Context of the Recreation Planning Area
Overview of the Recreation Planning Process
Purpose of Planning

• Develop objectives for managing recreation for next 10-15 years
• Determine what types of recreation will be provided in the Community Forest and where
• Identify opportunities for connections across the landscape
• Identify partnerships and volunteer opportunities
• Establish priorities for implementing the plan
Management Plan

Recreation Objectives

• Develop a recreation plan for the forest
• Evaluate motorcycle use within the recreation planning process
• Provide a sustainable network of safe, enjoyable recreational trails
• Provide recreation opportunities and facilities that are consistent with watershed protection
• Maintain existing partnerships and establish new collaborations between public agencies, user groups, and citizen volunteers
• Establish a consistent enforcement and education presence
# Planning Process

- Seven Phases
- TCF Advisory Committee
- Land Suitability
- Typical process = ~ 24 months

## Table of Planning Phases

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Planning Goals

Teanaway Specific:
• To maintain and where possible expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection, for activities such as hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, camping, birding, and snowmobiling.

General:
• Resource protection
• High-quality recreation experience
• Public safety
## Typical Planning Process

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<td><strong>CONCEPT &amp; PLAN WRITING</strong></td>
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Recreation Planning Committee

Data Gathering
- Biological Data
- Soils/Geology Data
- Management Data
- Field Visits
- Field Inventory of Current Use
- Public Input
- Recreation Trends
- User Survey
- Adjacent Land Uses

Assessment
- Land Suitability Analysis
- Field Visits
- Issue Sorting from:
  - Survey Results
  - Public Meeting
  - Committee Input
  - On-Going Public Input
- Evaluate Costs of Capital Development & Maintenance

Recommendations
- Committee Brainstorming
- Preliminary Recommendations
- Develop/Review Draft Recreation Concept Plans
- Prioritize Implementation Timeline
- Final Concept Plan
- Committee Recommendation
Recreation Land Suitability

Maps guide recreation planning efforts

Biology
Soils
Geology
Management
Naneum Ridge to Columbia River Recreation Plan

Riparian Areas

SOURCE DATA:
Water Courses by Forest Practices
SPPCODE
SDE Feature Class
ROPA.WCHYDRO & ROPA.WBHYDRO

10-15-12 Draft Information – Subject to Change without Notification
User Survey

14. If you stay overnight, where do most often stay? (Please choose only one)
- Camp in the area
- Off-site camping
- Off-site lodging
- Other (please specify)

15. If camping, what equipment do you use most often? (Please choose only one)
- Tent (car camping)
- Fifth wheel/Trailer
- Truck Camper
- Motorhome/RV

5. Who comes with you when you recreate?

16. When you visit the planning area, who do you typically come with? Please specify.
- Myself
- Family
- Friend(s)
- Recreation user group/club/organization
Preferred Alternative
Objectives & Strategies

**Objective J:** Improve Parke Creek Road for public access to interpretive points as shown on the Concept Map.

**Strategies**
1. Upgrade Parke Creek Road to the lower interpretive point to allow passenger vehicles and school buses access for educational programs.
2. Provide for primitive road access between the lower interpretive point on Parke Creek Road and the upper interpretive point on Beacon Hill Road/18 Road.

**Western Forest Sub-Area**

**Objective K:** Evaluate and develop public road access to the Naneum Ridge State Forest area from the south.

**Strategies**
1. Consult with the Kittitas County Public Works staff when evaluating public road access options south of the Naneum Ridge State Forest and/or from Colockum Road.
2. Project proposals will include public road options, cost benefit analysis, and mitigation strategies.

**Objective L:** Improve public road/trail linkage to adjacent public lands to the west.

**Strategies**
1. Coordinate with United State Forest Service (USFS) to connect trails onto USFS lands.
2. Evaluate and develop a new green dot road or motorized trail connecting the motorized trail system in the Naneum Ridge State Forest to the motorized trail system on USFS lands in the Dot Creek area.

**Green Gate Sub-Area**

**Objective M:** Provide long-term green dot road access in the Green Gate Sub-Area in locations that are more suitable for motorized uses. This area is currently crisscrossed with user-built trails and old tank routes that were used for military training.
## Implementation

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<td>Convert Dawson Ridge Road to a motorized trail; convert Pettit Road, south of the Arthur Coffin Game Reserve, to non-motorized public access only</td>
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<td>Locate and develop a target shooting range</td>
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