TEANAWAY COMMUNITY FOREST



October 11, 2018

In Attendance

Committee Members

Tom Ring Paul Schmitt Andrea Imler
Laura Osiadacz Martha Wyckoff Sage Park
Wayne Mohler Deborah Essman Dale Bambrick
Kathy Young Jeri Downs Darcy Batura
Doug Schindler John Littel

Agency Staff

Doug McClellandMike LivingstonLaura CooperMeg WallmowStephanie MargheimTravis SerdarLarry LeachJoe SmithRoss Huffman

Meeting Purpose: Meet new staff, updates on recreation plan and SEPA process, legislative updates, management updates – roads, forestry, grazing, stream restoration, review community partnership efforts, and discuss advisory committee logistics for 2019.

Welcome: Introductions of committee members, agency staff and those in attendance; introduction of Meg Wallmow, DNR's new Unit Forester; review of May meeting notes.

Recreation Plan Review and Discussion:

- Project goals should include short and long term sanitation
- Page 5 sidebar original 5 goals
- Remove mileages concept maps
- Page 12 sidebar add strategies and tools
- Page 14 Any trail maintenance would be to lessen the impacts on water quality/quantity.
- Page 13 provide designated trails for access
- Highlight environmental education more

Advisory Committee - size, vacancies, rotation, terms:

- Vacancies: (3 maybe 4)
- Committee Size: 15-18, 15-20
- Schedule: Maybe 5 meetings 4 in this format plus something else (work party, event, field tour)
- Role: collaborative agenda setting, subcommittees, implementation, lobbying, representative groups should be actively working between meetings,
- Terms: Should have terms. Renewed by mutual agreement? Perhaps 2 years plus participation requirement, make most and attend work parties, events, lobbying.
- Ex-officio members?

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Public Comments:

Ann Fonken, Middle Fork property owner: concerned with scenic road. Residents need a fire escape. Scenic road may cause noise that may affect property owners. Having a 4WD/motorcycle requirement may not allow those who don't have those things to use the scenic route. Providing a scenic driving route will the lessen experience for non-motorized users using the area.

Jack Jensen, lower Teanaway property owner: Property is eroding. Would like to see the plan for placement of logs and how it will affect the main Teanaway.

Pico Cantieni, Friends of the Teanaway: Job well done, thank everyone for their work on the plan.

Towns to Teanaway: Planning process is complete. REI, TNC, MTSGT, WTA volunteer work party with 300+ REI volunteers – connected Roslyn to the top of the ridge.

Legislative Update:

- Budget: Operating request environmental resilience package bundle (TCF included here) touches almost every program DNR has. Item F: Conservation Lands funding to help maintain natural areas in the Teanaway Community Forest and the Klickitat Canyon Community Forest.
- Capital Request \$1.8M including: Indian Creek interpretive trail phase one, fuels reduction, forest health, Dickey Creek day use area, scenic driving use phase one, range infrastructure, RMAP fish barriers, maintain and decommission roads, stream geomorphology, forest health strategy development, archaeology support.
- Packages submitted to OFM.

Teanaway Community Forest Management Updates:

- Grazing: Fencing is changing the behavior/patterns of the cows, so they're going places they haven't gone in the past (staying out of river bottoms). Monitoring is occurring in 12 drainages. More updates to come in December from Jeff Burnham (WDFW).
 - Actual fence constructed: 4.46 miles. Have materials to construct approximately 6 miles, pending cultural resource survey results, should be installed in spring.
- Stream Restoration: Scott Nicolai's "Wood Fiesta" installing 4,000 logs, completed in Indian Creek and Lick Creek, plus others outside the TCF. Working on a cultural resources document to compile all known cultural resources for project work.
- Road maintenance: There has been a lot of work south of the West Fork for improved road access. Taking care of WARSEM sediment points (31.32 tons).
- Fish Passage Barriers: T-4000 fish passage bridge, Lick Creek abandonment (2 barriers).
- Forest Health: 500 acre PCT project advertised, contract awarded for the approximately 30 acre shaded fuel break on South Cle Elum Ridge. WCC Fuels reduction project along the West Fork Road.
- Recreation: Indian Camp Renovation & Expansion, Teanaway Campground Renovation waiting on cultural resource survey, working on control and tenure documents then SEPA; assessing USFS trail fire impacts.
- New DNR Law Enforcement Officer: patrols and public contacts have greatly increased.

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Community Partnerships – Goal 5 Projects: Work party last May including approximately 70 participants working on several different projects (weed removal, cheese rock trail, campground clean up, manure bin construction and cheese rock graffiti removal).

Teanaway Community Forest Facebook Page is being managed by the Goal 5 group and they are showcasing a Teanaway Photo Contest including several categories of photos, prizes for winners, and the contest runs through January.

Future Meetings:

October 24th – Rec Plan SEPA Community Meeting @ Putnam Centennial Center 7:00pm-8:30pm December 13th – TCF Committee @ Swauk Teanaway Grange 3:00pm-6:00pm

