

NOTE: The following is a compiled list of public comments concerning the Teanaway Community Forest, received at the Advisory Committee meeting at the Teanaway Grange and from the online survey tool.

## **Teanaway Community Forest – public comments from the Advisory Committee meeting, 11/13/2014**

### **I. Public Comments**

- a) Tracy Rooney – Teanaway Grazing Issues. He had put in fencing but it's causing a problem with forcing the cattle into the river. He wants to keep cattle out of the river but the fencing is difficult to achieve this goal. Slide show of cattle in the river.
- b) Kelli Conner – A few questions:
  - How are you going to harvest anything with the new rules and regs issued by DNR? Cost of logging will become unaffordable. Will be too expensive to harvest trees in the valley right now.
  - Road closures: a lot of those roads that go to nowhere. Many of those are the only access area for fire. Abandoning will be a problem esp. with all the dead trees.
  - Told that no decisions were going to be made until 2016. However, someone was stopped by DNR patrolman and told that he didn't have a pass to be in the forest, but is that required? All the sudden Community Forest is growing, additional 5100 acres. More trash to be picked up on the weekend.
- c) Pam Henry-Thomas – Friends of the Teanaway. Founding member. Speaking on their position on ORVs in the TCF. Numerous places where ORV travel has resulted in significant environmental damage. We feel that ORV use is in conflict with the designated purpose of the TCF. Maintenance of habitat is the core goal. We are seeing a high increase in ORV use and ORV damage since the sale of the TCF. Not enough officers to enforce, inadequate enforcement. No motorized travel should be allowed in the TCF with one exception: travel corridors on roads for ORVs could be acceptable.

### **II. Handouts**

#### **Friends of the Teanaway position statement on Wheeled Off-Road Vehicle management on the Teanaway Community Forest:**

Friends of the Teanaway was formed in 2009 by a group of Teanaway residents, land owners, and concerned citizens. Our mission is to encourage responsible stewardship of the Teanaway River Valley; to conserve its forest lands, protect its waters and natural resources; enhance its habitat for fish and wildlife; and preserve its recreational opportunities consistent with the welfare of the forest.

We are submitting this letter to set forth our position on wheeled motorized vehicle access to the Teanaway Community Forest.

Historically, there had been environmental damage in the Teanaway from illegal motorized access in spite of Boise Cascade and later AFLC posting their land, prohibiting motorized travel, and attempting to enforce against trespass. We have watched with great concern the alarming increase in ORV travel on the new community forest and the resulting damage to the land which has occurred since the land was purchased by WA State. It is essential that this issue be addressed and corrected.

The advisory committee is now considering the issue of whether, or to what extent, wheeled motorized access should be allowed on the Community Forest. With very limited exceptions our organization is strongly opposed to any such access being allowed.

There are numerous examples throughout the state where wheeled off-road vehicle travel, legal or otherwise, clearly results in significant environmental damage. While it is probably true that the majority of those operating wheeled off-road vehicles on public land do so in a responsible way, it is also true that a great deal of significant and lasting damage occurs when a small minority do not behave responsibly.

Allowing wheeled off-road vehicle access to the Community Forest would clearly conflict with the goals laid out in the legislation establishing the Teanaway Community Forest. With these goals in mind, it appears clear to us that the only responsible option is to continue with the existing prohibitions against wheeled off-road vehicle access.

We do believe that it could be beneficial to provide for a wheeled off-road vehicle corridor from the Cle Elum Valley to the trails within the National Forest which are adjacent to the Community Forest and open to motorized travel. However, it should be noted that at present, the three USFS trails open to motorized travel and accessed from community forest land are single track and open only to trail bikes. Thank You for your consideration of our position.

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**Teanaway Public Comments – public comments from the online  
survey,  
10/07/14 - 11/10/14  
Total Comments: 149**

**Goal 1 Protect and enhance the water supply and protect the watershed;**

**Goal 2 Maintain working lands for forestry and domestic livestock grazing while protecting key watershed functions and aquatic habitat;**

**Goal 3 Maintain and where possible expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection, for activities such as hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, birding and snowmobiling; TOTAL 147**

10/07/2014	<p>Please open the Teanaway Community forest to multiple uses that include all forms of ORV. I believe that uses of all forms can work and play together to make this a true community forest. There is a large network of roads and trails that lead to scenic areas, rock formations and national forest lands. Single track trail can be utilized that is in place or added with little cost and impact in between roads to link scenic areas and national forest lands. One area in particular is the Teanaway Campground it is in a great location to access the most of the Community forest and has trails in place. I would recommend adding good toilets and fixing up the roads in the Teanaway Campground. I would add a staging area for ORV at the end of the Paved road by the Campground. I recommend having a trail that parallels the North fork road on both sides to link up to National Forest Trails off of the north Fork Road. This would open up some good mileage. The more mileage you open up the less impact users will have on the land because they won't be all bunched up. The average mountain biker or horse rider will probably do 15 to 20 miles where on a motorcycle you can do 65 to 100 miles in this area in a day. Say if a 10 mile loop is opened up and 20 people are on it on the weekend going in circles it would probably be kind of irritating, people would be tripping over each other. Take 100 miles or more and open it those same 20 people may not see each other. Another thing to consider is that ORV's are the workhorses of the forest those 100 miles of trails will need to be logged out. A group of guys on Motorcycles can get those trails logged out for everyone fast. The group I belong to the Coulee riders keeps the Foggy Dew area completely open for all users with 2 volunteer work parties per year. Also there is an old campground up first cr. that would be great to open up. This is another place that has great potential for multiple users. It is near Liberty which has 4X4 trails there are trails that link to Table Mountain on the National Forest and it could link up to new trails in the new Naneum forest area. This would be a great place to open up more mileage for all uses with little cost and impact. Thank you for considering my comments I am an active frequent user of the Teanaway Forest and hope that you can open more land for all forms of public use. Sean Clarke</p>
10/08/2014	<p>Please post on the website each committee members' current position on ORV use in the community forest (positive, neutral, or negative). I am concerned ORV users are not adequately represented and the committee may have a bias against ORV use on these public lands. Thank you, Steve Watson</p>

10/08/2014	<p>I am writing to request that the Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee keep an open mind and be fair to ALL user groups during your planning process. I'm an avid hiker, mountain biker, xc skier and ORV user. My opinion is ALL user groups should have access to this area, not just a select few. I've never been to this area, but have heard it's a wonderful asset. In the future, I'd like to take a visit, whether it's on two feet or TWO WHEELS. I'd like you to please include OHV/ORV trail use. I've heard some concerning reports that members of the advisory committee are shying away from recommending ORV use based on perceived negative experiences and single experiences dating back to the 1990's. Negative feelings about any user group can be developed in these processes as a method to exclude certain uses, please don't do that, it's not fair. This is PUBLIC LAND and all of the public should have access to it. In the 45+ years I have been out recreating in the woods I can probably count on one hand the negative ones. Yes, a few have been from other ORV users, but I've also have negative experiences from other users as well. Respect for the out of doors and education in general of outdoor recreation users has come a long way in the last 30-40 years. My understanding is that OHV/ORV recreation is a use of the land that the local community has always supported. The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly. OHV/ORV recreation is been proven example of a form of recreation compatible with working forests and has been taking place in this area for at least four decades. Even prior this community forest legislation, the DNR has been directed by RCW79.10 to facilitate multi-use public access whenever it is compatible with their trust obligations. In conclusion, I hope to someday come and visit this area and I'd like to have the option of accessing the land on foot, in a 4 x 4, a bicycle or dual sport motorcycle. SO please take this into consideration and preserve access for all users. Thank you.</p>
10/08/2014	<p>Please don't leave ORV people out our family enjoys being in the forest with with our dirt bikes. This has given such a wonderful opera unity to other wonderful families.</p>
10/08/2014	<p>We would like to express our support for ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest. We are responsible ORV and Snowmobile user who own Timberland and a Cabin in Cle Elum. We also participate in trail clean up for the DNR. Please be sure and include responsible motorized ORV/Snowmobile use in your plans for the Teanaway Forest, this is a very important issue and most motorized users have a deep love for the land and forest.</p>
10/09/2014	<p>Our family enjoys camping , horseback riding and motorized vehicles the beautiful trail system should be shared by all , including bikes and hiker , jeeps , and snowmobiler</p>

10/09/2014	I am confused why motorcycles are not being treated the same as horseback riders, mountain bikers, and hikers. Much of the existing (unmarked at this time) trail is single track. My experience has been that on single track public land trail systems these four groups are typically allowed the same access rights. ATVs and 4x4 vehicles are usually excluded as they cannot use the trails without causing damage. Please consider appropriate trail designation and allow motorcyclists equal access as the other groups. Motorcyclists are part of the community as well and deserve to be able to enjoy this awesome terrain. In closing, I would like to remind the committee that motorcyclists are the group largely responsible for trail maintenance on these trails as far back as anyone can remember (I'm talking about into the 1960s). Let's do this right and not be exclusionary. Thank You.
10/09/2014	If we are going to call it a community forest, I hope we are not going to exclude members of the community. I am hearing rumors that the committee is biased against ORVs. As a motorcyclist, I do not like being painted with the broad ORV brush. Motorcyclists are a different breed than ATVers and 4x4 guys. We have no desire to go off trail. We avoid mud to the greatest extent possible rather than trying to make "mud holes". I do not like being lumped into the broad "ORV" category as my recreational objectives are not the same. I'd like to know if this committee is slanted against ORVs, and motorcycles in particular. This would be really wrong considering us motorcyclists are the ones who have been maintaining the trails for many years. I was cutting out downed trees this spring and was thanked by both mountain bikers and horse back riders for reopening trail. Let's make this fair and have access for all within some reasonable boundaries. Thanks.
10/09/2014	I'm hearing concerns about ORVs using this area. Surely with 50,000+ acres we can accommodate all of the "communities" needs can't we? These are now public lands and we need to find a way to all work together and do this right!
10/09/2014	Have the residents of Cle Elum, Roslyn, and Ronald been notified via US mail about the TCF and this website so they may comment? I believe there are a fair number of local ORV users in these towns that have a vested interest in trails remaining open for ORV use. If that has not occurred, please ensure that it does so all users have an equal opportunity to comment. Thanks.
10/09/2014	If there are any concerns about creek/stream/river damage resulting from ORV use, let me put that to bed. ORV groups are ready and willing to build any bridges necessary to preclude any damage. We've done this at Taneum and other areas and we stand ready to do this in the TCF. Thanks!

10/09/2014	As a part time resident within the Teanaway Community Forrest, I am deeply concerned that your advisory committee does not include full time residents who are most deeply affected by the decisions of this body. While I appreciate having a diverse body of opinions representing various interests, how can this be a "community" forest without better representation of community members? Though a couple of the advisory members have Cle Elum addresses, there should be better representation of those who live within the area of TCF itself. If you choose not to include full time residents such as Tracy Rooney and Richard Lowe on the advisory committee, you should at least recognize and deliberate over their concerns.
10/09/2014	In July of this year we purchased a recreational home in the Ronald area. The primary reason we chose this area was the ORV friendly community and access to the trails. Look forward to being part of this discussion and accommodate all users to this great challenging geography. Please email me how I can participate in these discussions/process. schromads@gmail.com Regards Claus Schroeder
10/09/2014	TCF Advisory Committee, I am an off road motorcycle enthusiast and as such I implore you to objectively consider allowing ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest. The overwhelming majority of ORV operators are environmentally responsible people that appreciate and respect the right to use these areas for their recreational interests. We realize the importance of balancing the needs of a variety of users and ask that the ORV community be included in all discussions regarding approved uses of the Teanaway Community Forest. We have proven to be good stewards of the environment and considerate of other user groups and for these reasons I think it only fair that we be allowed to access this area. Sincerely, Kurt Reuter
10/10/2014	It has always been and should stay "multiple use". There is no reason one group or another should get to use it more than others.

<p>10/10/2014</p>	<p>We dirt bike riders are a small group and our voices are often drowned out by environmental groups/individuals who do not understand us, or have preconceived ideas about us based upon negative comments by others. We tend to be lumped under the category of "ORV". We are not the same as ATVs and 4x4 trucks, our sport is very different. I'm going to be 51 next month, I have ridden the trails you are discussing in your TCF meetings for over 30 years. I have cut trail in the spring to open it up for all users. I have been thanked by everybody who passed by. Please recognize that motorcyclists and to a lesser degree horseback riders have been doing the work on these trails for decades. I have had pleasant encounters with all types of recreationalists - Fellow motorcycle riders, horseback riders, and mountain bikers. I can't recall one controversial encounter in 30 years. Motorcyclists are not "mudders", we just want to ride trail. And what magnificent trail it is.....you can have a religious experience back there.....beautiful terrain for riding and gorgeous views.....I have seen no evidence of bikes going off existing trail for years (there is enough and no need to go off trail). The only time we had to do that in the past was when the loggers destroyed the trail and we had to re-establish it. We don't have that problem anymore!! We can all work together to make this awesome for everybody. I am concerned about this area being closed off to ORVs. I have a son who has been riding with me since he was 7 up there. He'll be 21 next month. He's cut trail with me too. He's ridden all the other areas in the state and knows how special this one is. I want him to have the same opportunity as myself to ride this tremendous area for as long as he wants. I want people on the committee to have an open mind about this issue and consider that these are now public lands and everybody's desires need to be fairly considered. Please keep in mind this item right off the website below: <a href="#">Eight Ways the Teanaway Land Purchase Affects You</a> 4. Access to Recreation. The Legislature directed DNR and WDFW to maintain and, where possible, expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection. That means you will still be able to enjoy your favorite outdoor activities in a landscape you love. If the state never bought this land, I would be "enjoying my favorite outdoor activity in a landscape that I love" until I was too old to do it anymore which I hope is well into my 60s, and my son could continue on after me. Please ensure that since the state has now bought it, that I can do the same. Motorcyclists have done more to maintain the existing trail system than any other user group for many, many years. We look forward to many more and salute the state for this decision to preserve these public lands for future generations. Let us know how we can share in making this a great place for a variety of responsible recreation. Tell me how I can help. Thanks.</p>
<p>10/10/2014</p>	<p>I'm a hiker, Dirt Bike rider, and having kids I can see mountain biking in my future. The Teanaway Community Forest has in the past catered to all of these activities and all of them including motorized recreation must be preserved in the future.</p>

10/10/2014	Hello TCF Advisory Committee: My Family has had a Forest Service Cabin on Lake Cle Elum for 5 generations now. My Grandfather's Father built the cabin on the lake bed before there was ever a lake there. Needless to say there a picture of my Grandfather and my Father riding old Trail bikes from the 70's and 80's from Lake Cle Elum to the Teanaway. I also rode dirt bikes there as a kid and have many memories of family riding trips and picnics along the Teanaway River. It would be a shame to not be included in the Community Forest plans for OHV use! We deserve to have rights to access the Teanaway just as others do. In the early 90's Dirt Biking was no longer allowed near the town's of Roslyn, Ronald and Cle Elum, this was a very sad day for the OHV community. Please recognize that through designated trails OHV's can access much more in the Community Forest than any other means of foot traffic and horse back. Thank you
10/11/2014	Please continue to allow Motorized Trail Riding in Teananaway Community Forest. thanks
10/11/2014	Highly in support of being able to ride motorcycles, quads, etc. in the Teanaway Community Forest. Not too many places left in Washington
10/12/2014	I've seen too many trails ruined by allowing motorcycles or horses. Please continue to provide hiker-only trails. I love getting up into the high altitudes with awesome views, even if it means waiting until August when snow levels are down.
10/12/2014	I would like to see continued use for off-road vehicles here in the park. This is good holsum family fun and there are few places to legally enjoy this.
10/13/2014	please keep are riding areas open
10/13/2014	I didn't choose to be a dirtbiker, I was born this way. Life would be easier if walking through the forest did anything for me, but it does not. The only way I enjoy the outdoors is while on an ORV. Again, this is not a choice, but just how I was born. It is intolerant to deny me my right to recreate the only way I know how. Hikers need to show more compassion and stop all the hatred they send to the ORV community. We have a right to be happy too.
10/13/2014	This is public land. Allow all users access to its use. This includes motorized use. If you ban anything it should be hikers.
10/13/2014	This picture has the appropriate access noted for single track in the TCF. This is consistent with most other state trail systems. Please ensure motorcyclists have equal access....the same provided to horseback riders, mountain bikers, and hikers. Thank you. ....Well, it won't allow me to upload my picture.....but it is a trail marker from Taneum 1377 showing open to all 4 groups (but closed to ATVs). Nothing against ATVs, they don't don't fit on single track.

10/13/2014	Please recognize that not all ORV users are hell raising wildlife terrorists bent on land destruction. In fact, hardly any of us are, and we can't stand the small number of idiots who do stupid things like "mudding" and cause all the rest of us grief. The "green" environmental groups all want you to think that we are all the same and a bunch of trouble makers though so they can push their exclusionary agenda. Don't be deceived and keep an open mind. It would be very wrong at this point to close the TCF off to ORV use after motorcyclists have maintained the existing (albeit) unmarked trails for years. The ORV community stands ready to support trail maintenance (or development) and to self police the few who give us all a black eye. Thanks!
10/14/2014	Motorized recreation plays a huge role to the economy of upper Kittitas county. Allow all users to access this land, especially ORV's.
10/14/2014	I think we should close King county to motorized use. That way all these smug hikers who can't tolerate sharing a trail with an ORV will have to walk to eastern Washington to tell me how to live my life.
10/14/2014	I live in Oregon and I have been riding dirtbikes. for many years. All OHVs are required to have silencers these days and are very compatible with other users. I'm sure your State OHV fund can provide funds for development. Dirt bike and ATV riders contribute a lot of money into the state economy. I always go to Washington/ Idaho/ Nevada/ Arizona every year and spend a lot of money there. That is the reason for my vacation. TO RIDE! Thanks.
10/14/2014	Teanaway provides a great opportunity to create managed trail motorcycle and other off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities that are consistent with actively managed forest lands. The public demand is high for responsible OHV access opportunities, so providing such on this forest can have the benefit of reducing recreational access pressure on lands such as national forests when such may have management objectives that favor reduced public access. That only one of the twenty seats on the advisory board is set aside for motorized recreational interest fails to properly represent the size of the interest group and should be taken into consideration that this could result in an unbalanced management recommendations that may result in public dissatisfaction with its new costly acquisition. Do not miss an opportunity to engage an active user group that is dedicated to the success of recreational trail assets and can be called upon for help in establishing and maintaining multiple use trails that the public craves. Thank you.
10/14/2014	In shaping policy for the Teanaway Community Forest the historic and continued off-road vehicle use should be given priority status and not limited to areas beyond what is currently accessible to this type of use.

10/14/2014	Please keep access for OHV users open to Teanaway Forest. Teanaway Forest is one of our families favorite riding areas. The growing OHV community need more areas to recreate not less, just like the other recreational groups. Sincerely, Walt Koch
10/14/2014	Four Wheel Drive OHV use is the only true multiple use program there is. Any user is welcome on 4wd trails. not all users are welcome on hiking or single track trails, ALL users can use 4wd trails. We need to allow more development of Multiple use (4WD) trails!
10/14/2014	More opportunities for ORV use are needed in washington state.
10/14/2014	Seems to be working as is. I would like to see things stay the same
10/14/2014	We would like to see all compatible ORV trails in this area open to ATV use.
10/14/2014	outdoor recreation must include motorized usage. This is an opportunity for the Teanaway community to add to its motorized recreation activities. As we all know, motorized usage availability is extremely limited. Local communities can earn dollars from motorized usage in the community. We just returned from ATV trail systems in Utah that the local communities had the thought to get involved, support and create recreational opportunities that do bring in needed dollars to the local communities.
10/14/2014	I feel that the Teanaway Community Forest area should be managed as a multiple use area.
10/15/2014	As an ORV rider I am interested in being able to continue riding in the TCF.

10/15/2014	<p>Motorized recreationists including motorcycles, ATVs, and 4x4 value highly semi-primitive and primitive motorized recreational opportunities. There is a great need for these opportunities and there is a real shortage of these opportunities due to current management trends. Also, motorized recreationists like to ride on motorized trails to remote trailheads, park, and hike from there. Southern Rec Report State = Washington Percentage OHV = 22.50% Participants OHV = 1,010,900 Forest OHV Visitors = 125,100 Total OHV Miles at 30/visit = 3,753,000 Total OHV Visitor Hours at 18 mph = 208,500 OHV recreationists need beginner loops near camping areas for those learning to use their machines and those not able to go on longer excursions. Motorized recreationists carry chainsaws and keep trails open for everybody. This is a significant point given the amount of dead trees that are falling across trail. A study of sound levels from OHV use was found to be less than the background noise of the wind in treetops (Nora Hamilton, Mendocino National Forest, memorandum to the file, November 17, 1992). Also, the USDA FS Technology and Development Program in a report prepared in 1993 and titled "Sound Levels of Five Motorcycles Traveling Over Forest Trails" found that at distances over 400 feet, motorcycles do not raise the ambient sound level (they are no louder than background levels of noise). Absolute quiet is not a reasonable expectation. Sound from motorized sources such as airplanes exists even in the most remote areas. It is not reasonable to expect absolute quiet in areas intended for multiple-use. The sound level of motorized recreation use is not greater than natural sounds, and therefore, sound level should not be used as a reason to justify motorized recreation and access closures. A study of National Park elk habituated to human activity and not hunted were more sensitive to persons afoot than vehicles (Shultz, R.D. and James A. Bailey "Responses of National Park Elk to Human Activity", Journal of Wildlife Management, v42, 1975). Therefore, hikers disturb elk more than motor vehicles and "disturbance of wildlife" should not be used as a reason to justify motorized recreation and access closures. Additionally, when there are concerns with wildlife disturbance, restrictions on hikers should be given a greater emphasis than restrictions on motorized visitors. Hikers disturb nesting birds (Swarthout, Elliott and Steidl, Robert, Journal of the Society of Conservation Biology, February 2003) yet restrictions on hiking and other non-motorized recreationists to reduce impacts on nesting birds are rarely imposed. Public understanding of the proposed alternatives would be greatly improved by implementing a mapping tool similar to the one developed by Idaho Parks and Recreation. This tool can be tried out at <a href="http://www.trails.idaho.gov/trails/">http://www.trails.idaho.gov/trails/</a>. Zoom in and click on a particular trail to see the information provided for each route. Earlier versions of this tool included GPS downloads for each route which would help assure that the public was on the right trail. This tool would also be useful after the analysis and decision to inform the public of the route designations. OHV recreation generates millions of dollars in OHV gas tax revenues which should be used to for trail maintenance (see additional comments and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 1994, Federal Highway Administration, Report ORNL/TM-1999/100, Federal Highway Administration, An 80 page summary of the fuel used for OHV recreation, <a href="http://www-cta.ornl.gov/cta/Publications/Reports/ORNL_TM_1999_100.pdf">http://www-cta.ornl.gov/cta/Publications/Reports/ORNL_TM_1999_100.pdf</a> ). Unfortunately, these dollars are not being applied to OHV trails. Bringing volunteers together with funding would solve nearly all of our OHV trail maintenance needs. An excellent reference is Tom Crimmins and NOHVCC booklet titled Management Guidelines for OHV recreation which can be downloaded at <a href="http://atfiles.org/files/pdf/crimminsNOHVCC.pdf">http://atfiles.org/files/pdf/crimminsNOHVCC.pdf</a>. Other good references for OHV recreation can be found in the American Trails library at <a href="http://www.americantrails.org/resources/motors/index.html">http://www.americantrails.org/resources/motors/index.html</a> and on the NOHVCC web site at <a href="http://www.nohvcc.org/home">http://www.nohvcc.org/home</a>. Motorized recreationists value high quality trails with views, vistas, and challenging riding. The project area includes many of these types of routes for OHV recreationists.</p>
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10/15/2014	To provide balance in the forest, it is imperative that ORV use be included as an excepted and legally allowed recreational activities. The TCF is a great piece of land with great opportunity for a variety of uses. Motorcycle riders have traditionally provided a great deal of volunteer trail maintenance throughout the state of Washington. That would be true in the TCF as well. There's almost no such thing as a motorcycle trail that doesn't have winter windfalls cleared by early/mid-summer. We will be an asset and ally to all trail users as a unified community.
10/15/2014	There is clear exclusionary behavior by the Teanaway committee to limit the previous motorized recreational opportunities. It is unjust and a bad business decision for its local community's. Motorized recreation has long taken place in this forest, eliminating these recreational opportunity may damage long cultural opportunities for responsible motorized users and hurt Teanaway Forests local communities. OHV tourism economic impact studies reveal that in states like Colorado that it generates over \$1 Billion, second only to skiing in tourism. Washington is currently completing its own independent economic study that will reveal that this state too benefits economically from OHV tourism. I encourage the committee to not hurt local businesses and to encourage responsible motorized recreation.
10/15/2014	ORV recreation is been proven example of a form of recreation compatible with working forests and has been taking place in the Teanaway area for at least four decades. Official, sanctioned, shared-use trails would continue this tradition while giving a wide variety of forest users (from ORV riders to mushroom pickers) continued access.
10/15/2014	I hope you include offroad motorcycle use, as this area has had a tradition of responsible use for over 4 decades. Thank you for listening!
10/15/2014	Keep ORV trails open in the Teanaway Forest.
10/15/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported. ORV recreation is been proven example of a form of recreation compatible with working forests and has been taking place in this area for at least four decades. Shutting the door to another location will negatively impact the few riding locations left.
10/15/2014	Stop shutting down public lands. We pay for orv tabs and discovery passes.
10/15/2014	Please keep offroad vehicles out of Teanaway Forest. They do terrible damage to the land, they scare wildlife away and degrade wildlife habitat, and their noise radiates widely, making the area less valuable for visitors who want a quiet experience in the forest.

10/15/2014	Motorized off-road recreation managed properly elicits a positive reaction from the public. Poorly managing off-road recreation by attempting to implement severely conservative and restrictive recreation plans as the DNR has done at Reiter and the SW Yacolt Burn creates negative public reactions and results in increased illegal and inappropriate land uses such as poorly built illegal trails, trash and vandalism and other safety and resource management problems.
10/15/2014	Motorized recreation has a long history in the Teanaway area. I would like to see it continue and be expanded.
10/15/2014	I support all kinds of motorized recreation in this forest.
10/15/2014	The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations. ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly. ORV recreation is a proven example of a form of recreation compatible with working forests and has been taking place in this area for at least four decades. Even prior this community forest legislation, the DNR has been directed by RCW79.10 to facilitate multi-use public access whenever it is compatible with their trust obligations.
10/15/2014	I have rode and helped maintain the trails at Teanaway for many years and would like this area to stay open to ORV .
10/15/2014	We would like to see Teanaway used for ORV use. Not only motorcycle trails but the wider roads for use by us older folks to enjoy are also nice. Also for the younger generation to learn on less technical trails are ideal. Thank you for considering, Rozana Knutson I still ride my 1993 Kaw Mojave
10/15/2014	I frequently visit the Ronald area specifically to enjoy the ORV friendly environment. As outdoor enthusiasts we enjoy the whole spectrum of dirt bikes and snowmobiles along with Mt biking and hiking. I am a strong believer that trails can be shared by all provided a clear management system is established. I have enjoyed the local trails the Teanaway Forest and recognize the opportunity it presents to grow into a destination area for adventures ranging from hikers, climbers, fisherman, skiers along with the ORV users.
10/15/2014	I have used the Teanaway motorbike trails for decades and hope it continue to stay open and or expanded on. Existing trails also serve as access points for hunting the back country.
10/15/2014	Have not ridden the area in a few years, but when we did the damaged areas from 4 wheelers was un believable. Hopefully the damage was done by a few but the 4 wheelers as a group might consider policing their own and repairing damage done by them

10/15/2014	I'm getting concerned that the Teanaway Forest is going to shut out the summer time motorized users. Public Lands are supposed to be for all users. Motorized user usually spend a lot of money locally. Gas, food, restaurants and some use motels. This creates jobs and help the community. Maybe the Advisory Committee should remember this.
10/16/2014	Motorized recreation is a critical component of multi-use Nat'l forests!
10/16/2014	<p>Have you heard of the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC)? They are a national outdoor recreationalist advocacy group. They are a grassroots organization who's goal is to keep public lands open to the public. They represent everyone who wants to recreate on public lands. This includes all types of activities, including ORV use. I'm hearing that ORV use on the TCF is a polarized topic and there are some who are quite negative on ORV use. Here are a few items related to ORVs from the BRC code of ethics: I will respect the rights of all recreationalists to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors. I will respect public and private property. I will respect designated areas, trail-use signs and established trails. When stopping, I will not block the trail. I will not disturb wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection of feeding wildlife. I will pack out everything I pack in, and will not litter. I will not interfere with or harass others. I recognize that people judge all trail users by my actions. As a motorized trail user, I will pull off the trail and stop my engine when encountering horseback riders (it is also a good idea to take off your helmet and greet the riders). I will slow down and use caution when approaching or overtaking another recreationalist. I am asking the committee to keep an open mind about access for EVERYONE. Please do not stereotype people because you had one or two bad experiences, or even worse, are simply forming an opinion based on the strong negative opinion of another committee member. 50,000+ acres is plenty for all of us to share. This can be done properly and managed properly. You should be thanking the dirt bike riders, they have done 90% of the trail maintenance on the unmarked trails since the 1960s (horse back riders the balance). I notified BRC and am looking forward to their support. Let's do this right (for everybody)!!</p>
10/16/2014	The Teanaway Forest should incorporate access and opportunities for all class of Off Highway Vehicle travel.
10/16/2014	Although I'm a hiker, a bicyclist, I'm also an avid off-road motorcyclist with 5 grandchildren. As a tax payer and concerned citizen, I support ORV use on the TCF. It is important for me and my grandchildren that the TCF remains a place where we can ride. The ORV use will not reduce the income capacity of the land but will provide a needed recreational opportunity for the public.

10/16/2014	Please provide ORV recreation opportunities by providing multi-use trails. This land is for the use of all our citizens who responsibly recreate, including ORV's. There are many examples state wide where ORV recreation can be provided that is consistent with other recreation interests and done in a way that is safe and environmentally responsible.
10/16/2014	The Teanaway is a great place for all types of recreation, including ORV's. Please find a way to make ORV's part of the plan.
10/16/2014	Thank you all for your work on this issue. The Community Forest is a great idea, and as such it should include all recreational groups, with limits. The hikers, horsemen, snowmobiler's and ORV's should all be included in the planned use. Please simply designate specific trails for each group, and specific months open/closed. By including all groups, with limits, this Community Forest program will truly benefit the local economy while maintaining this pristine land. If for example your plan excludes the horsemen, you will alienate an important community who has used this area for decades, and helps maintain the trails. Please do not lobby against just one group. Your challenge as a true advisor, is how best to include all recreation opportunities in this area.
10/16/2014	Myself and my Two sons were raised riding Quads and Tree wheelers in the Teanaway Forest. I would hate not have my Grand children not enjoy the area. Spring, Summer, and Fall are the most beautiful seasons to enjoy the color and the flowers. What would we have the area for if we can't enjoy it. We are Masters of the forest. Hunt, Fish, Camp Hike and RIDE the area. Who is going to tell my Grand children they can't enjoy the area. Thanks Tom Stumpf
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10/16/2014	ATV and ORV are excellent stewards of the forest and help keep unauthorized travel and damage to a minimum. If people have a place to go they , for the most part, stay out of the places that are closed. In most places the trail building and maintenance are done by the enthusiasts at little or no cost to state or federal agencies. What a deal!!!
10/16/2014	Public access for Everyone is critical to a healthy community forest and environment. This means everyone. Horse people, ATV's, UTV's, Motorcycles, mountain bikes, hikers, Everyone.

10/16/2014	please do not further restrict the use of ORV in the TCF, we are already losing thousands of miles of riding areas; i've been riding TCF since i was a kid in the 70's, and i'd like my son to be able to take his son there some day; please consider the money ORV use brings to that region.
10/17/2014	Please do not take away/limit ORV use in the Teanaway area. It is a beautiful area that is enjoyed by many groups.....ours included!!
10/17/2014	Please represent all of the users of the Teanaway forest. please do not exclude any group completely. The historic use of the area is well known, and is a great blueprint to start from. If you do not represent all of the users well, and exclude any one, it will just make a mess for someone else to clean up later,
10/17/2014	Please consider ORV access for this area.
10/17/2014	I would appreciate the full consideration of continuing to allow ORV use of the Teanaway area for outdoor recreation enthusiasts. I just recently got back into the sport, but have already contributed more than 15thousand dollars to the local economy through the purchase of two motorcycles, and every time I go to an area to ride, I buy lunches, buy fuel, stay in hotels, and enjoy their beers and burgers after rides. I can safely say that I support all of the local communities that I ride my motorcycles in, and know that most others do as well.
10/17/2014	My Friends and I have enjoyed and wish to continue using the Teanaway forest for our recreational enjoyment. Legislators please don't change how we enjoy this awesome area!
10/17/2014	Please make certain there are multiple areas and unique trail systems available for motorized recreational vehicles on these public lands.
10/17/2014	Please keep the Teanaway Community Forest a multi-use recreational area open to all types of recreation. With proper land management and trail separation there is no reason OHV users cannot coexist with hikers, equestrian riders and mountain bikers.
10/17/2014	don't take this away...there are so few spots in the state for our dirtbike and ATV community to get out into the woods!! If you close the Teanaway then we all go to the few parks on the westside and run into each other!!! Don't let that happen.
10/17/2014	Please keep motorized use in the plans for the Teanaway State Forest. This is a beautiful area that already has a large network of roads and trails that is perfect for off highway vehicles. I have been going there since the 70's for recreation and I have several friends living in the valley. We already have half the states forests locked up in wilderness for the people that like to hike in, but we are seriously lacking in riding areas even though the amount of people that use ORV's is rapidly increasing. Older folks can't hike in so we need motorized access to be able to enjoy public land!
10/17/2014	Please keep this area open for off-road motorcycle use.

10/17/2014	Please open the Teanaway Forest for more ORV riding. My son and I ride on a regular basis, but it's getting harder to find good trails near us.
10/17/2014	My husband and I are raising our granddaughter. Our family often vacations by taking All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trips to various locations. It is how our family spends time together, and allows all of us to visit remote places otherwise inaccessible to us. We plan on visiting Washington, and when we do, we look forward to spending much of that time riding. Please don't take this family opportunity away from us. Sincerely, Elaine T. Phelps
10/17/2014	Keep our trails...there is not very many places to ride ... They have been there for many years what is the point in taking them away?
10/17/2014	Hello, Please on behalf of myself and my family who enjoy motorized trail riding in this area, we ask that you preserve ORV recreational use of the area. ORV is compatible with working forests, and their associated trust obligations. I have raised my sons to respect and appreciate the land we have available to us for ORV use. We as members, will continue to protect and care for ORV lands. Thank you for your consideration, The Wood family
10/17/2014	"Do you want hiking trails in the teanaway". WTA asks. There already are!!! I hike and ride there all the time. I don't think any more money needs to be wasted making that area more accessible. Part of the charm is the undeveloped nature keeps people AWAY, which us locals like. If you want to spend money there, spend it on cameras monitoring use, and policing. I'm sick and tired of the atv's and dirtbikers trespassing there. One ran right up onto me the other day, scared my horse half to death, and me, too. The sign clearly says "NO MOTORIZED vehicles", but that crowd doesn't seem to give a damn.
10/17/2014	I hope to have the opportunity to explore the Teanaway forest on an ORV! Thank You, Dan Saxe, Bellevue Wa
10/17/2014	Please preserve off road recreation opportunities. With designated places to ride ORV's it protects lands that those less scrupulous riders may trespass upon, when fewer designated riding areas are available. ORV's offer fun, exciting and safe recreation choices that attract thrill seeking youth. Without these options youth may be tempted to find excitement and thrills in alcohol, drugs, or other less than desirable activities. Many enjoy these lands as family outings and adventures, learning about the way of the forest, nature, ecosystems and the fragile nature of the land. Most are conscientious of their impact on the land and many volunteer for land preservation projects. These designated ORV areas are an important part of the community and should be preserved as such.

10/18/2014	As public land, purchased with tax payers money, I would hope that the area would not eliminate the use of motorcycles. There are a plethora of non-motorized trail systems in the this general vicinity and throughout the state. To eliminate opportunities for motorcycles in this area would be unfortunate and I hope you will consider this in your decision.
10/18/2014	The majority of the public land is reserved for only hiking or horseback please make the Teanaway a multiple use place where people and recreate in the manor they want to and not have it dictated to us by people who think everyone should do as they do. I hike, ride horses, ride motorcyces and snowmobiles. The majority of the motorized people just want a place to ride so they are courteous and pack out all the garbage they find while I have had bad experiences with people who feel their way to recreate is the only way. I had a couple of people on horse back block the trail, this created a bad situation as I couldn't see them until after coming out of the corner. They could have caused injuries or worse just "trying to prove a point." I know trail courtesy and was offended that they assumed the worst. I also had a similar incident with cross country skiers blocking a groomed snow mobile trail. These people know sleds are sharing the trails and yet they refused to. Give the motorized folks a place to go with out conflict, I have enough trails for hiking and my horse I need some motorized only trails. ATV and Motorcycles pay a lot in registration to maintain trails let us have some.
10/18/2014	Motorized only trails please. Give us a corridor to get through the hikers, horses and like and put the motorized stuff way out there where they don't ever go. 85% of the trails are non motorized and that is not representative of how many people buy ATV/motorcycles. Please put the public lands back into proportion on how people want to use them not on a few people trying to dictate only their voice and tell everyone else what is right. Horses and hikers cause erosion as well as motorcycles and dirt bikes. This is a silly argument to try to make them feel like they don't cause any change. Lets get people out into this Communittee Forest in the manor they want to use it. Please listen to everyone not just groups that lobby. I also believe if motorcycle need to be registered need the appropriate state/fed pass that horse trailers should too. These tend to be bigger, heavier and take more room on the roads than any other trailers they should need a discover pass as well to pay for the erosion and damage to the roads that they and their horses do.
10/18/2014	ORV use should be part of the plan. ORV use CAN be allowed while still protecting the rivers.

10/18/2014	Please continue to keep the trails open to ALL the user groups as they all contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the trail system. The motorized groups have proven to be the leaders in trail maintenance and backbone of the trail system over many many years. Each group contributes their time and effort to keeping the trails as some of the best in the northwest. To exclude the atv/motorcycles from using the trails would be shameful ! Not to mention the thousands of dollars spent in the local businesses. Please keep a long running tradition of motorized recreation in the TCF thank you George Butler
10/18/2014	The ORV community needs to be better represented. You are not listening.
10/18/2014	I am a 52 year old dad with two kids (Lauren, 13 Joey 10) who both love responsible, safe motorcycle riding using very quiet 4 stroke engines. I am an engineer and am using the motorcycles both for fun and to teach my kids about safety, responsibility mechanical knowledge and proper care of machinery. We have a hard time finding good places to ride and the more places the better. Also, each time we visit the Cle Elum area to ride, we typically spend between \$50-\$200 that goes into the local economy. We are even thinking about buying property there but are hesitating because we are worried the land will close down all land for off road riding. Please keep the forest open for responsible motorcycle riders such as ourselves.
10/18/2014	Create and preserve motorbike access!
10/19/2014	It is appalling that the immediately after the DNR takes control of Teanaway that motorized users were forced out. This and the Reiter shut down has shown the motorized community that we should avoid EVER inviting the DNR to "help" us. Do the right and reasonable thing and re-open Teanaway for the motorized users who have responsibly enjoyed Teanaway for decades.
10/20/2014	I am one of several responsible single track riders in my group. We are very committed to responsible motorized use of public lands and encourage you to let us help develop more trail systems in washington
10/20/2014	My son and I are new OHV dirt bike riders. We enjoy getting out into the wood and spending father son time together. It has been a great opportunity for me to teach him safety and land preservation. We respect where we ride and look forward to more experiences together.
10/20/2014	My understanding is that there is one ORV advocate on the committee of 20 people. Why are ORV interests not better supported when ORV users (particularly dirt bike riders) are the primary users and maintainers of the existing unmarked trail system? How were these committee members appointed and what is their position on ORV use? I would like to see each persons' current stance on ORV use in the TCF noted for all to see on the website. Thanks!

10/20/2014	I support ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest.
10/20/2014	i am a Canadian ohv (motorcycle user) Washington is losing out on my tourist dollars by not making accessible the trails used in commercial forestry ,the few that are left are unfortunately oversubscribed there are also comments that the ohv community is not properly represented as a user group within the scoping panel ,i hope that your plan represents fairly the will of the users
10/20/2014	Please include ORV trails in the plan for the Community Forest. Dirtbiking on public forest land is my family's favorite hobby and the area is perfect for it.
10/20/2014	I fully disagree with your decision to close TCF to off road motorized use. Regardless of what you have tabled or set aside for further study, you are indeed violating State Law, RCW 79.10.100. any of these trails were constructed and maintained by volunteer off road users and are a vital need to many in the area. Please reconsider your decision to close this area immediately . I for one will be contacting my legislators in this regard.
10/21/2014	Need to keep open Teanaway Forest for Dirt bike and ATV. Many people ride there and spend money on Gas ,eats and acomonations.
10/25/2014	This is an area that should be open for OHV use. Generations of ORV users have built or established this riding area. Open it for them please, it's just fair. K. Nilson
10/26/2014	I am planning on purchasing property on the Middle Fork of the Teanaway river, near the end of the county road. I am an avid outdoorsman and enjoy all facets of the outdoors including fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, ATV's and motorcycles. One of the main draws to the area is the access for this type of use. If there is an increase in the restrictions on ORV usage beyond the current levels, the desire to have a vacation house in the area decreases dramatically and subsequently would most likely impact property values via less demand. I strongly believe that a forest area can meet the needs of all groups with the goal of not harming the ecosystem in the area. I strongly suggest that the committee keep this in mind when designing the 2015 usage plan.
10/27/2014	I support off road motorcycle use here, it's one of the most incredible places I've rode.
10/27/2014	Regarding "Teanaway Community Forest". The name itself implies that this DNR managed land should be made available to all compatible recreation uses. It being a forest for the "community" to use. This should include DNR proven multi use recreation model. Hiker, Mtn Bike, Equestrian, and off road trail bike / ATV should all have opportunities in to recreate here.
10/27/2014	ORV use need to continue in this area as part of the "muli use" directive, we have been riding here together with other use groups for decades.

10/27/2014	The Teanaway Forest has a rich history of off road motorcycle use. Please consider providing access to this beautiful wide variety of terrain and scenic splendor to the off road community.
10/27/2014	please all me to ride trails with my quiet dirt bike. I stop and kill the engine for horses. Dont kill the engine for mtn bikers, but i'll stop and go to the side and let hikers and bicycles have right of way. Teanaway has lots of dirt bike trails in use...dont take them away. Dave Sharp
10/28/2014	We need places to ride, the more places like this that get closed cuts the actual riding areas down to slim pickings. Were can a kid learn to ride any more, do motorcycles really cause that much trouble? I personally really like riding bikes so I ask you to keep it open in the future if you can. Thanks
10/28/2014	I sincerely hope the managers of the Teanaway forest realize that the public forest should be shared by all types of users, including off road motorized vehicles. My family and I have been enjoying the outdoors by dirt bikes, hiking, fishing, and camping for may years. It would be a shame and disgusting to closed out of a place as wonderful as the Teanaway forest.
10/28/2014	Dirt bikes and orv ' s are the only reason to visit teanaway.
10/28/2014	No form of out door activity should be allowed to be discriminated against. I am PRO off road motorized activity and trails should be open to motorized vehilces. Tony Miskho Kennewick WA
10/28/2014	Please include as many motorcycle trails as possible. The more trails the less impact on each trail.
10/28/2014	Please keep the Teanaway forest open to ORV and Snowmobile use.
10/28/2014	There should be emphasis on 4X4 trails as they are true multiple use and provide access for all users.
10/30/2014	I enjoy the outdoors. Teanaway Forest offers great opportunity's for my family and myself to enjoy the outdoors with access VIA ORV's.
10/30/2014	I feel there should be more emphasis on 4X4 trails as they are multiple use and can provide access for all users. Earl P, Nettnin, Region 4 Director for Pacific Notrhwest 4-Wheel Drive Association
10/31/2014	ORV must be part of the planning process for any DNR lands.
10/31/2014	I feel that more needs to be done allowing motorized atv useage.

11/01/2014	<p>My family and I have a deep tradition in ORV. My dad and uncles took us and now we have the opportunity to take our children, nieces, nephews, and friends. It teaches sportsmanship, community, and the need to respect our wilderness to maintain our rights of usage. We maintain responsible camps and maintain our bikes to be the safest possible. As a tax paying responsible citizen, who belongs to several off-road associations, it is my responsibility to teach this and stand up for my communities rights of use. Please consider that the vast majority of riders are responsible and involved. Riders are no different than hunters or hikers (and most riders enjoy these past times as well) in that the larger community cares and does right, it is never fair to judge/restrict groups by a small group of those who may be irresponsible; riders, hunters, and hikers alike. Thank you for your time and opportunity to maintain our family and community past times.</p>
11/02/2014	Please allow motorized us of existing trails.
11/04/2014	As a resident of upper Kittitas county, I would like to see ORV use in the TCF.
11/04/2014	<p>Why are horseback riders, mountain bikers, and hikers granted access to the 'unmarked' trail system right now while motorcyclists are being excluded? This makes no sense....exclude the group that does 90% of the trail maintenance? You might want to ask these other user groups how they feel about that. I've gotten a lot of thanks from them each spring when I am clearing trail of downed trees. Dirt bikers are the only ones I have ever seen with chainsaws up there taking care of the place and I have been riding it for over 30 years. I'm concerned we are being lumped under the category of 'ORV'. We have no desire to make 'mud holes' or go off trail. We just want to ride the excellent existing trails, particularly the ones that run along the ridge tops. There are no finer trails in the state. Most single track is designated for motorcycles, horseback riders, mountain bikers, and hikers.....check the existing state trail inventory. I would like to see a revision to add motorcyclists to those who can 'use the trails at their own risk' while the committee works its' way through the process. Last time I looked, "Community" was not an exclusionary term.....thank you.</p>
11/05/2014	<p>Please support ORV users in the Teanaway Forest. Personally, ORV has been a great family activity for my wife and two sons. We have ridden these areas for over 10 years and I always enjoy the opportunity to spend time with my teenage sons doing something we all enjoy. Please help keep riding areas open for this family friendly sport.</p>
11/06/2014	Please consider orv/ off highway users when developing plans for the future of this area
11/06/2014	Please do NOT allow motor vehicles into this new area!

11/06/2014	Please consider ORV areas within the Community Forest. I live adjacent to the Community Forest and am a strong advocate for multiple use scenarios, including motorized usage. Thank you
11/06/2014	I believe the area can handle all uses including motorized vehicles. I have been riding there for 35 years and don't see any problems. I have yet to run onto a horse rider or a hiker if I did like most riders I would slow down and give them room as I would hope they would. This our land the peoples land and all should be able to use it.
11/07/2014	Hello~very excited about new Teanaway ORV recreational opportunities. History has shown that for many, many years the ORV community has participated in self enforcement and offered countless volunteer hours maintaining the privilege to recreate in this beautiful state of ours.
11/07/2014	I live in Cle Elum and use the areas nearby including Teanaway to ride OHV trails. Please keep that in mind for any multi use trails. Generally it is the OHV people that help keep the trails clear of fallen trees.
11/07/2014	One of my main forms of recreation along with skiing and hiking is ORV riding. ORV's have been part of the Teanaway area for the last 40 years and I would be very sorry to see ORV's not included in the new management plan.
11/07/2014	As a resident and tax payer of Kittitas county, I WANT MOTORIZED RECREATION in the TCF!!!
11/07/2014	As a member of BCHW and a 35 year resident of Washington State, I have had the opportunity to ride my horse on numerous beautiful trails from horse camps. As an avid horseback rider, the issues of great concern are the challenges for developing, maintaining and enlarging enough camps to accommodate the number of people who enjoy riding and camping with their horses. We have far too few horse camps and many are not large enough to accommodate the number of people who wish to camp in them. The trend toward larger rigs exacerbates this problem as they require more room for maneuvering and parking. As limited as our options are, horse campers have yet another challenge when non-stock users set up camp and occupy our precious few horse camp sites. With these issues in mind, it is my hope that the Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee will consider making improvements and enlargements to the Middle Fork Indian Camp and North Fork Deroux camp. These camps are significant in allowing stock users to enjoy the beautiful mountain trails in the forest. Development of additional horse camps is something I hope is also explored. Horseback riders like myself, would fully support any steps toward more camping and riding opportunities in the beautiful Teanaway Community Forest. Thank you.
11/07/2014	Please keep ORV and motorcycle riding going in the Teanaway. It keeps families playing together!

11/07/2014	We have a cabin in the local area with a family of 6 and Grandson. We've been riding in the Teanaway trails for ~ 30years and very strong supporters of legal dirt biking. Need to keep the area opened to motorized trails. thank you.
11/07/2014	this area is great for equine useage, camping, pack stock, family get togethers.
11/07/2014	While I am for protecting property from over use and abuse, I am also a firm believer that public property is for the lawful use by the public. With the user committee that I saw representing this, the motorized group is severely under represented. I have hiked, motorcycled, hunted and snowmobiled the Teanaway area for years and the possiblity of this looks great on paper, but understand that motorized users have had the rug pulled out in almost every instance of "Public Forest Management". I sincerely hope your stated goals of having a public forest use plan actually looks @ all users without over representing the groups that have more financial backing by significant private business's ie REI.
11/08/2014	More & more public lands are being closed to the OHV community in the State of Washington, yet are left open to Horseback & bicycles. Besides being grossly unfair to the off road motorcycle community, this can have an unseen economic impact on our state as there are lots of Jobs at Motorcycle shops at stake, fuel taxes that wont be collected & money spent on food & lodging in the communities that are the staging areas for OHV use.
11/08/2014	OHV, mountain bike and equestrian trail recreation opportunities need to included as part of Teanaway Forest management plan. Equitable trail mileage and equitable trail recreation experiences need to be provided. Convert the existing abandoned forest road network into a recreational trail network (roads to trails) in order to develop a trail system for least amount of capital. Promote shared, multiple use trails instead of solo use trails. If solo use trails are deem appropriate, then ALL trail users should be afforded the same solo trail use opportunity. Preserve hunting and fishing access. Manage forest fuels to minimize wildland fire threat. Promote the local economy by making diversified recreation a priority.
11/08/2014	The balance on this committee is way off! Only one representative from motorized recreation? Really?! Might want to study up on use patterns a bit.
11/09/2014	I would like to say that I support the mixed use of all State lands including as much ORV and Camping areas that is reasonable. We all need to work together to keep these lands open for all.

11/09/2014	Saturday Nov 8 was a beautiful late season day for dirt bike riding in the Teanaway. My son and I put in about 50 miles on the single track. We saw no horse back riders, mountain bikers, or hikers. We did see 3 other groups of motorcyclists. Two dads with younger kids and one guy with his girlfriend. Please explain on your website why motorcyclists are not being given equal access to the trails. It is common practice on state owned land that single track is open for motorcyclists, horse back riders, mountain bikers, and hikers. This is particularly frustrating since we dirt bike riders are the ones doing the majority of the trail maintenance and are also the primary user group. It will snow soon and we will be done for the year. I will be up there next May with my chain saw clearing trail for everyones enjoyment and I would appreciate if the committee has revised the access to include motorcycles so I can legally ride my trails next spring. This is really not fair to exclude us and I can't see any legitamate argument to do so. There has not been much change there in the 30 years I have been riding these trails (except for logging), so what is the concern? Thanks for considering. Steve Watson 253-370-9964
11/09/2014	This is a beautiful place. Please allow ORV use. We will take care of this oasis just as much as any other user group. A multi use area is possible, and brings resources into the local areas year round.
11/09/2014	My family and I have been riding the Teanaway CF for 25 years and can't see any reason why we shouldn't be allowed to keep doing so.

**Goal 4 Conserve and restore vital habitat for fish, including steelhead, spring chinook, and bull trout, and wildlife, including deer, elk, large predators, and spotted owls; and TOTAL 1**

10/15/2014	It is difficult to see how any protection for the Teanaway "Community" Forest can take place if continued logging, grazing, and ORV use is allowed. Please do your best to help restore this area for fish, wildlife, and natural resources.
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**Goal 5 Support a strong community partnership in which the Yakama Nation, residents, business owners, local governments, conservation groups and others provide advice about ongoing land management. TOTAL 1**

10/30/2014	<p>What is the policy of the TCFAC regarding board member participation? By my count, Reagan Dunn has missed three meetings so far this year. If he doesn't see this as an important enough activity to attend the meetings, please remove him from the board and give others a chance to participate. I know there are many actual Teanaway residents who live on land directly adjacent to the TCF who want very much to actively participate and contribute. Please remove those board members who are there for political reasons and give others who really care about our forest the opportunity to serve.</p>
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