Teanaway Community Forest Recreation Survey

July 24 – August 24, 2017

2682 Total Responses

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Q1: When recreating outdoors, how important are the following factors in determining whether you have a good time?

Answered: 2,672   Skipped: 10

- **Access to information**
  - Very important: 42.70%
  - Somewhat important: 42.66%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 11.02%
  - Very unimportant: 3.61%

- **Opportunities to interact with others**
  - Very important: 23.61%
  - Somewhat important: 36.11%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 7.12%
  - Very unimportant: 33.17%

- **Opportunities to volunteer**
  - Very important: 44.87%
  - Somewhat important: 29.64%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 15.27%
  - Very unimportant: 10.22%

- **Facility cleanliness**
  - Very important: 47.37%
  - Somewhat important: 40.71%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 9.44%
  - Very unimportant: 2.48%

- **Parking availability**
  - Very important: 52.78%
  - Somewhat important: 36.96%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 7.93%
  - Very unimportant: 2.33%

- **Personal safety**
  - Very important: 53.99%
  - Somewhat important: 30.74%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 10.93%
  - Very unimportant: 4.35%

- **Adherence to trail-use rules**
  - Very important: 62.10%
  - Somewhat important: 29.34%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 6.35%
  - Very unimportant: 2.22%

- **Trail condition**
  - Very important: 39.60%
  - Somewhat important: 49.08%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 8.53%
  - Very unimportant: 2.79%
Q2: Please check all Teanaway Valley areas that you have visited. (Click here for a map of the recreation planning area)

Answered: 2,663    Skipped: 19

Upper Teanaway Basin (USFS Lands) 64.89%
Cle Elum Ridge 59.86%
West Fork Teanaway 56.18%
Middle Fork Teanaway 61.55%
North Fork Teanaway 59.44%
First Creek (East of Hwy 97) 26.81%
Cabin Creek (By Easton) 59.44%
I've visited the Teanaway Valley, but I'm not sure which area 22.46%
I don't recreate in the Teanaway Community Forest 3.04%

Q3: Why do you recreate in the Teanaway Valley? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 2,605    Skipped: 77

Good variety of recreational experience 55.20%
Good weather 44.84%
It's close to home 43.72%
It's easy to get to 46.41%
It's one of my favorite places 52.25%
Other (please specify) 24.18%
Q3. Why do you recreate in the Teanaway Valley?
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Write-in response highlights

Themes

- Natural beauty
- Not crowded/ remote/ rustic
- Family tradition
- Recreation opportunities: wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, foraging, camping, river play, horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, snow mobile riding, skiing, motorcycle riding, rock climbing, orienteering
- Affordability
- All season opportunities

My father, grandfather and my great grandfather all spent time camping, hunting and fishing in the Teanaway. I’ve been going there for decades and now my grown son and daughter like to hike and backpack there. It’s important to me to see it protected.

Exceptionally beautiful. Quiet escape from busy, noisy city.

Beautiful river, feeling of wild, ability to get away from people, fish and wildlife

Sunshine, Great rivers to play in, trails to ride that are family friendly and also challenging, free parking and camping

It is pure nature. I like that there are roads to get in and the trails look like they belong in the woods. Nature is beautiful in and of itself - too much human manipulation only takes away from the beauty.

Beautiful country, My family has recreated there and in adjacent areas for 50 years. It is important to continue to preserve, protect, and provide timber income from state lands. In a responsible manner, of course.

Cool geological features

Wildlife viewing and peace and quiet with beauty

It’s got *great* birds; you never know what you’ll find there, but it’s always wonderful. That is the biggest appeal of wild nature

One of the few places in the nation where I can share territory with wolves.

Free sites, having very little money to spare, it is one of the few places we can still afford to go to

Access to some of the best motorized single track in the state.

Some of the most beautiful horseback riding available in the state

Great terrain for orienteering

Want to be involved with a new style of land management
Q4: What time of year do you typically visit the Teanaway Community Forest?
Answered: 2,598  Skipped: 84

- Spring: 62.36%
- Summer: 79.41%
- Fall: 74.06%
- Winter: 28.37%

Q5: How often do you visit the Teanaway Community Forest? (Please choose only one)
Answered: 2,587  Skipped: 95

- Daily: 1.55%
- Weekly: 9.55%
- Monthly: 21.07%
- A few times a year: 49.25%
- Annually: 18.59%

Q6: On average, how long is your visit?
Answered: 2,595  Skipped: 87

- Less than 3 hours: 0.92%
- 2-5 hours: 18.65%
- 5-8 hours: 29.98%
- More than 8 hours: 50.44%
Q8: When you visit the Teanaway Valley area, do you:
Answered: 2,634    Skipped: 48

- Stop in local towns (Roslyn, Ronald, Cle Elum, or Ellensburg): 94.12%
- Bring a Discover Pass?: 90.63%
- 5.88%
- 9.37%

Q9: How much do you spend on the following items when you stop?
Answered: 2,334    Skipped: 348

- Cost:
  - Gas: 62.20%
  - Food and refreshments: 62.79%
  - Rental equipment: 83.17%
  - Shopping: 59.82%
  - Lodging (including camping fees): 65.33%

- Cost distribution:
  - $10-$50
  - $50-$100
  - $100-$200
  - $200+
I live in Ellensburg so I don’t tend to spend a whole lot of money just because I am going to the Teanaway. I buy most all my recreational equipment locally.

I live in Cle Elum so the TCF has no bearing on my spending.

This is my community, I live and work here and do as much shopping as possible in the community.

I live in Roslyn and spend a lot on hiking, cycling, climbing.

I am in the Teanaway weekly in the winter. Sometimes I camp and sometimes I get lodging for the weekend. When I do recreate in the Teanaway I am always with at least three other friends who have similar use and spending habits. However, you may not hear from them in the survey. We spend a great deal of money and time in and around the Teanaway because we live it and value it as an environmental resource.

Don’t know, every trip is a little different but we do use the local economy in some form or another. Cle Elum Bakery, Owens Meats, Frontier roasters, the Roslyn brewing, and motels are all worthy businesses.

On average I fill up a tank of gas and perhaps purchase a coffee or light lunch and occasionally stay for dinner in one of the upper county eateries.

I bring what I need and usually do not buy anything.

Coffee at Pioneer Coffee
Glondo’s Sausage every time
Sno park pass
Just the forest pass for fees, for the first-come-first-serve sites
Hunting and fishing licenses
Propane, firewood, permits, gear.
Q10: Rate your top priorities for recreation opportunities and management in the Teanaway Community Forest.

Answered: 2,527    Skipped: 155

- Develop a designated trail system: 52.73% Most important, 33.55% Somewhat important, 4.71% Somewhat unimportant
- Improve the camping areas: 48.89% Most important, 21.89% Somewhat important, 7.21% Somewhat unimportant
- Provide trailhead parking off of the roads: 44.90% Most important, 22.01% Somewhat important, 10.44% Somewhat unimportant
- Provide trail connections to nearby communities: 37.42% Most important, 29.38% Somewhat important, 14.00% Somewhat unimportant
- Develop educational and informational signage: 43.31% Most important, 27.68% Somewhat important, 9.95% Somewhat unimportant
- Provide river access areas: 45.65% Most important, 30.39% Somewhat important, 18.00% Somewhat unimportant
Q11: Rate the following non-motorized trail connections in importance for development over the next 10-15 years.

Answered: 2,495    Skipped: 187

- Trail connections from the TCF to U.S. Forest Service Lands
  - Most important: 42.78%
  - Somewhat important: 39.59%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 10.17%
- Trail connections from the TCF to nearby communities (Roslyn, Cle Elum, Ronald)
  - Most important: 39.69%
  - Somewhat important: 22.33%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 22.69%
  - Least important: 15.29%
- Trails to scenic viewpoints and other features of interest in the TCF
  - Most important: 50.65%
  - Somewhat important: 22.69%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 15.29%
  - Least important: 12.36%

NOTE: TCF = Teanaway Community Forest
Q12: Select all of the following recreation activities you enjoy or would like to enjoy in the Teanaway Community Forest in the future:
(Select all that apply)

Answered: 2,542    Skipped: 140
Themes

- Non-motorized recreation
- Sensitivity to adjacent properties
- Seeking quiet and solitude
- Conservation
- Other activities not listed: scrambling, canoeing, fat biking (snow), prospecting, gold panning, orienteering, adventure racing, meditation, botanizing, school group trips, exploring

Highlights

All these activities should ONLY be provided if they don’t degrade fish & wildlife habitat

Keep all trails and access roads away from private properties. Keep all loud crazy stuff away from private properties!

I believe there are a large number of areas in Kittitas County that allow ORVs and I would like to enjoy a pristine wilderness area that is free of motorized use

I believe the forest should be available for motorcycles as well with reasonable sound level limits and spark arresters. The fires that have started have never been from motorcycles or ATVs. It’s either lightning or logging equipment as in the 2005 Lick Creek Fire.

4x4ing year round. Should be able to have green dot roads to drive on during winter months that snowmobilers do not groom.

Motorized vehicles would drive me out of the Teanaway

 Trails for motorized bikes are very important to me

Areas free of motorized vehicles for solitude and wilderness experience.

Minimize motor vehicle access, EXCEPT please do not take away our access to Red Top Lookout!

Designated horseback riding area that does NOT allow motorized vehicles or mountain bikes.

Sitting on a rock, just thinking, in a natural environment.

Relaxing by river

Mountaineering not necessarily involving rock climbing
Q13: If you enjoy hiking, how likely are you to use the following types of trail?

Answered: 1,570    Skipped: 1,112

Q14: If you enjoy mountain biking, how likely are you to use the following trail types?

Answered: 902    Skipped: 1,780

Q15: If you enjoy horseback riding, how likely are you to use the following trail types?

Answered: 565    Skipped: 2,117

Q17: If you enjoy motorcycling, answer the following question: If motorcycle use was permitted after recreation planning, how important are the following trail types?

Answered: 508    Skipped: 2,174

(Motorcycle use in the Teanaway Community Forest is presently only permitted on the three U.S. Forest Service-managed multi-use trails: Middle Fork, Yellow Hill and West Fork trails).

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Q13 (Hiking) Write-in Response Highlights

We mostly hike off trail into the woods. We tend to stay within 1/2 mile of the road.

I'm 73. Easy is for me.

Depends on whether I'm with my 10 year old.

Trails with various options for longer and shorter routes and loops.

Short backpacking hikes with backcountry campsites. Good for little kids. Small elevation gain and short mileage 2-4 miles in to a destination like a lake.

I hike mostly off trail during various hunting seasons but use game trail and abandoned roads in the area... Keep it wild!

Old man with sketchy back and a fat dog. Trail use is thus limited.

All of the above depending on who I come with.

Q14 (Biking) Write-in Response Highlights

We would love to have the opportunity to mountain bike here.

We love all Mtn bike trails- more difficult for myself/husband and less challenging for our young boys. Don't enjoy bi-directional unless Forest Service road and necessary for connecting trails.

Would like longer trails that aren't quite as difficult, technically or elevation wise.

Prefer trails for specific use groups and one-way loops to avoid conflicts.

The administrative-only access roads are great for mountain biking. Nothing more is needed.

I love mountain biking but feel the more beginner to low intermediate trails are enjoyed by all but very technical trails can only be enjoyed by a few.

Bike camping loops

If mixing hiking/horse/mountain biking MUST have good sight distance on curves.

While I'd use directional flow style trails, I don't think they are appropriate for the TCF.

Some of this area is deer and elk calving areas and should be protected from year round disturbance.

Rather this was not a destination mountain bike area.

More mountain bike specific trails please!
Q15 (Horseback Riding)

Write-in Response Highlights

Happy to share the trail, but they probably want fewer hikers.

Have had horses in the past, will again someday... and will use trails then!

Prefer to use trails that don't allow motorized vehicles or bikes. Hikers and dogs are fine.

Wide, reclaimed road beds

I will ride any and all of the trails that are in the park and available for Horses to use.

Endurance competition weekends

Love being able to access water while horseback riding in the Teanaway!!

Q17 (Motorcycle Riding)

Write-in Response Highlights

Connections to Forest Service Trails would be excellent.

Connecting through the TCF to NF and local communities is top priority to me.

Please don't take our trails, there are MANY trails for hiking in Washington but few for Motorcycles. ALSO, please don't lump motorcycles with quads and 4x4s, we do less damage than horses

I do own a dirt bike (YZ426) and love to ride - even in the Teanaway. I just don't think dirt bikes belong in the new Community Forest.

I ride, but Teanaway should be non-motorized.

I have plenty of other places to do this. I don't need to grow this type of recreation in the Teanaway.

Motorcycles have long been a part of Teanaway. I support their use.

Trails for all skill levels are most important

Rate the difficulty at trail head and map.

Need beginning trails for my kids. Yellow Hill, MF, and WF trails are all too difficult for beginners/kids.

Keep motorcycles separated from hikers, bikers, horses, like Capital Forest.

No need for motor bikes around private properties we like it quiet!!

Animal friendly

Due to previous injuries, using a motorcycle is the only way I can enjoy the area, as it is impossible to hike in! If motorcycles are banned so will be my recreation opportunities!

I do not ride motorcycles, so extensive trails for motorized use are not something I would like to see. But I have a friend in a wheelchair who would like to have access to a fishing opportunity on the Teanaway. Easy parking and an easy wheelchair trail down to the shore. A short loop or shoreline trail for wheelchair users or folks with limited mobility would be so great!! Also for families with young children who really can't hike very far. Thank you so much!

I don't ride motorcycles and would like access for motorcycles to be available but limited to specific areas

Trails that are accessible for a disabled rider and inexperienced riders
Q7: What style of camping do you enjoy in the Teanaway Community Forest? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 2,614    Skipped: 68

Q16: If you equestrian camp, how important are the following facility amenities?

Answered: 488    Skipped: 2,194

Q18: If you enjoy camping, what facilities would you like to see to support a better camping experience in the camping areas? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 1,911    Skipped: 771
### Q16 (Horse Camping)

**Write-in Response Highlights**

- More space for horse camping. Areas now very crowded or unavailable.
- Designated parking for trailers only. If small cars fill up a parking area for trailers it can lead to a lot of issues regarding parking.
- Separate area for non-equestrian campers.
- Stock campgrounds for groups.
- Keep camping in the development that is already available. Maybe enlarge what is in place now and charge for it. I don’t feel our area is going to stay in a pristine condition with more camping areas.
- Access to water and small corrals huge benefit.
- Stock water near by.
- Horse facilities (stalls, corrals or high ties).
- Designated, monitored camping areas only.
- Manure bins for horse camping.

### Q18 (Camping, general)

**Write-in Response Highlights**

- **Minimal facilities to keep camping simple and affordable**
- Leave alone except for toilets, tables and fire pits.
- It’s perfect now!
- Sites designed to provide some semblance of privacy - i.e. don’t try to cram as many as possible into the space.
- Trash, litter, and refuse dumpsters.
- Potable water taps.
- Dispersed camping has made a mess of area; designated pay sites with toilets are needed.
- No reservations. First come first served.
- It might be nice to have a balance of sites we can reserve and sites that are first come first served.
- The campgrounds are great the way they are. Many families have been using them for decades. Don’t allow reservations, or designated-only parking. People who go there love the experience.
- I like how primitive it is and that you don’t have to make a reservation.
- I like the camping experience because it is loose and I can be spontaneous about when and where I go.
- The fee based reservation system should be VERY limited. The outdoors is not a hotel. Too many times we have tried to go camping only to be told that no campsites were available due to reservations.
- Signs giving directions to trails.
- Fire safety information for campers must be stressed.
- No fees please, we have a family reunion each year.
- I like to camp in low use areas away from other people and facilities.
- Please have the campgrounds open in time for Turkey season in April.
- Backcountry pit toilets in high use areas.
- Please leave it as wild as you can. Camp hosts and toilets are great. Fancy signs and blacktop just make the Teanaway into an extension of the city.
- Sites with ample space, trees, foliage, privacy.
- Place campsites away from streams and rivers as much as possible, stream banks are eroded in areas of dispersed camping, improve and use roads to sites, use the Respect the River Program the USFS uses to control use.
Q19: If you enjoy motorized winter recreation, what types of trails or facilities would you like to see? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 742    Skipped: 1,940

Q20: If you enjoy non-motorized winter recreation, what types of trails or facilities would you like to see? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 1,471    Skipped: 1,211
Q19 (Motorized Winter Rec)

Write-in Response Highlights

- Adequate parking to accommodate users. Blewett Pass fills up early mornings in the winter.
- Grooming more often
- Warming huts
- Stay away from farm properties please!!!
- Please keep this a Sno-park pass free area as it has been for years!
- Snowmobiles already have broad access to the north Teanaway. They should be kept out of west fork.
- Dog sledding
- We have plenty of Sno-parks in the area. I don’t think we need one here.
- Family friendly loop rides

Better access to trails from local communities
- Please limit shared trails.
- Snowmobile use should be well managed and restricted to specific routes and limited designated areas.
- There should be places off-limits to winter motorized recreation, so that backcountry skiing can take place.
- As long as there is a plan for the location of these to minimize impacts on the wildlife and landscape.
- Please keep motorized recreation limited to as small an area as feasible.
- Regular, funded law enforcement

Q20 (Non-motorized Winter Rec)

Write-in Response Highlights

- Tubing area
- Plow the road a little further for the backcountry skiers/boaders
- We have always enjoyed the opportunity to just cross-country without specified trails
- Groomed cross-country trails
- Ability to check snow conditions for trails online
- Reducing impacts to wildlife crucial to any trail development
- Separate motorized and non-motorized activities if possible
- Sledding areas for kids
- Warming hut or yurt
- Huts for overnight ski trips

- Snowshoeing in the Teanaway is already perfect. No trails necessary.
- Fat tire bikes allowed on groomed trails please.
- Sharing the trail with snowmobile can be fine as currently do, maybe have wide trail with a cross-country ski groom line.
- Maps
- Ski orienteering
- Horse friendly trails
- For pack goat/pack stock use - pack goats love the snow and we love winter camping.
**Q21:** Fishing and hunting in the Teanaway Community Forest are allowed under state fish and wildlife rules and regulations. **What types of trails, facilities, information or management actions would you like to see to support fishing and hunting opportunities?** (Check all that apply)

Answered: 1,547    Skipped: 1,135

| **Educational signs or kiosks with fishing and hunting information** | 49.26% |
| **Seasonal restrictions to protect fish and wildlife** | 55.91% |
| **Designated river access sites** | 50.55% |
| **Camp area improvements** | 36.85% |
| **Opportunities to camp outside designated camp areas** | 42.40% |
| **Ability to purchase permits or licenses nearby** | 35.55% |
| **Other (please specify)** | 6.66% |

**Q22:** Currently overnight stay options in the Teanaway are limited to camping areas and walk-in/pack-in backcountry camping, and private rentals in the greater Teanaway Valley. **Would you use LODGING near the Teanaway Community Forest?** If so, what type of lodging would you use?

Answered: 2,071    Skipped: 611

| **Cabin** | 36.17% |
| **Hut-to-hut systems** | 26.80% |
| **Platform tent** | 16.27% |
| **Private lodging or nearby vacation rentals** | 19.51% |
| **Yurt** | 27.52% |
| **I would not use these lodging options near the TCF** | 43.22% |
| **Other (please specify)** | 6.23% |
**Q21 (Fishing and Hunting)**

**Write-in Response Highlights**

No target practice in area. Lots of shooting last time I was there.

Deer elk and turkey habitat improvements.

Guided fishing opportunities.

Promote restoration of fish runs. Work with the local groups who are doing that to make the area better for fish.

I would like to see vast tracts of land remain undeveloped, with limited trails, to maintain high quality habitat for wildlife. The greatest challenge wildlife face today is habitat loss. I believe the forest should be managed for multiple use, but not at the expense of hunting and fishing opportunities.

Maps to facilitate lawful river access and avoid trespassing.

Continue to allow hunting exactly like it is.

Regular funded law enforcement reinforced according to the number of hunter vehicles in the TCF.

Signs telling hikers what hunting season is officially under way.

Motorized access for those of us who are physically able to hunt and fish but not able to pack an animal for miles!!

I would like hunting and hiking areas segregated to prevent conflicts. Also, I don’t like hearing gunshots while hiking!

**Q22 (Lodging)**

**Write-in Response Highlights**

I love the dispersed camping and relatively un-developed forest service camping available in the area today.

Making lodging will take away from the Teanaway valley. I go there often because there is limited areas for camping and lodging. That is what makes it a nice place to go.

Day use warming huts, bunk cabins with wood burning heat stocked with wood like Oregon.

Would like to be able to overnight park in Sno-park.

Keep it rugged and remote to conserve it.

Hut to Hut systems for skiing and mountain biking would be a great opportunity and rather unique to the Pacific Northwest. There aren’t a lot of these systems available despite our available land.

There are lodging opportunities in Roslyn, Cle Elum, Ellensburg and in private residences via VRBO and Airbnb.

This forest is not a resort destination. Do not over develop.

Washington State Horse Park

This is a working forest not a camp ground.

We like the fact the camping is walk-in pack-in. That is one of the many things that makes this area great.
Q23: How likely would you be to volunteer to care for trails, camp areas or roads or help with restoration projects in the Teanaway Community Forest?

Answered: 2,369    Skipped: 313

- Very likely: 17.73%
- Somewhat likely: 42.42%
- Somewhat unlikely: 25.20%
- Very unlikely: 14.65%

Q25: What is your age?

Answered: 2,407    Skipped: 275

- Under 18: 0.46%
- 18-35: 14.21%
- 36-50: 27.00%
- 50-65: 17.91%
- 66 or older: 14.65%

Q26: Where do you live?

Answered: 2,408    Skipped: 274

- Western Washington: 58.26%
- Upper Kittitas County: 14.91%
- Lower Kittitas County: 13.16%
- Greater Eastern Washington: 4.56%
- Other: 6.10%

Q27: How do you get information about the Teanaway Community Forest?

Answered: 2,356    Skipped: 326

- E-newsletter: 29.37%
- News media – radio, TV or newspaper: 16.38%
- DNR website: 30.26%
- Social media: 41.51%
- Word of mouth: 46.31%
- Other: 15.96%

Recreation Organization Websites (WTA, Mountaineers, Back Country Horsemen, etc.)

Guide Books
Q24 Do you have any other comments to share regarding the future of recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest?

(Write-in Response Highlights)

Themes

- Love and thanks
- Experience, feeling of the place
- The environment
- Creative ideas
- Concerns
- Goals 1-5 of TCF Management Plan
- User group comments
- Comments about motorized use
- Accessibility
- Volunteering
- Traditional uses
- No change
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<td>Hiking, conservation, quiet places to recreate are the most important values. Keep wild places wild.</td>
<td>Please let the public uses be guided by the needs of indigenous flora and fauna</td>
<td>I feel strongly that we should try to keep the Teanaway as wild as possible, as clean as possible, and as</td>
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<td>One of our most treasured and beautiful areas</td>
<td>I’d really like it to be left as rustic and undeveloped as it is now and has been for the last 100 years. That’s what makes the Teanaway so special! It’s a quiet beautiful place.</td>
<td>Protect the wolves of the Teanaway!</td>
<td>less citified as possible. My family has been coming here for generations. The more “improvements” we see –</td>
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<td>Thank you for working on this and for the opportunity for us to provide input</td>
<td>We have enjoyed the openness of the area and the ability to cross-country through the area.</td>
<td>As much as we enjoy doing our own thing in the Teanaway, increased use means we need to protect the area now with more developed trails and river access, pit toilets, and an end to dispersed camping.</td>
<td>the more signs, parking lots, paved roads, motors, overly groomed trails – the more the Teanaway becomes like</td>
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<td>Thanks for preserving this area from commercial development. We’ve been enjoying this area for over 20 years</td>
<td>Great to have a lower key area to visit (without needing reservations or having to arrive by 8am to find parking)</td>
<td>Leave it natural. More additions mean more cost and disruption to the forest. There are plenty of other</td>
<td>a city park. That’s not why true Teanaway lovers go there. We yearn for a place that is beautiful, accessible, and wild.</td>
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<td>This area is a treasure! Especially as the growth of usage along the I-90 corridor increases</td>
<td>One of the key reasons I enjoy hiking and backpacking in the Teanaway Forest is the quiet and natural surroundings. It is an escape from the city and from people. I hope these areas don’t become overcrowded with people, the environment doesn’t become degraded with increased usage.</td>
<td>Make sure trout habitat and river flows protect trout in the future.</td>
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<td>hiking and wildlife viewing traditions. We love the area and visit it often. However we are very concerned</td>
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<td>that increasing visitation, unnecessary development and motorized recreation threaten this place.</td>
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<td>I have been camping at the Teanaway River since I was a child. I still like going because it hasn’t changed.</td>
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<td>Hoping it doesn’t get paved/become fee area/small designated spots.</td>
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<td>I believe that loop road systems to accommodate vehicles should be part of</td>
<td>We desperately need more easy to moderate motorcycle trials. Current trails are only usable by very skilled riders and are somewhat dangerous. Many of us locals would gladly help in such moderate trail creation and maintenance.</td>
<td>My biggest concern moving forward is the expanded allowance of off-road vehicles in the Teanaway. I don’t doubt that they are fun to use, but there are already a ton of nearby areas where they are allowed. We spend our lives in cars and around the combustible engine, when I head into the wilderness the roar of an engine is the last thing I want to hear.</td>
<td>Provide some type of Community Calendar</td>
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<td>the Teanaway... to allow people with disabilities to be able to enjoy the</td>
<td>I have recreated in the TCF for 50 yrs. In my opinion the area can support ORVs if managed. The trails and roads are already there. I have seen how the DNR and Capitol Forest has managed ORVs and it seems to work. Please consider allowing motorcycle riding to some extent. My family has ridden motorcycles in this area for 40yrs. It is part of our heritage to do this together as a family.</td>
<td>Please limit motorized access to areas on the western side of the forest. Motorcycles having access to trails would discourage me from using the area because of the noise and other environmental impacts.</td>
<td>Have volunteers out on weekends to welcome campers or some kind of host that can help with questions. Maps indicating lawful river access points Please make it easy for school groups and youth groups to have camping and backcountry experiences. Much more forest health work. FULL time WCC crew engaged in RX Fire, fuels reduction and Rex work. More WCC equals more jobs and opportunities for local young adults. Also, the cost benefits of a full time crew cannot be matched.</td>
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<td>forest at a basic level... Sure a disabled person can have a picnic, but the opacity to visit high elevation scenic areas is [currently] only available to persons who ride a bike, motorcycle, walk or ride a horse. Myself being disabled can’t walk very well or very far so camping sites that I could drive my motor home to would really be my only option. Develop a jeep trail system that allows older folks who can’t hike, bike, or horseback ride, to have equal access to the forest. Being retired and over 70 years of age, we have gone into WATV vehicles for forest recreation. It is important to have road and trail systems where we can ride. Please do not shut us out.</td>
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<td>I hope that motorized access is limited and that recreation as a whole is limited especially in sensitive wildlife areas. I think it is paramount that multi-use trails exist in our community forest. Motorcycles and snowmobiles should have every right to enjoy our community forest. As a whole we are responsible stewards of the land and are highly likely to volunteer to maintain the trail system. Please do not increase the use of motorized vehicles. The peaceful slow pace of the valley is what makes the Teanaway so special.</td>
<td>Consider allowing endurance rides [with road access for event staging]</td>
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