**March 14, 2019**

**In Attendance**

*Advisory Committee*

Jim Halstrom

Kitty Craig

Doug Schindler

John Littel

Jeri Downs

Sage Park

Brian Straniti

Nicky Pasi

Andrea Imler

Martha Wyckoff

Wayne Mohler

Paul Schmitt

Kathy Young

*Agency Staff*

Meg Wallmow

Larry Leach

Travis Serdar

Stephanie Margheim

Mike Livingston

Jeff Burnham

William Meyer

**Introductions & review of previous meeting notes**

**Meeting Purpose:** Stream restoration – large wood additions, legislative updates, management updates – grazing and forestry, review community partnership efforts, human ecology mapping and discuss advisory committee logistics for 2019.

**Teanaway Community Forest Management Updates:**

Forestry & Grazing:

* There should be an update on the forest health strategy at the next meeting.
* 612 acres PCT on the North Fork and between the West Fork and Middle Fork.
* Shaded fuel break project along Cle Elum Ridge will be building off the existing shaded fuel break above Weihl Road from a few years ago, ties in with private property with help from the Landowner Assistance program and then working over to the TNC lands to build some protection for the communities.
* Fencing – will be tying in some segments up Indian Creek to keep cows on the right side of the fence. The contract will be going active once the snow comes off.

Grazing Management:

* No new monitoring updates since December meeting.
* Working on identifying area 2 locations that can reasonably be fenced in the near future including exclusion fence, rocked stream crossings and watering troughs.
* Planning 2.5-6.5 miles of fencing, 7 watering troughs, 7 rocked crossings – many of which go together.

Recreation Permits & Commercial Recreation:

* Applicants should define the percent they make over the cost.
* Black out date calendar for permit events.
* Form a sub-group to tackle permitting for next year and beyond.
* Use the USFS as an example – commercial or non-commercial
* Consider group size and in-kind vs. monetary payment

**Human Ecology Mapping: Ethan Lockwood**

ECRP: East Cascades Recreation Partnership

* A public engagement tool to find out where, when, how and why users recreate in the Upper Yakima Basin.
* Survey results will help shape the future of sustainable recreation in the region.
* Survey can be found here: <http://www.gis.cwu.edu/geog/upper-yakima-basin/>

**Public Comment:**

John Reeves, Lake Kachess Resident – supports the drawdown of Lake Kachess. The water could be used to benefit the Teanaway.

**North Fork Teanaway Aquatic Restoration Proposal:**

Ryan DeKnikker (Yakama Nation Fisheries), Rebecca Wassell (Mid-Columbia Fisheries), William Meyer (WDFW)

* Planning for the Mid-Columbia Fisheries project has been happening since 2011 and will take place in a four mile stretch of the North Fork starting approximately 0.65 miles above Dickey Creek. They have worked with an engineer to design nine wood trapping structures that will withstand 100-year flows and last 50 years. These structures will be at three sites above the Indian Creek confluence. The structures should allow material to accumulate and raise the North Fork to meet the elevation of the tributaries so the tributaries don’t just drain into the river. This will allow the tributaries to persist longer into the water year. These structures spread energy across the floodplain so it doesn’t scour the channel.
* Yakama Nation’s proposal includes 33 structures in the area of Indian Creek, Jack Creek and upward from Jungle Stafford Creek’s. The structures from just above Dickey up to Stafford will be passively structured log jams to help collect additional gravel and make scour pools. They plan to use a helicopter, which is quicker and has less impact than skidder. During the summers of 2019 and 2020, static and loose wood will be placed in this stretch, except near 29 Pines Camp. This project underwent risk management assessment and will be monitored for movement.

**Legislative Updates:**

* $1.85M DNR capital budget request. Goal 5 group (G5) scheduled an advocacy day in February that got snowed out, but they rescheduled and many advisory committee members contacted all 42 offices over two days – a very successful trip.

**Community Partnerships:**

* Volunteer Days/Projects: May 4, 2019 Teanaway Love Day 0900-1300. There will be a variety of activities to sign up for, followed by a celebration. <https://mtsgreenway.org/event/tcfloveday2019>
* Teanaway Photo Contest: Submissions ended January 30 and there was a celebration for participants and winners on February 24 at the Parlour Car in Cle Elum. Submissions and winners can be seen on the Teanaway Community Forest FaceBook page. Thank you for all of the submissions!
* Tours: G5/YBIP will be planning a legislative tour and a local leader tour tentatively planned for late May.
* Interpretive Themes: Working on two panels for Teanaway Camp: one about the Teanaway Community Forest and one about the history of Casland. G5 is working on themes for the panels.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

June 13, 2019 – Swauk Teanaway Grange

September meeting moved to October 10, 2019

December 12, 2019