cromarty

JJ Collins

Dale Bambrick

Deborah Essman

Jim Halstrom

Tom Tebb

Mike Reimer

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Jeri Downs

Wayne Mohler

James Schroeder

Scott Gray

Agency Staff:

Eric Winford – DNR/WDFW

Michael Livingston – WDFW

Rick Roeder – DNR

Larry Leach – DNR

Dana Levitt – DNR

Jeff Burnham – WDFW

Guests

Jim Huckabay – consultant

1) Welcome, Review the Day (Eric)

- a) Agenda
- b) Meeting Notes

2) Updates

- a) Roads: Larry Leach provided an update on road projects in the TCF and gave a presentation on improvements done this summer.
 - i) Opened up 2.82 miles of fish habitat by removing old fish barrier culverts and replacing them with bridges or better culverts.
 - ii) Abandoned 4230' of stream-adjacent road along with 6435' of road no long needed.
 - iii) Reduced sediment delivery to streams by 78.90 tons/year this summer (32.38% of total)
 - iv) Have plans to address an additional 49.96 tons/year this fall (20.50% of total)
- b) Restoration: Eric provided an update on permitting restoration projects in the TCF. All state permits (such as the HPA and the SEPA) have been completed. Scott Nicolai is awaiting approval of the federal cultural resources permit (known as a Section 106 permit) to begin work.
- c) Forestry: We are starting the pre-commercial thinning projects. The shaded fuel breaks will begin this fall or next spring, depending on weather.

3) 2017-19 Budget and Legislative Engagement (Rick and Mike)

- a) For next biennium, the Operating request is \$775,773 and the Capital request is \$1,480,700.
- b) The committee discussed having a tour, set on an October 6th date. Outreach is occurring on multiple fronts, with Advisory Committee members taking the lead on reaching out to key legislators.

4) Goal 5 Sub-committee Report (Kitty, Andrea, Martha, Deb, JJ)

- a) Update on activities. A fall event was discussed but given the short time-frame, the committee decided to wait until spring.
- b) A lot of the focus of this group has been on Legislative engagement, but there is interest in engaging the general public and recreation groups.

5) Recreation Planning (Dana Levitt)

- a) Overview of how DNR does Recreation Planning
- b) Public kick-off meeting will be October 25th at the Centennial Center in Cle Elum

6) Grazing Management Updates

- a) Eric provided updates on the current season. We built 2 miles of fence around the Indian Creek restoration project and a water trough. We are already seeing good plant response in areas where plants can access ground water.
- b) Jim and Jeff provided an update on the 8 meetings of the grazing sub-committee and an overview of the grazing framework drafted by the group. Members spoke about several of the principles and described some lingering issues that need to be cleared up in one or two additional meetings.
- c) The full Advisory Committee agreed that this is heading in a good direction and approved the framework as drafted.
- d) Tom Tebb said the Department of Ecology potentially has some money left over from Capital projects that could be put toward fencing and other infrastructure to protect key riparian areas. Eric will work with Tom to look into the details.

7) **Public Comment:** No public comments were given