

# Teanaway Community Forest



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Welcome to the Teanaway Community Forest e-newsletter. In October, we celebrated the creation of Washington's first state-managed community forest, the [Teanaway Community Forest](#).



In January, the Washington State departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) will begin accepting applications to participate in the advisory committee that will help guide the development of a management plan for the Teanaway Community Forest. An announcement will be sent through a future edition of this e-newsletter with instructions on the application process. In the meantime, please click on the links below to explore the different topics in this e-newsletter.

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## Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee and Selection Process

DNR and WDFW plan to appoint the members of the Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee in 2014.

The committee will include about 15 members, who will advise the two agencies as they develop the Teanaway Community Forest



The Teanaway is Washington's first state-managed Community Forest. Photo: Diana Lofflin

Management Plan. The committee will also work with the agencies to develop issue-specific subcommittees with members appointed by June.

All members of the public will be able to provide input regarding the management of the Teanaway Community Forest throughout the process. Committee meetings will be open to the public, and the committee will seek public feedback as it develops its draft recommendations.

Application materials to serve on the advisory committee will be available later this month. DNR and WDFW will also hold public meetings early next year.

The management plan will be completed by June of 2015.

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### **Job Announcement**



DNR and WDFW have announced a new position, the Teanaway Community Forest Liaison. The Liaison will engage with the public to ensure that community voices are heard and your questions are answered. This position will also assist in creating the management plan.

If you or someone you know may be interested in serving in this position, please review the

[job posting here.](#)

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### **Ongoing Activities**

Working together, DNR and WDFW are providing a law enforcement presence on the landscape and identifying pressing forest health concerns that could lead to wildfires. The agencies are also assessing potential watershed restoration projects that can return the Teanaway River and its tributaries to their natural splendor.

The most visible effects the two agencies have had on the landscape so far are the restoration projects to repair or remove crumbling roads and culverts. These projects are required under the Forest and Fish Laws. Check out the before and after photos below.



This outdated infrastructure was in danger of causing obstructions in local streams and damage to local fish populations until DNR staff, in consultation with WDFW experts, went to work.

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### **Latest Articles**



[Teaway Community Forest? Your questions answered](#)



[Eight Ways the Teaway Land Purchase Affects You](#)

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Thanks for reading our first Teaway Community Forest e-newsletter.

We'll be writing again soon to share more information and begin the application process for the Teaway Community Forest Advisory Committee.

Happy New Year from DNR and WDFW!

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