



June 8, 2017 Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Committee Members

Jim Halstrom
Andrea Imler
Mike Reimer
Jeri Downs
John Littel
Kathy Young

Andrew Cromarty
Martha Wyckoff
Sage Parks
Jen Stephens
Urban Eberhart
Darcy Batura

Kitty Craig
JJ Collins
Yvonne Kraus
Laura Osiadacz
Paul Jewell

Agency Staff

Eric Winford
Doug McClelland
Mike Livingston

Nick Jones
William Moore
Ross Huffman

Elizabeth Eberle
Greg Morrow
Patricia Jatczak

Meeting Purpose: To update the committee on budget and all forest goals, review and discuss soils/geology and management suitability module within the planning area, and begin new committee member recreation presentations.

Welcome: Eric opened the meeting and welcomed all to introduce themselves and reviewed agenda.

General Updates:

- **Grazing:** Eric Winford – Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) is currently building fence with a contract through the Department of Ecology, mostly on the north fork. Grazing monitoring will be occurring.
- **Roads:** Nick Jones – Roads wintered well despite the heavy snow this winter. In the process of replacing two gates: Jungle/Rye Creek and Indian Creek.
- **Fish blockage repairs:** Nick Jones -- Lower Lick Creek pipe will become a bridge, as well as other fish barrier replacement projects, but are funding dependent. Shaded fuel break taking place on Cle Elum Ridge behind the Masterson property, scheduled to be completed in the next 10 days. Next, the shaded fuel break crew will bump to Lick Creek and should be complete by the end of June.
- **Aquatic Restoration:** Eric Winford – restoration on Indian, Jungle, Middle and First Creeks will begin this summer.
- **Community Involvement:** Eric – American Rivers and Trout Unlimited are interested in river monitoring. The agencies are working on survey protocols and local Trout Unlimited volunteers will monitor stream temperature in the streams where restoration work will be taking place.
- **Paul Jewell – Teanaway Valley Family Farms acquisition:** the Board of County Commissioners will take up the purchase of sale agreement on the 13th. The property will be owned by WDFW at the end of June. A parking lot will be created on the east side of Teanaway Road that will accommodate approximately 20 vehicles.

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Review biological suitability module – Doug McClelland, William Meyer

What makes the Teanaway so special? The Teanaway has high and low elevation, water, and is a transition zone between alpine lakes and pine/shrub steppe area. The forest is still very intact. The forest has large carnivores, many fish, wolverines, large numbers of deer and elk, and is well connected between the Cascade Crest and the Columbia River.

Biological suitability maps may change color throughout the year as animals are more mobile and plants will be surveyed on the ground as projects are planned.

Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP): The TCF is part of a plan on how to take care of the region for the next few centuries. TCF is part of the much bigger YBIP effort.

Geology/Soils Land Suitability Module – Greg Morrow, Doug McClelland

Presentations: Teanaway Geologic History PowerPoint, Soils/Geology Suitability PowerPoint

Handouts: Suitability Matrix, Erosion Map

Maps: Trails (motorized & non-motorized are considered equally), Facilities

Considerations:

Soils Risk for Recreation (erosion)
Areas with High Potential for
Landslides/Unstable Slopes
Slope Percentage
100-year Flood Plain

Poorly Drained Soils
Areas with High Potential for Avalanche
(Cabin Creek)
Areas that have moved in previous
landslides

Management Land Suitability Module – Doug McClelland, Nick Jones, Mike Livingston

Presentation: Management Land Suitability PowerPoint

Handout: Suitability Matrix

Maps: Non-motorized Trails, Motorized Trails, Facilities

Considerations:

Communication and Management Sites
Rock Sources (existing & future)
Utility Easements
Adjacent to Other Properties

Wells and Water Sources
Riparian Restoration Areas
Cultural and Archaeological Resources

Public Comment:

Cassie Strickland: would like to see recreation stay non-motorized and would like to know what's being done about burn bans for a coherent fire policy.

New neighboring landowner: interested in being part of coming up with the multi-use planning process and would like to see motorized use allowed.

Committee Member Recreation Presentations:

- Yvonne Krause – Mountain Biking PowerPoint Presentation
 - Overview of Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA) Teanaway survey results.

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- Kathy Young – Equestrian Use PowerPoint Presentation
 - BCHW is a service organization to keep trails open for equestrians and others.

- Kitty Craig – Conservation
 - The Wilderness Society (TWS) is a national non-profit committed to protecting wilderness and public lands advocacy – policy and funding.
 - TWS is involved in TCF planning because they are involved in the YBIP and protecting the Yakima headwaters.
 - TCF is a special place because of its diversity
 - Do not forget the other four goals of the management plan
 - Develop recreation approach with watershed protection in mind
 - Show restraint and leave areas undeveloped
 - Be grounded in science and good data
 - Regional context – look at big picture and put TCF in context of the region
 - TCF cannot be all things for all users
 - Connectivity for critters
 - Think about the future of recreation in the whole region

Field Trips: Schedulers will be sent out for dates. Committee members should attend as many as they can.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2017 at the Grange.