

NOTE: The following is a compiled list of public comments concerning the Teanaway Community Forest, received at the Advisory Committee meeting at the Teanaway Grange and from the online survey tool.

**Teanaway Community Forest – public comments given as letters,
11/10/14- 12/10/14**

December 8, 2014

Dear Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee,

My name is Sharon Jenson. I own property on the lower reach of the Teanaway and I use the forest a couple of times each week during horseback riding season. I have owned property in the area for about 15 years.

I am writing to you to share my concern about allowing motorized vehicles in the forest. As you know, they were not allowed by the previous owner (I believe that was due to concern about fire and environmental damage), nor by the interim rules in effect now. Nevertheless, we frequently encounter motorcycles while riding our horses in the area. The motorcycle riders have even posted several You Tube videos of themselves riding all over the forest this last summer. To me, this speaks to their unwillingness to follow any rules. Once in, I doubt they will ever be removed. Because of extensive spruce budworm damage and other factors, the forest is high risk for burning. Once the forest burns, it will not recover, at least in my lifetime.

Some other points:

- 1) Noise pollution, stressing wildlife and fellow users alike.
- 2) Trail (and off trail) damage. We have seen a lot of this going on, with both damage to existing trails, in which they dig a narrow groove, which turns into an erosion channel and also in areas where they create steep trails that did not previously exist. These trails often bypass switchbacks which protect the hillsides from erosion. Due to the dryness and the type of soil, this area has a fragile ecosystem, slow to recover from damage. Soil erosion damages the watershed, fish, wildlife and grazing.
- 3) Fire danger from sparks.
- 4) Conflicts with other users—there is a potential for injury to hikers, horse riders and bicycle riders. Although we can hear them coming a long way off, there are places where we can't get off the trail in time to avoid being hit. The motorcycles are powerful and they move very fast, covering up to 30-40 miles of trails per day.
- 5) Use by motorized vehicles seems to me to be in conflict with all the goals of the TCF Charter by the state, except recreation. Since motorized use has never been allowed, I was shocked to learn it was even being considered. It would constitute a new use of a known destructive nature.
- 6) The motorcyclists have multiple other opportunities available to them in the surrounding region.

I hope we can stand up to the powerful lobbying by the motorcycle groups to protect this amazing area from their damaging presence.

Thanks for listening to my thoughts,
Sharon Jenson

FROM ANN FONKEN to the TCFAC:

Can you pass on some of my thoughts on the effects of motorbikes in Teanaway:

The soil in many places is a very fine dust. I wonder if it is volcanic ash. Teanaway looks like it is in the path of any ash fall from Mt. Rainier. This fine soil usually packs down from rain and stays put as it dries out, like a baked clay. When wheeled vehicles go across it they churn it into dust. I have seen some of the unrocked roads six inches deep in dust when the logging trucks were using them. The trails used by wheeled vehicles, which is both bicycles and motorbikes also churn the roads and especially the narrow trails into dust. When the wind picks up it blows this dust and that creates erosion.

It rarely rains in Teanaway, but when it does, the dust becomes sticky mud. There are not many rocks for support so wheeled vehicles sink. They make a groove in the trail or road, and when that groove dries it becomes a channel for the next rain to run down. I have seen tire marks become deep trenches over a single season. This causes severe erosion. It is ruining a lot of the logging roads in just the past couple of years they have not been maintained.

Just in the past year when there has been no security guard there is much evidence of wheeled vehicle damage on the trails and roads.

Trying to walk or ride a horse on a trail that is used by wheeled vehicles is very difficult. Because of the soft ground, the trail eventually becomes an eroded V shape, making it difficult to put two feet side by side. And the dust is hard to get traction in.

Wheeled vehicles go much faster and come up quickly on other users. Speed limits are hard to enforce on trails and the ability and desire to go fast often win out over common sense. The visibility on winding trails with brush on the sides is not good so the chance of a collision with another user is great...it could be another wheeled vehicle coming in the opposite direction or a hiker or horseback rider.

Another thing about wheels is that those trail users are able to cover a lot of miles in a short amount of time. So they impact more miles of trails per user. A bicycle can cover about 30 miles a day, a trail motorcycle can cover 60 to 80. A horse will cover about 15 and a hiker about 10. So the faster the travel, the more miles of trails are needed, the more land impacted and the greater the maintenance.

Motorcycles have been banned from this land by the previous owner, the timber company. They had a security guard to enforce that ban. Occasionally people would sneak in and ride on the land illegally. It was a constant battle to try and keep them out. The reasons they were banned was because they felt that motorcycles caused damage to the land with their great speed they could impact a lot of land in a short amount of time, creating new paths wherever they went. They also were concerned about the fire danger.

Teaway is a dry land. If a motorcycle goes through the dry grass they could create a fire that could smolder for a couple of days before erupting into flames. It is hard to police a large number of motorcycles to make sure everyone has a spark arrestor, is licensed and stays on the trails. There are always a few that will try and buck the rules. And it only takes one to set the forest on fire and ruin it for years to come. Fire would completely destroy the watershed. The risk seems to be great.

One other reason for banning motorcycles is the noise. Sound carries greatly from the high ridges. You can hear the motorcycles from miles away. It is an annoyance to the people who live there, impacting their property values. The Teaway Valleys are the only places in the Kittitas Valley that you cannot hear the sound of the freeway. That quiet is why a lot of people chose to buy their property.

The wildlife too also enjoy the quiet...the whine of the two cycle engine must create stress in them. And all the other users of the land...hikers, horsemen and bikers appreciate the quiet. That quiet is a resource that should be protected.

The motorcycle riders have a lot of surrounding land to ride on. They have access to it on the North Fork and Middle Fork public roads. They can ride all the forest service trails which are rocky and better suited for wheels. Jolly Mountain, Yellow Hill, and the Middle Fork of the Teaway river is all open to Motorcycles, as is the entire North Fork road and trails system out of DeRoux. .

John C. (Jack) Jenson



December 9, 2014

Peter Goldmark, Ph.D., Commissioner of Public Lands

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Dear Dr. Goldmark,

I am a Teaway area farmer and frequent horse rider in the Teaway Community Forest (TCF). This year and recent past years my family and me have spent hundreds of hours in the Forest and are familiar with usage patterns and the conditions in the forest. Our farm is located on the lower reach of the Teaway River. The river flows through our property providing a window on the lifeblood of all of the farms of the Teaway watershed. Like all hay fields in the area our pastures are irrigated. River water quality and quantity are paramount to all irrigators. Without it Teaway agriculture would not exist. We monitor flow rates and quality conditions constantly. Because it is uncontrolled, the river crests, recedes, changes direction with every season and weather change. The river has the capacity to carry an abundance of sediments resulting from upstream erosion. It is prone to powerful erosive action during high water events, tearing apart our properties and irrigation equipment as it did in Jan. 2009 and past years.

From our experience riding we have observed erosion damage from ORVs operating on and off trails throughout the TCF, most notably, in the Lick Creek, Carlson Canyon and Teanaway Ridge areas. Here, ORV-caused ground channels persist. TCF soils and ground covers are thin and fragile and do not readily self-replenish. We have witnessed ORVers cut up hillsides and meadows by riding hill-climb style directly up the fall line of slopes. Damage occurs from tires forming stream channels (micro-Grand Canyons) wherever knobby tires spin. During heavy rains and rapid snow melt these channels become small streams accelerating run-off, rapidly carrying soils and depositing these sediments eventually in the watershed system. Further examples of these erosive areas are seen in the on-line video links below. These videos demonstrate extensive and likely irreparable damage where ORVs have been in use. We encourage you to view these.

From the agriculture perspective there are two serious concerns as a result of ANY ORV use in the TCF: First, Teanaway farmers have battled rapid run-off for years. Some area farmers have had to undertake large costly excavation projects to stabilize riverbanks in efforts control field damage. We understand a number of projects on the North Fork are in planning to broaden the river flow into the flood plains to slow the river down and sustain flows however the positive effects of these efforts are needed now. ORV use in the TCF and resulting damage potentially threatens increasing already high run-off rates. Any higher rates will be damaging resulting in unneeded cost to Teanaway agriculture and property owners.

Secondly, ORV caused erosion effects potentially threaten increased sediment levels downstream. Typically, rains occurring during the growing season result in increased river water turbidity. There are extremes however. On recent occasions the river has run opaque, heavily concentrated with sediments, appearing similar to chocolate milk. This has occurred due to heavy summer rains caused by heavy erosion in the North Fork area. The river did not clear for several days making irrigation impossible. During the growing season, irrigation is a round-the-clock operation. Irrigation interruption has the potential to negatively impact seeding, delay crucial growing periods and ultimately diminish harvest.

I believe allowing ORV use in the TCF has a high probability of being counterproductive to any efforts to control rapid run-off rates and sediment pollution. With respect to the legislative goals set forth for WDFW, DNR and TCF Advisory Committee, it is strongly felt allowing ORV use in the TCF will seriously compromise achieving Goal 1 (Protect and enhance the water supply and protect the watershed) and Goal 4a (Conserve and restore vital habitat for fish), key elements of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan.

Respectfully,

Jack Jenson - Electronic Signature

Jack Jenson

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REFERENCES - ON-LINE VIDEO LINKS:

Teanaway Community Forest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-qp5xNHJa4>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5i_WmYo-8gU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-29hxNRE5o>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gk_mgZeSEWw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PA_ClWwxjo&list=PLhVX5n1EHxyhKjRZ1WS1doX-sxuAphwWu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xJX7WLX5Ws>

Capitol Forest:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPClr7Iq_w

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnNfPiVEX4g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcXI06RfyAo>

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Mudding+capitol+forest

Tahuya State Forest:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjT6xZqGK8A>

LT Murrary Wildlife Refuge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXl9Xc1ODxA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaMDrYsQIOQ>

Taneum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rodaDv3kAQ>

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Goal 1 Protect and enhance the water supply and protect the watershed; TOTAL 7

11/26/2014	<p>In addition to providing spectacular public hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities, the purchase of the Teanaway Community Forest was a key component in implementing the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan; safeguarding the basin's water supply, restoring fisheries, conserving habitat, and preserving working lands. Despite its high recreation and wildlife values, the landscape has been degraded by decades of industrial forestry, user created motorized trails, and a massive and crumbling road network. All management actions in the Teanaway Community Forest should aim to create a healthier, ecologically functional watershed. One key purpose of the protection of these lands was to enhance the natural water storage of the landscape and increase habitat quality for fish and wildlife while providing recreational opportunities consistent with those ecosystem goals. This directive must remain the Forest's priority. The restoration need in the Teanaway Community Forest is huge and can support a trained workforce in the years ahead. In addition to protecting quality habitat, the Teanaway Forest must focus on restoring old forest and riparian conditions including thinning plantations, reducing road density to improve aquatic and terrestrial habitat, developing wetlands, and restoring floodplain connectivity. If done properly, such restoration actions will complement and enhance recreation and other enjoyment of the Community Forest. The Teanaway is a critical landscape connecting wild areas to the north and south. Management should look at how existing habitat can be protected and enhanced for the natural movement of wildlife, and how the Community Forest fits into a larger landscape context with old forest and riparian habitat connections to adjacent lands. The Teanaway Community Forest is a gateway to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and has the ability to provide incredible recreation opportunities. However, the experience of all users, from hikers to horseback riders to hunters and wildlife viewers, could be jeopardized if the Forest is opened to unregulated motorized use. Responsible and balanced recreation opportunities that compliment adjacent land ownerships should be provided, as consistent with watershed and habitat protection, restoration and recreation goals.</p>
11/26/2014	<p>Please manage the TCF to restore both habitat and full watershed function, as the area has been degraded by road construction, motorized recreation, and industrial forestry. Management activities should be prioritized in light of and coordinate with adjacent natural lands management plans to maximize the broader-scale effectiveness of habitat restoration or preservation in the protected areas.</p>
11/26/2014	<p>The Teanaway Community Forest is critical wildlife habitat and water shed area. Motorized vehicle access should NOT be allowed in the Teanaway Community Forest. I urge the Advisory Committee to prohibit off-road motorized vehicles in this area. Thank you.</p>
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12/02/2014	<p>I am unable to attend the December 4th meeting in person and am providing these comments instead. Many of us from the west side of the Cascade Range come to the east side to enjoy the recreational opportunities this unique biology offers to the non-motorized user. As long as I can find peace and quiet in this gateway to the Alpine Lakes wilderness I will be happy to spend my recreational dollars in the Teanaway area. But let in the motorized noise makers and my money stays in my pocket. While being able to enjoy this wonderful habitat and spectacular mountain and forest vistas is a key reason I make the drive, I am also aware that the Teanaway Community Forest presents many opportunities for employment to the folks who live on the east side through non-forest harvesting jobs. This landscape is a critical component to the critical connection for wild areas from the south to the north. Many studies have shown how important these corridors are to creating and maintaining a healthy wildlife population. It is an old saying but trues saying that we can't make new land. So it is imperative for us to be outstanding stewards of land like the Teanaway. This means enhancing the ecological nature of this watershed for a part of the state where water is critical.</p>
12/10/2014	<p>My family and I support many conservation organizations and we are so proud to live in the PNW and to show off our many gems to visitors when they come! The Teanaway Forest is one of these gems and we urge the advisory committee to create a plan that creates a healthier, ecologically functional watershed. One key purpose of the protection of these lands was to enhance the natural water storage of the landscape and increase habitat quality for fish and wildlife while providing recreational opportunities consistent with those ecosystem goals. This directive must remain the Forest's priority. The restoration need in the Teanaway Community Forest is huge and can support a trained workforce in the years ahead. In addition to protecting quality habitat, the Teanaway Forest must focus on restoring old forest and riparian conditions including thinning plantations, reducing road density to improve aquatic and terrestrial habitat, developing wetlands, and restoring floodplain connectivity. If done properly, such restoration actions will complement and enhance recreation and other enjoyment of the Community Forest. The Teanaway is a critical landscape connecting wild areas to the north and south. Management should look at how existing habitat can be protected and enhanced for the natural</p>

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Goal 2 Maintain working lands for forestry and domestic livestock grazing while protecting key watershed functions and aquatic habitat; TOTAL 1

11/28/2014	Please do not allow Wolf Hunts or livestock on this land
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Goal 3 Maintain and where possible expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection, for activities such as hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, birding and snowmobiling; TOTAL 166

11/11/2014	I am an equestrian who loves riding in the Teanaway Community Forest. Thank you for preserving this very special area. I support trails, especially non motorized trails. More trails, better trails and good trail maps and signage will make the area more user friendly. Campgrounds for equestrians are in great need..."Indian Camp" is chronically overcrowded.
11/11/2014	Please leave the Teanaway to the horses and animals. I've seen how much damage and erosion motorcycles, 4-wheelers, and jeeps have done to the land. How can it be corrected and how long would it take?
11/11/2014	Please don't shut down Teanaway to trail bikes (motorcycles). We're happy to share with the hikers but they should share this place with us too. We built and maintain most of the trails and there are plenty of other places for hikers if they don't like bikes.
11/12/2014	Allow motorized recreation in the TCF.
11/12/2014	Please keep Teanaway open as it is now for all riders and not to close it down to what Reider is now, they have few riders any more because of few miles to ride, it is not worth going there!
11/12/2014	Hello, I love riding horseback in the Teanaway area and hope that equestrian activity will be encouraged. Improvements to Indian Camp would be great and supported by Tahoma Chapter Back Country Horseman. Thank you for helping to preserve and keep open for our use and enjoyment. Sharon Doyle
11/13/2014	ORV riders are a part of the community and should be included in being able to enjoy this forest.
11/13/2014	Please allow and support off road motorized access. This area has traditionally been used by off road motorcycles for as long as I can remember and played into a decision to build a family home in the near by area.

11/13/2014	The Teanaway area is a historically known area for hunting and fishing for many generations. It is amazing how many people I have come across who have fond memories of using this land for recreational pleasure. Unfortunately it is quickly becoming tainted with feelings of frustration and inequality. The number of people who own horses or only go into the wilderness on foot are few and many people who could use this area are great without catering to only those few. What a great shame to dishonor those that came before us and respected this land by limiting or discontinuing their use and taking away their rights to use because they cannot hike or have access to a horse!!
11/14/2014	I live here in the Teanaway , own a quad and enjoy recreating out of doors. PLEASE , vote NO on off road motorized traffic in the Community Forrest. Thank You All , Gary Fletcher
11/14/2014	Motorized vehicles have historically never been allowed by the previous landowners. They are not compatible with other users.
11/14/2014	Please do not allow any motorized vehicles in the Teanaway Community Forest. They have never been allowed there in the past and they would provide only destruction of the environment, the peacefulness of the forest and produce significant stress for the wildlife and the other users. There are many other places for them to use their vehicles. The purpose of the Forest is to provide protection from just such incursions. Thanks for considering my thoughts.
11/14/2014	What is the question? No bikes
11/14/2014	Please do not allow motorized vehicles/bikes in the Teanaway Forest. Many horse riders use the Forest and allowing motorized vehicles would effectively force the horses out, giving us one less area to enjoy.
11/14/2014	I firmly believe that OHV use should be provided in the TCF for not just single track motorcycles but also for ATVs and 4x4s. The adjacent USFS land has a long and rich history of working with these recreationalists and has a strong volunteer network to help maintain this resource. There is no impact on water quality when trails are designed and maintained properly, and that's the same comment that would be made about any addition or change to the forest. Thanks for your consideration.
11/14/2014	PLEASE, PLAN for FUNDING of the POLICY of no ORVs on the Teanaway Community Forest. ORVs have proven to cause measureable damage to the land and are the source of excessive impact on wildlife by humans. PLEASE, NO ORVs on the Teanaway Community Forest!
11/14/2014	Horses and bikes do NOT belong on the same trails. It is dangerous!
11/14/2014	Please maintain the current status of NON motorized offroad recreation ONLY. Please maintain the peace and tranquility for the sake of the wildlife and the safety for equestrians, hikers, and non motorized bike riders. motorized access destroys the beauty of the landscape!
11/14/2014	My husband and I are members of BCHW and frequently camp and ride our horses in the Teanaway Community Forest at Indian Camp. It's so wonderful to ride our horses there knowing that we will not encounter mortorized vehicles on the trails. We see all types of wildlfe and also enjoy seeing the free range cattle. I would like to see the TCF remain as it is now, a quiet peaceful place away from noise and urban life.
11/14/2014	It is extremely dangerous to have dirt bikes and ATVs on the same trail as horses. The dirt bikes and ATVs already have areas where they can roam up and down freely. Please let the hikers, cyclists, and equestrians have a quiet area. Thank you.
11/14/2014	As I have said before you need to go see the damage the motor bike people have done to trails in the Taneum and Manastash areas where they have been allowed to ride. Not only that they are a danger to hikers and horsemen using the area. I personally have nearly had bikers come way to close to my horses on up hill slopes because they cannot pay attention to

	where they are going and what is ahead of them on the trail at the same time trying to avoid debris on the trails they have torn up. Also you never see them offering to maintain trails just use, destroy and then move on to new areas to trash them.
11/14/2014	I would like the Teanaway Community Forest to stay as it is with no motorbikes. I do not feel the trail system would stand up to motorbike usage. I believe motorbikes and other recreationalist can get along using the same trails. As long as everyone understands etiquette. The soft dirt of the trails with the large amounts of rock and steep hills will result in pretty dug up trails in a very short amount of time with motorbike usage. Then mother nature takes it's course and it becomes the path of least resistance for water to run off. Making for terribly rough trails for hikers, horses, mountain bikes. Please no motorbikes in the Teanaway Community Forest.
11/14/2014	Please do not open it to motorized vehicles!! It is a haven for us who just want to get away from the loud oil guzzling world. please don't make this mistake.
11/14/2014	I'm am SO upset. VERY , much so, if this wasn't a public forum I'd be cussing, I'm that upset. I just read on in the NKC tribune about an Ohio-based lobby group now pushing for Teanway Community Forest to have more motorized access. ARE YOU KIDDING? Listen--ALREADY the hikers & horse riders and mountain bikers can't do any of the S. Cle Elum/Taneum/Manastash trails, because they are so silly with dirt bikes & ATVs, it is dangerous. I know I can safely take my kids to the Lower Fork of the Teanaway, and hike Bible Rock & Cheese Rock. I sometimes come across illegal dirt bikers which pisses me off. But, for the most part, we are safe there. MOUNTAIN bikes & horse riders are courteous, AND SLOW! But you want to let a paid lobby group push your opinion to take away our LOCAL recreation option, and give it to these people, so they have even more area to push us off of? Yes, I'm really angry! Keep it the way it is! Leave it no motorized! They have Yellow Hill already--that is good enough.
11/14/2014	The Teanaway Community Forest is a very special place. I strongly support that it's access be kept non-motorized vehicles only. Motorized vehicles (atvs, etc) have many other areas to use that will not cause damage to streams, trails, and wildlife. I support access for hikers, mountain bikers, and horses. Please keep this area as pristine and natural as possible.
11/14/2014	This is one of the few areas that lets hikers, bicyclist and horseback riding and no motorized vehicles. When the 4 wheelers get in there they ruin the roads and do not look out the rest of us. Please keep it for the Hikers, bicyclist and horsebackriders. BCHW has been very active with the trails in this area of Teanaway, please keep it non motorized.
11/14/2014	Please do not allow the beauty and quiet of the Teanaway be ruined by allowing the The American Motorbike Association to use the land. This is a popular area for hikers, horseback riders, campers, wildlife enthusiasts and families. This area is also completely unpatrolled and unsupervised by any sort of law-enforcement or forest rangers. Allowing motorbikes in the area, even with restrictions, speed limits, etc., would create unnecessary dangers and disruptions to the majority of others who use the area.
11/14/2014	No out state residents should be allowed any say in the use of Teanaway community forest. Motorcycle may be allowed in designated areas
11/14/2014	Exclude "jeeps" only. Quads ok on roads. Foot, horse, bicycle, motorcycle ok on single track
11/14/2014	First, I want to say that I live here and the Teanaway is my home. I spend a lot time there both with my horses and just hiking. This is a haven that needs to be kept safe from both the damage that motorized vehicles do to the trails and the danger to they pose for hikers and equestrians. People and interest groups not from here, should not get to weigh in at all. Motorcycles use on the other side of our valley is so heavy that hikers and riders are no longer using them. Let's protect the Teanaway!

11/14/2014	Please protect the peace and quiet of the trail for hikers, horse riders, mountain bikers, etc. One doesn't go out into the wilderness via trail to deal with the noise and pollution of motorcycles. One goes to enjoy the beauty, peace and quiet. Please don't allow that benefit of forest trails to be ruined by allowing motorcycles or other motorized vehicles on forest trails.
11/14/2014	I oppose motorized vehicles in the lower Teanaway. I am an avid horseback rider and hiker and feel that motorized vehicles present a danger to riders and hikers. Motorized Vehicles are already allowed in many places along the I90 corridor. The Teanaway is one of the last areas where they are not allowed and we can ride and hike and feel safe.
11/15/2014	Please keep the Teanaway for animals. No motorcycles, 4 wheelers, or jeeps. I've seen the damage they do.
11/15/2014	Please do not open up the Lower Teanaway to motorized vehicle use! We hike there, ride horses, ride mountain bikes and cross country ski in the winter. If dirtbikes, ATV's and snowmobiles are allowed, it will be unusable for the non motorized (and quieter and less environmentally damaging) recreation. The quiet of the forest is so wonderful, it will be ruined by motorized vehicles. There are plenty of other trails in the county for them to use! I say this as someone who's family does enjoy motor sports but who would like some areas to be free of them. It's not safe and it's not peaceful or enjoyable to combine non motorized recreation with motorized in that area. Thank you for taking this voters consideration into account.
11/15/2014	Please, please, please! No motorbikes or ATV's on the Teanaway Community Forest Trails! They already have many places to ride, including the trails from the Middle Fork. They have totally ruined the trails at the Taneum (go look) for any other users--the trails are deep grooves, making hiking and riding virtually impossible. Also, they can ride the Forest Service Roads. Those of us who have horses who don't get along with motorized vehicles, and hikers who would like peace and quiet and the chance to see wildlife are getting squeezed into ever fewer places. Please retain the Teanaway Community Forest for hikers and riders only. Thank you!
11/15/2014	I would hope that the Teanaway Forest does not allow motor bikes. They are very noisy and would disturb the peace and quiet. You can hear their loud whine for miles when they are on the hills and ridges. They also disturb wildlife, cause erosion, create fire danger, dust and are a danger to other forest users because they move at high rates of speed. They have never been allowed on this land and I do not think they should start now that the state has taken over the land. There were good reasons why the timber land banned them.
11/15/2014	We live in Kittitas County and have enjoyed riding our horses on the trails in what is now the Teanaway Community Forest since 1984. This watershed is a place full of wildlife and beautiful scenery that has lasted all these years because only non-motorized use has been allowed on those trails. Allow motorized vehicles outside green dot roads and you will see erosion, mudding, and disturbance of wildlife. Please don't change something that has worked well for the land for so many years and do not allow motorized vehicles on trails.
11/15/2014	Please preserve the woods in their solitude for non-motorized use when possible. Allow motorized vehicles on other trails established for that purpose . thank you.
11/15/2014	Hello I'm a local resident to the Tranaway area. This is a rural wooded area that currently houses wildlife that has been pushed from the rural housing and local towns of Cle Elum Roslyn and Ellensburg. The area is accessed and enjoyed by nature lovers hikers day picnickers and horseback riders that are local and sometimes come from hours away just to enjoy this area. If you allow the use of motorr vehicles into this area it will greatly impact the wildlife the integrity of the dirt trails and enjpent of a quiet pristine natural forest area. There are notably a great number of areas currently available for use of motorized vehicles that far out number the few areas left just to foot and horse traffic. There is an element of safety to consider when fast moving vehicles are being used in wooded areas with limited visibility combined with children horses and foot traffic, Please do not change and destroy this much loved area. I thank you I'm advance for your careful consideration on this matter. Marion Christenson Ellensburg WA

11/15/2014	please include all forms of motorized recreation in the long term planning
11/15/2014	Will they complain about poop (yes) or run up behind horses (yes) my answer is no because most have no respect for horse riders
11/15/2014	Keeping the area free of motorized vehicles helps with the environment by not having the trails torn up and moguled by the tires used on ORVs. I live in a state forest area where they are allowed and the trails and streambeds are getting torn up, litter has become common on the trails and other user groups are being kept out by the damage done to the trails.
11/16/2014	Developed parking a must.
11/16/2014	I first fell in love with the Teanaway in 1957 when I went to camp at the Flying Horseshoe. I've always been a horseback rider and I still go to the Teanaway as often as possible. I camp at "Indian Camp" mostly. I live on the west side and I'm thrilled that this area is now publicly owned and that I can continue to ride and camp there. I belong to the Backcountry Horsemen and our group helps to build and maintain trails on public land. We chainsaw, cut brush, install bridges, do tread work and can use our horses and mules to pack in supplies. Undoubtedly Backcountry Horsemen will volunteer to help in the Teanaway Community Forest. Personally I would like to see an expanded "Indian Camp" area as it fills to overflowing on many weekends. I would like to see more horse camping areas. I am happy to share the forest with other users, like hikers and bicyclists, hunters and geocachers, birdwatchers and rockhounds and all of the others who love to be in quiet natural country. I hope that motorized vehicles can be restricted to established roads. Thank you for letting me contribute a comment to your planning process.
11/16/2014	Please keep the Teanaway Community Forest open of all users as is directed by Washington State Law for the Dept of Natural Resouces to provide public access.
11/17/2014	Hi, Thank you for allowing me to offer my opinion. I am very much in favor of having mixed use in the Teanaway area. This should include hiking, canoeing, fishing, snowshoeing, bicycling, hunting, horse riding, camping, crosscountry skiing, motorbikes, quads, snowmobiles and 4x4s. Some trails for each group and mixed trails for combination of some activities or all! As a person that uses the public land often I am dismayed by the "kick everyone out except me" attitude. We can easily have nice access, mixed use and build a broad coalition to save these area's for everyone. This large and diverse area could become a link to a County wide system that would be a model for the future.
11/18/2014	Please keep this open for ORV use!
11/18/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported. The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly.
11/18/2014	Please no motorized vehicles or bicycles in the Teanaway. Leave the hills to animals. I've seen the erosion and damage left there.
11/18/2014	Please provide for motorized off-road recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest, especially 2-wheel. Locking out motorized recreation is locking out most of the public.

11/18/2014	Please allow off road vehicles to continue in the Teanaway
11/18/2014	Please support managed OHV recreation on designated roads and trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. Managed OHV recreation is environmentally sound and has a proved track record on various state and federal units in the Pacific Northwest. The DNR has been directed by RCW79.10 to facilitate multi-use public access whenever it is compatible with their trust obligations. I believe this unit would provide important OHV recreation to local residents and visitors.
11/18/2014	Please promote and increase motorized recreation opportunities in the Teanaway Community Forest. This area is a wonderful place to enjoy with families and see the great outdoors. Additionally, encouraging responsible motorized recreation is a superb method for bringing people out into the forest to partake in recreational activities. Please continue to grow motorized trails within the forest.
11/18/2014	Please do NOT close ORV areas....
11/18/2014	I am sending my support of the ORV trails in the Teanaway Community Forest are important and an appropriate use of the public forest lands. Sincerely, Paul Winslow
11/18/2014	The Teanaway Community Forest should welcome and encourage off road vehicle, trail motorcycle and snowmobile use. The areas available to these uses should be expanded. These are activities that encourage parents and kids to get outside into a healthy and exciting environment. ORV riders, snowmobile riders and Trail Motorcyclists are a significant and important group of current users of this area with a strong interest in expanding the areas allowed for their activities.
11/18/2014	Please keep road and trails open to ORVs.
11/18/2014	Just want to say I am PRO for OHV and hope you help OHV's to have a better experience in the forest with all the decisions you make.
11/19/2014	please keep teanaway open to OHV use
11/19/2014	My family has camped there at the People camp for over 50 years. We always hike in that area and bike ride with our children and hopefully with our grand children as well. To have that area open to motorized vehicles would be horrendous. We have seen the damage they do on logging roads causing huge ruts and then when it rains it just gets worse and worse (like Manastash and other areas of Teanaway) We would rather pay a camping fee than have to share those wonderful logging roads and hiking trails with off roaders, atv's, dirt bikes etc. I told my children and they were horrified that this might happen (they are in their 20's and still camp with all our families). The peace that we have come to treasure and love in the Teanaway Community Forest would be forever gone. Please do not let them ruin the beauty, peace and tranquility in our TCF. Feel free to contact us for any additional comments etc. The Nielsen family
11/19/2014	Enjoyment and Rewards of OHV Recreation • Opportunity for a recreational experience for all types of people. • Opportunity to strengthen family relationships. • Opportunity to experience and respect the natural environment. • Opportunity to participate in a healthy and enjoyable sport. • Opportunity to experience a variety of opportunities and challenges. • Camaraderie and exchange of experiences. • For the adventure of it.

11/19/2014	The Teanaway Forest like all state and federal land needs to remain open to all user groups, including ORVs not just the users with the most vocal proponents.
11/19/2014	I would like to see continued ORV participation in the Teanaway Community Forest
11/19/2014	<p>There is a great shortage of ATV and motorcycle trails in the state of Washington. For this reason, we strongly recommend and support the development of a Pro-Recreation Alternative. The starting proposal for the Teanaway Recreation Plan should pursue a Pro-Recreation Alternative. A Pro-Recreation Alternative would include the following characteristics in addition to the starting proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of seasonal closures, where required, to protect the environment and wildlife with the intention of keeping routes open for the summer recreation season. 2. All of the existing routes are needed as OHV routes due to the cumulative effects of all other closures. 3. Additional OHV routes are needed to address the growing popularity of OHV recreation and the greater needs of the public for access and motorized recreation. 4. Provides the type of long-distance figure 8 routes, loops and side destinations desired by OHV recreationists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Loops ranging from 20 to 60 miles b. Many stops and side destinations c. Documents and preserves the historic nature of the area 5. Grants could be used for signing at each site and the development of interpretative literature, brochures, and maps. 6. Grants could be used where required for some route improvements. <p>2. The Outdoor Industry Association estimates that off-highway-vehicle enthusiasts add more than \$66 billion in direct economic activity to local economies, supporting more than 650,000 jobs (page 18 https://outdoorindustry.org/pdf/OIA_OutdoorRecEconomyReport2012.pdf). Because the economy and job creation are crucial issues, CTVA stresses the financial benefits of off-highway motorcycle and all-terrain-vehicle recreation and tourism when countering arguments from those attempting to deny access to public lands or otherwise restrict OHV recreational opportunities.</p> <p>3. Another good resources for the construction and management of OHV trails has been developed at http://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/atv_trails_site/index.html. Use of the practices demonstrated at this web site will minimize the impact of OHV trails.</p> <p>12. Motorized recreationists including motorcycles, ATVs, and 4x4 value highly semi-primitive and primitive motorized recreational opportunities. There is a great need for these opportunities and there is a real shortage of these opportunities due to current management trends. Also, motorized recreationists like to ride on motorized trails to remote trailheads, park, and hike from there.</p>
11/19/2014	To Whom it may concern: I am the president of blackout Jeep club and I feel it is very important to have these ORV sites available for the off-roading community. As a club we volunteer countless ours to maintain our lands and to help promote the positive and respectful use of these lands. As seen in other outdoor communities such as hikers and mt. bikers we put forth the effort as they do to help maintain these lands for our use and the use by others. Please take this as our polite request to keep these ORV sites open for the clubs that use them. Thank you for you time Philip Benson President Backout Jeep club
11/19/2014	My wish is to see orv opportunity in the community forest. Orv users are an integral part in the preservation of our forests. They commit to clearing and maintaining trails and bring income into the communities in which they ride.
11/19/2014	Please provide ORV trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. ORV use is compatible with the DNR's Forestry Practices. ORV use will bring visitors to the local area and will help to sustain the local economy.
11/19/2014	There are plenty of roads available for motorbike usage. Motorbikes cause trail system damage and erosion, especially if the ground is wet or muddy. As a member of the Back Country Horsemen of WA, motorbikes also create a dangerous environment for stock users on the trail as they often race quickly up behind or in front of animals that often spook and try to flee when startled.

11/19/2014	Dear DNR, Congratulation's on the recent purchase of land in the headwaters of the Yakima Basin with the idea of establishing the Teanaway Community Forest. My understanding is that your intent is to develop the area for multiple use and I hope you'll include motorized recreation in your final draft plan. As experienced in many other multiple use areas, ORV has shown to be a good steward of the land. My family and I would recommend this sort of recreation be included so that others along with us can experience this area by trails designated for use by motorized motorcycles. Thank you for considering our thoughts on this, and hopefully you'll include this type use so that future generations can share in our experiences. Walt Anderson West Richland, WA
11/19/2014	I am speaking for the motorcycle/ATV users as I am one of them. We would appreciate having clubs such as the NMA and Stumpjumpers involved as they have the experience and knowledge to represent our needs.
11/19/2014	I am a responsible user/rider of ORV, mostly snowmobiles. I urge you to resist the pressure to restrict the use of these. Thank you
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11/20/2014	The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations. ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly. ORV recreation is been proven example of a form of recreation compatible with working forests and has been taking place in this area for at least four decades. Even prior this community forest legislation, the DNR has been directed by RCW79.10 to facilitate multi-use public access whenever it is compatible with their trust obligations.
11/20/2014	Non-motorized trails are wonderful things and too rare these days. Thank you for keeping wheels off as many trails as possible.
11/20/2014	Please allow motorcycle riding in this forrest. This sport is a wonderful way to enjoy nature in a family oriented outdoor enthusiast manner. As a physician I am keenly aware of the need to foster healthy activity among our adults and children. Please consider ORV trails in this forrest. Wade Weigel, MD
11/20/2014	Thank you for the work you are doing. As in the past, I do not believe motorized vehicles should be allowed in the Community Forest.
11/20/2014	Please provide opportunity for ORV and Single Track recreation.
11/20/2014	Our group, BCHW Tahoma Chapter would like to continue helping maintain the Indian Campground in the TCF. The sign is in need of repair and we are planning to work on that and would also like to install highline poles in the open meadow area. This would increase the horse campsite areas that we need so badly. Many times there are multiple chapters using this campground and it gets very crowded. Our members will provide the labor and materials for the project. We would also like to use the Teanaway Campround for horse camping and are willing to help there as needed. We are very fortunate to be able to enjoy this beautiful area and want to continue supporting this community.
11/20/2014	I Support Responsible ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest.
11/21/2014	Please include and provide access for the 4x4 community in using the forest and lands for recreational activities

11/21/2014	To whom it may concern, It is very important that OHV access be maintained for vehicles and motorcycles in the Teanaway Forest. Teanaway has some of the most spectacular single track riding in the United States. These trails are long established and provide an experience that is now rarely available to motorcyclists. The impact of motorcycles in the forest is minimal and should continue to be part of the multiple use philosophy forests are supposed to be managed for. The elimination of OHV use effectively closes the forest to many users, the elderly, the disabled and families with young children.
11/21/2014	Please support orv use in the Teanaway Community Forest. It is a wonderful family activity that also brings economic benefits to local communities such as use of campgrounds, hotels, restaurants, gas stations and stores, etc.
11/21/2014	Please allow motorized use in the TCF. This area can allow motorized use and still fulfill the mandates regarding water quality.
11/21/2014	The Teanaway River is one of my favorite spring runs. It's a good beginner/intermediate run, and it's also fun for more advanced kayakers because it's so playful. My friends and I come from the Seattle area for afternoon runs on the river. We put on the river at the Teanaway Road Bridge across the North Fork Teanaway. This is a critical access point for boaters.
11/21/2014	Please make sure to include OHV and snowmobile use in the planning process. They are currently very large attractants for recreationalist and both on the top of the list for spending money in local communities. If they are not included in the planning the local economies will suffer.
11/22/2014	I have been a off road bike rider for 50+ years and have seen the great family and non family participation this brings. Please look at and understand the good that expanding public use will bring, Thank You David Swanson
11/22/2014	I am a long time but low confidence kayaker who loves the Teanaway River for its beauty and forgiving nature. I have skied in the mountains upstream and run the river in the same day. Parking just above the bridge for the the main run is a perfect put in for a perfect run. I travel 2 hours each way to make my annual pilgrimage when the flows allow. Please help to keep access to this awesome river available to people like me who need a forgiving and fun place to kayak.
11/22/2014	i snowmobile and dirt bike and see no need to close any more land.
11/23/2014	Please continue to allow orv and snowmobile access to the Teanaway forest. My family has used this area for years and its not fair to stop access to one user group. This is public land that has a long history of recreational use. Its use should be spread equally among all user groupsnot just the most vocal or most popular.
11/23/2014	Every spring during snow melt, I enjoy the class II paddling opportunities on the Teanaway River. I usually start at the Teanaway Road Bridge across the North Fork Teanaway just before the confluence with the mainstem at the informal day-use area and access point on the west side of the river. It would be great to have this site continue to be a river access point. We love traveling this river since it has some of my favorite features in all of the state. When it's the right level I make a point to travel from Seattle to have the opportunity to experience this wonderful environment. The rock ledges on the river are particularly fun for whitewater kayaking, and it's been great to be lucky enough to see elk crossing the river, as well as beavers, deer and birds. We also enjoy access upstream of the river section I mention and look forward to opportunities for off-road parking to get to the river for recreation. Thank you for your consideration.
11/25/2014	I own property adjacent to the Teanaway community forest. There is absolutely a need for orv access and recreation in the forest. ALL interests should be represented in the final plan including orvs for the Teanaway community forest. This us a spectacular area to ride and can be shared by all.

11/25/2014	Only allowing one person from the ORV sector to participate on the advisory committee does not fairly or justly represent the ORV community!
11/25/2014	Atv and utv please
11/25/2014	Please support off road motorized vehicles consistent with other areas. Many options exist to support areas in other nearby states but it would be better for Washington to be inclusive.
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11/25/2014	The Teanaway River is an excellent river for paddling when it flows in the springtime. It's a great class II run through a beautiful area, and is unique in the area as both a scenic and accessible river run. The sandstone canyon walls that border the run are really spectacular, and the whitewater is fun and high quality. This river is an excellent resource for the Ellensburg area where I'm from, but people also come from much farther away to enjoy the river. It would be great to preserve and enhance the access for the Teanaway. It's an invaluable resource for central Washington and I hope you help preserve the paddling experience for other recreational users in the future!
11/25/2014	The teanaway forest should be used for all types of recreation not just 1 segment we all live in this state we should all be able to use state land
11/25/2014	I would like to see some ORV accessibility
11/25/2014	With the aging of our population, there needs to be more hiking trails that are not only family friendly but at accessible to those of us that can no longer climb the ridges or take longer hikes into the wilderness areas. Expanded foot trails in the lower forests are needed.
11/25/2014	We (the ORV Community) need to have access to the lands as well for recreational use. Allowing ATVs that are licensed for road use is one way thereby reducing the need of off-road areas.
11/26/2014	I disagree with this comment in your newsletter: The Community Forest lacks a maintained trail system, but hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers may use existing trails at their own risk. It might not be marked, but the trails are maintained by DIRT BIKE RIDERS. On most other single track in the state, off road motorcyclists are given the same access privileges as the other 3 groups mentioned. Why are we being excluded now? Do you have any idea how many horseback riders and mountain bike riders have thanked me for clearing downed trees after the spring melt? The answer is dozens over the years. I think I've seen two hikers back there in the 30 years I have been riding it. In my view, the current access status is a slap in the face and reflects a narrow minded viewpoint. You are pulling the rug out from under the user group who does almost all of the work to maintain the trails for everyone. I'm hearing there are a few committee members bent on excluding ORVs and the argument they are using is "it's always been illegal". My retort is the lumber companies who owned it seemed to care less. They never signed it or policed it. People have been riding back there since the 1960s...for HALF A CENTURY. After that many years, just the fact that people are considering closing the area to ORVs is appalling. Just leave things as they have always been and everybody and everything will be fine. I've had pleasant discussions with all user groups over the years, we can all get along just fine. There is plenty of land for all to enjoy. We could think about making some new connecting trails to make loops and we could even designate some trails for specific user groups only (I don't have any desire to ride a trail that a Hiker might enjoy, as an example). This whole thing feels like "trying to fix something that is

	<p>not broken". I am concerned about people who have incorrect and misguided viewpoints of off road motorcyclists and vocal committee members spreading misinformation about us. People on this committee need to take an objective view and make decisions based on facts and data and not be swayed by vocal anti access members. Whatever happened to "possession is 9/10ths of the law"? This is MY forest. I'm fairly confident I have spent more time in it than any committee member and I am positive that dirt bike riders have done more to maintain the trails over the last 50 years than any other group. All so frustrating...thank you for considering my comments. Have a nice Thanksgiving. Steve Watson (253)370-9964</p>
11/26/2014	<p>Please share with all appropriate and interested parties. Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtb10.htm . It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking.... A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see http://mjvande.nfshost.com/scb7.htm). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions. Those were all experimental studies. Two other studies (by White et al and by Jeff Marion) used a survey design, which is inherently incapable of answering that question (comparing hiking with mountain biking). I only mention them because mountain bikers often cite them, but scientifically, they are worthless. Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT? To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: http://vimeo.com/48784297 . In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtb_dangerous.htm . For more information: http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtbfaq.htm . The common thread among those who want more recreation in our parks is total ignorance about and disinterest in the wildlife whose homes these parks are. Yes, if humans are the only beings that matter, it is simply a conflict among humans (but even then, allowing bikes on trails harms the MAJORITY of park users -- hikers and equestrians -- who can no longer safely and peacefully enjoy their parks). The parks aren't gymnasiums or racetracks or even human playgrounds. They are WILDLIFE HABITAT, which is precisely why they are attractive to humans. Activities such as mountain biking, that destroy habitat, violate the charter of the parks. Even kayaking and rafting, which give humans access to the entirety of a water body, prevent the wildlife that live there from making full use of their habitat, and should not be allowed. Of course those who think that only humans matter won't understand what I am talking about -- an indication of the sad state of our culture and educational system.</p>
11/27/2014	<p>Would like to see more of a hunting presence represented in the committee. Hunters and fishers put more money toward conservation and habitat enhancements than most other user groups. Look to Mule deer foundation, NWTF and other like organizations.</p>
11/28/2014	<p>This is a great area I have recreated in over the past 25 years and would love to return with my ATV. The laws are confusing and the access seems limited.</p>
11/28/2014	<p>Please open up roads to ORV users and licensed ATV's</p>

11/28/2014	The Teanaway is a beautiful place. The following are important to me: 1) Post signage to better protect the wolves: \$10,000 fine for harming them. 2) By special permit allow limited overnight camping outside the 3 designated areas. REQUIRE evidence of no-trace ethics. 3. Work to restore West Slope Cutthroat in the North Fk (other forks as well). 4. Absolutely no motorized vehicles. 5. Best management practices to preclude overloving the place to death. Permit systems are not a "happy" thing but are better than degradation. Thank you. John Pauli Seattle
11/29/2014	I ask the DNR to include motorized recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest. As planning proceeds for this Community Forest, I support the concept of a well-planned, well-balanced recreational trail system, both motorized and non-motorized, summer and winter.
12/01/2014	Please include motorized recreation in any of your plans. Thanks.
12/02/2014	DIS ;have had the llpleasure of kayaking the Teanaway one time and hope to do it several more. I loved the gentle nature of it and the numerous surf waves. What fun it is. Mike Grijalva
12/03/2014	Please allow motorized ORV use on state lands, especially in the Teanaway Community Forest, as well as all other state lands in, and surrounding, the Cle Elum territory. Allowing motorized ORV use has proven to increase commercial and tax revenues for local and state community(s). I am a COO and CFO of a global company headquartered in the great state of WA, and in this capacity I have access to voting centers of influence spanning multiple forums, and will look favorably on all those that support motorized ORV use on statee lands. Thank you for serving our community, and my best wishes to you. Sincerely, a proud resident of the great state of Washington.
12/03/2014	I would like to see snowmobiling continue to be viable in these areas! Just not on trail, but off trail ass well. It works well in the Naneum Forest. We need to add a non motorized sno park closer to the wilderness, as to lessen skier/snowmobiler conflict!
12/03/2014	I cannot attend the December 4 listening session. I would like to have my comment go on record in absentia. I have strong feelings that allowing wheeled off road vehicles on any of the Teanaway Community Forest will not be a wise choice for managers. It is well documented that the illegal WORV use that has taken place to date has been destructive and has already caused significant damage to the water and wildlife habitat. A strong and well funded law enforcement squad will be needed to accomplish this. Please plan for and mandate funding for that in the management plan. Please hear us. We do NOT want ANY WORV use on the Teanaway Community Forest, and we want FUNDED ENFORCEMENT of that policy.
12/03/2014	Dear Teanaway Committee: My name is Josh Gerak. I am an avid athlete, business owner and recreation advocate. I am the President of the Avanti Race Team, a 100+ member bike race team based in Western Washington. I also own an Adventure Travel business and a Wholesale Distribution company that features Sporting Goods. I am in a unique position to comment on the Committee's plans to utilize the Teanaway Forest for recreation purposes. I have ridden and hiked many of the Teanaway Trails. It is an ideal place to develop mountain bike trails with mixed use with Equestrian, and in some areas, ORV trails. I urge that consideration be given to adding non-motorized trails in the valley that will make it easier for recreationalists to do mountain biking. Many of the trails in the Teanaway area are not suitable for mountain biking. By adding trails that ply the valley, you would find a large number of affluent visitors to the area, such as those from Western Washington. I can not understate the economic impact that you could see. To have a new mountain biking area so close to Western Washington could be huge. Your terrain is ideal for some really good mountain biking / equestrian areas. Just look at the Sun Valley, Methow Valley and Winter Park to see how important mountain biking is the area. If a mountain bike trail system were established in the area, myself and friends would seriously consider buying land and/or a second home. Property values would likely increase in the area as would the tax base. The cost to develop trails would not be exorbitant. There are some excellent organizations that

	can help with this planning. Trails would be easy to put in place since the ground does not have much shrubbery as compared to the west side of the Cascades. A couple parking would need to be developed at trailheads. I would be happy to discuss more of this. Please get in touch with me about this idea. Thanks. - Sincerely, Josh Gerak [REDACTED]
12/03/2014	I would like to express my desire for a series of specific trails developed for non-motorized use. Specifically, I would like to see separate trails developed for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. I think a plan similar to that being planned for the Naneum would work great. I frequently travel to Bend, Oregon for mountain biking. Every weekend I do represents a lost opportunity cost of several hundred dollars for Washington. At 8+% sales tax, that represents a tremendous loss of tax revenue. Developing a network of mountain bike trails in the Teanaway would mean I would stay in state and spend money on lodging and dining. The Teanaway has the potential to be a tremendous 'playground' for us, while still serving its intended purpose of stream and wildlife protection.
12/03/2014	The Upper Kittitas County has a diverse group of land owners both full time and Weekend/part time. The Teanaway is also close enough to the Seattle metropolitan areas that it provides a great opportunity for day use recreation. With more than 52,000 acres of land to work with there is NO excuse to exclude any user groups. Everyone deserves an opportunity and area for recreation in the "Community Forest". If the Advisory Committee is working with the Public to create a management plan for the DNR, it is their Responsibility and Duty to work with all groups without exclusion. New opportunities including but not limited to 2 wheeled off-road bicycles and dirtbikes, hiking trails, equestrian trails, and winter use by xc skiers and snowmobiles. There should also be zero talk of limiting or excluding groups from accessing The National Forests that border the TCF using existing/established trails. If the Advisory Committee wants to exclude groups from the Public land purchased by the DNR using our tax dollars we should consider a new name, at that point it certainly would not be a "Community Forest" that represents the wants and needs of the community as a whole.
12/03/2014	Please consider some family friendly cross country bike trails in your plans. It would be great if camping areas could be included as well.
12/03/2014	Hi, I'd like to see trails available to mountain bikers in this area. If you give them the chance, mountain bikers will build and maintain trails that can be made available to all non-motorized users. a win-win for everybody involved
12/03/2014	Please do not allow OTV's in Teanaway.
12/03/2014	I am a new mountain bike. And as such I have just discovered the Teanaway area this past summer for riding. The country around there is perfect for mountain biking and the area on the West Fork is perfect to develop as a camping area. The chance to bring commerce to the Cle Elum community and recreation possibilities to our region is an opportunity not to be missed. Money spent on this area, tax created or donation, or otherwise, would be money well spent. It is also my opinion that opportunities should be had for human, motorized, and horse powered transportation. We all need to learn to share. Granted there are places that could have the different disciplines separated, both we all need to participate. Thank You.
12/03/2014	Please keep ORVs out of the teanaway. They already have all the Taneum/Manastash/Peoh Point/Elk Heights area. I can't even hike there, so many dirt bikes, constantly whipping around corners. Leave the Teanaway as is, and keep the dirtbikes out of there, please!!!!!! I'd rather have no recreational access at all to that area, over letting the dirtbikes ruin it.
12/03/2014	Hello, Please allow the development of more mountain biking in the Teanaway. There is so much more potential in the Teanaway! I enjoy the area so much, whether I'm mountain biking, trail running, hiking, or fishing. This area offers so much outstanding, diverse terrain and features. I hope the local community will further embrace and share its wealth of great outdoor recreation opportunity (especially mountain biking) with the rest of the state (region). Thanks, Katie Jensen

12/04/2014	Include motorized recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest. Those that don't like the sound of dirtbikes can stay in Seattle or go to the Alpine Lakes.
12/04/2014	As a resident of upper Kittitas county I think motorized recreation should be included in the TCF.
12/04/2014	Emphasis should be placed on non-motorized uses in the Teanaway Community Forest. I would like to see the establishment of significant areas within the forest that are free from motorized use.
12/04/2014	I feel the advisory committee should be disbanded and a new one formed better representing user groups such as the off road community. This whole process has made me sick. Elites from the west side trying to limit ORV recreation on public land. This area is perfect for multi use trails.
12/04/2014	Motorized use of trails prevents enjoyment by others, especially in the late summer when it is dry and dusty. Development of a mountain bike and hiking trail system, with a separate trail network for motorbikes, would be best!
12/04/2014	I'm a strong proponent of designated use trails in Teanaway Forest, especially separating bikes from those on foot as well as horses. Bikes move so quickly that they can startle hikers and horses, in some cases creating a very dangerous situation. The speed differential is never in favor of the pedestrian.
12/04/2014	I would like to see mountain bike specific trail systems.
12/04/2014	re. Wheeled Off-Road Vehicle travel on the forest: After reviewing the guidelines provided by the legislature for management of the TCF, I cannot see how allowing WORV travel could possible be justified. If it is finally decided that WORV travel on the forest will be permitted, it would seem that this travel should be restricted to a very limited system of roads and very tightly controlled and monitored to prevent "poaching" of off-limits terrain, the creation of user-built trails and subsequent resource damage. Of course, since operations of any sort on the TCF are currently and prospectively un-funded, such control and monitoring of WORVs would not be affordable and would not occur. Thus it stands to reason that the most sensible course would be to continue with the complete prohibition of WORV travel at least until such time as a reasonable level of enforcement can be funded. There have been many arguments presented by the WORV "community" in support of allowing motorized travel on the TCF. Most of these, in my opinion, are off the mark, misinformed or pitifully obtuse. While it is stated that motorized travel has been going on for years in the Teanaway, Boise Cascade and, subsequently, AFLC for very good reasons maintained a complete, total closure to motorized travel for at least 25 years. The TCF is not, as claimed by many WORV proponents, DNR "Trust Land" and there is no mandate to accommodate recreation except in so far as it can be made compatible with watershed and habitat conservation. Don't allow the TCF to be loved to death. Just say no to WORV travel.
12/04/2014	I understand there is to be some discussion of whether or not motorized vehicles will be allowed on the trails in Teanaway. Please, please, please do not allow this. Trails in Teanaway are beautiful, and for hiking. Allowing motorized vehicles would disrupt the beauty of these trails with noise pollution as well as increasing the dangers of hikers and motorized vehicles sharing space. Increased trail maintenance would be necessary and costly. There are spaces for motorized vehicles, these trails are for hikers. Please keep it that way.
12/04/2014	Please do not allow off-road motorcycle use in the Teanaway Community Forest. Motorcycles have been banned from most of the area for decades, yet this has not deterred them. Despite legal efforts to prevent their use of the area, especially the lower West Fork Teanaway, the motorcyclists have continued to flaunt their ability to poach these trails at will. They have recently posted letters to local newspaper editors and YouTube videos (TheReamerSteve) boasting of their acknowledged illegal behavior. Please don't allow them legal access, as their past behavior proves they are not good stewards of public or private lands in this area.

12/04/2014	I would like to see increased restrictions on motorized off road vehicles thru out the Teanaway area for both winter and summer use. Many times my experience either on foot or a mountain bike has been greatly diminished due to motorized off road activities. Destruction of the environment, cost and time for trail repair and noise pollution are all major problems that need to be addressed in the Teanaway area.
12/04/2014	I would like to comment on the use of motorized vehicles. One problem with them is the noise. I have property that borders the Teanaway Forest. One of the things I treasure about being at my place is the quiet. There are very few places where all you hear is the birds and the wind in the pines. The quiet is worth protecting. Not only for those people who live in the valley, but also for other visitors and the wildlife. The whine of the motor cycles carries all across the valley when they are on the hills above it.
12/04/2014	I have read the last two months worth of online comments now. Has it now become obvious to the committee who is the primary user group of this land? Nobody loves or cares for this land more than the ORV community. 95+% of the on line comments are pro ORV. 95% of the trail maintenance work for the last 4 decades has been performed by ORV enthusiasts. We love this place and will not stand for a couple bad apples doing bad things back there like "mudding". That will be swiftly stamped out by the majority of us who recognize responsible use is a requirement for access. If this committee ignores the public ground swell for ORV access, I just cannot see how the committee can claim it fulfilled it's duty to provide an impartial recommendation to the DNR and the state. It is very clear who currently uses the land, who the primary user group has been since the 1960s (it's great to see some other old timers like myself chiming in!), who has done most of the maintenance, who has the most interest in continued access (Where are comments from other user groups? Hardly any...), and who cares the most about what the committee is up to. Listen to the public....the public is speaking....and the message is LOUD AND CLEAR!!!!!!!
12/04/2014	This statement by the "Friends of the Teanaway" is completely false: We have watched with great concern the alarming increase in ORV travel on the new community forest and the resulting damage to the land which has occurred since the land was purchased by WA State. Didn't the state just buy it last year? I've ridden it every year for the last 30 years. There have been no changes what so ever to the trails in the last several years. They look the same to me every time I ride them, and I know the whole trail system like the back of my hand. The only damage I have witnessed in the last decade has been from logging operations. Thank goodness we don't have to deal with that anymore. Nope....I think the "Friends of the Teanaway" are spreading false information to push their anti-access agenda. It is blatantly clear who uses the trails the most, who maintains them, and who cares about them the most. All one has to do is read all the posts to this on line comment forum to see the truth of the matter. I don't see any of the off road community lying on these posts....the "Friends of the Teanaway" ought to be ashamed they have to resort to these tactics in an attempt to sway the committee.....shameful and not right! Committee reminder.....community is an inclusive term.
12/04/2014	Why does the ORV community have one committee member (who appeared to be added as an afterthought) when we are by far the primary user group of these lands? You read the input from the public and most of the commentary surrounds the potential exclusion of ORVs and concerns around that issue. I think we need a more balanced committee, maybe one with more local folks. Why are a bunch of these people from the west side? The west side is known to have a liberal bias (read anti access and anti ORV). There are very few riding areas on the west side (that are any good anyhow). These west side liberals have no clue about the off road experience. The primary user group should have better representation (not a knock at all on our one member.....thank you so much for taking this on!).
12/04/2014	I am a mountain biker and would love to see more multi-use trails in the Teanaway drainage that include mountain bike use. This is one of the most beautiful areas in the state and I would love to enjoy it more in more ways. Please consider mountain biking when making decisions on the land and trail use.
12/04/2014	Emphasis should be placed on non-motorized uses in the Teanaway Community Forest. I would like to see the establishment of significant areas within the forest that are free from motorized use. Craig Mabie Cle Elum, WA Seattle, WA [REDACTED]

12/05/2014	I've been hiking in the Tearaway many times over the years and look forward to enjoying the Tearaway Community Forest. I hope that motorized vehicles will either not be allowed or will be minimized.
12/05/2014	I believe that non-motorized uses in the Teanaway Community Forest should be emphasized. Significant areas within the forest that are free from motorized use should be established.
12/05/2014	Please provide a significant amount of area (75+%) to non-motorized recreation - hiking, trail running, mountain biking, and horse use. Of these areas, ideally some trails that are hiker & horse only, and others that are shared between mountain bike, hiker, and horse. Use biological science in land resource-based decisions. Sensitive, threatened, or endangered wildlife must have priority protection and habitat stewardship.
12/05/2014	Please continue to develop family friendly biking and hiking trails. Our family loves to travel throughout WA to enjoy outdoor activities. Teanaway is such a lovely place we would love to come and explore more with some additional, or enhanced, trail mileage. Thank you
12/05/2014	I do not see the case for non-winter motorized recreation in the Teanaway, as the area was protected specifically to protect the headwaters of the Yakima. The only roads that should be maintained in the area are those that avoid impact to riparian areas, and access as needed for low-impact recreation and land management. Others should be restored, as should the illegally created motorized trails on the landscape. There are many opportunities for motorized recreation nearby in the Naneum, Colockum, Liberty area, Manastash, and Little Naches. There are even trails in the Teanaway on Forest Service land. These acres of the community forest were not purchased to expand those opportunities, they were purchased to protect water. That is the primary responsibility, and all actions in the management plan and to start as soon as possible should be geared at that focus. Restore the watershed to hold more water and increase water quality.
12/07/2014	I represent a member of the local hiking and horseback riding community. I enjoy recreating in the teanaway regularly and I would like to see this area continue to be as peaceful and quiet as it has been without off road vehicles. I think it's important to preserve this area and keep it as pristine as possible. We need to conserve this forest and provide sufficient habitat for our wildlife and fish and hikers and horseback riders. Thank you for considering my requests as a local frequent user of the teanaway.
12/07/2014	Please prohibit all motorized vehicles
12/07/2014	I love driving over the mountains from Seattle to mountain bike in the Teanaway area. More year round opportunities to enjoy the area would be fantastic. Multi-use trails are a great way to get all types of outdoor enthusiast to enjoy the area.
12/07/2014	I use the Teanaway forest for recreational hiking and camping.
12/08/2014	Due to my work schedule, I will be unable to make the 5pm comment time. Therefore, I would like to share with the committee how much as horseback riders, my family and I enjoy the Teanaway riding areas. We have ridden throughout the mountains here for more than 35 years and look forward to another 30. Our biggest concern is if ORV's are allowed in areas that are currently restricted. We already share some of the high country riding with motorcycles. 99.9% of those folks are courteous and make great effort to move to a safe spot to allow our horses to pass. Though they stop and turn off engines, it is a dangerous moment for horses. So many of the trails would be compromised with additional ORV traffic. Beautiful areas would become rutted and impassable to horses. You'll find damage from ORV's throughout our mountains, not only in the Teanaway but in the Haney Meadow and Lions Rock trails and back roads. Deep groves so V'd that on a narrow trail it becomes impossible for livestock passage and difficult for hikers. My family and I believe that there is sufficient access at this time for ORV riding and that the current restrictions and rules should stay the

	<p>same. Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinions. The committee is working hard and all of us that partake of the Teanaway beauty and remote locations appreciate your time and effort. Sincerely, Laurie Tarbuck</p>
12/08/2014	<p>One final comment: I do not believe that the area for motorbikes in the Teanaway area should be changed. Just take a ride on horseback through areas that they have access to and see the trail damage that has occurred. And on a final note, I do not believe that the Motorcycle Association from Ohio should have any input on trail access for ORV's in any portion of Washington State. This is our state, not theirs. Our woods, not theirs. Laurie Tarbuck</p>
12/09/2014	<p>Would like to express how important it is to everyone that the old phrase "together we're better" applies in the Teanaway forest debate. Many of us live and spend lots of money for outdoor recreation. Why is everyone regarding land use picking sides as if just one individual owns the property? Its as if you are a bunch of inner city gangs marking your territory. There is and has been room for everyone to enjoy the Teanaway without harming the creeks and streams. We do our best to watch out for and reprogram the one per-centers. I do a little of everything. Hike, boat, Mt. bike, dirt bikes, snowmobile, hunt, fish and horse back when available. No one is in a position to say, "it's all about me". If you are, you are selfish and you have no place in the Teanaway COMMUNITY / PUBLIC forest. Again, "together we are better" and solutions are resolved with the idea that EVERYONE gets to play. So please when we are working to come up with solutions keep every occupation in mind not a select few. We all pretty much paid for this land and we all need to be apart of its outcome so we and generations to follow can smile regarding the results. Thank you, Mike Friday</p>
12/09/2014	<p>The comments to the Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee should be counted and categorized. Currently they are in a list form and I don't believe this format accurately displays the nature of the feedback given. If comments are listed in categories and counted I believe it will show greater transparency by the committee. For example 200 comments about ORV recreation 100 for Multi use 200 want better bathrooms in the campgrounds 100 comments about horseback etc.</p>
12/09/2014	<p>Washington badly needs more public recreational areas for ORV use. Every weekend families travel to central Washington to ride single track. There is a lot of pressure on areas like the Taneum. Adding more miles in the Teanaway will create more places to ride and better dispersion for users. This is better for the trails and users alike. The Teanaway community forest is the ideal location to create dispersed trail miles. The mellow lowland topography lends itself to easy trail construction and less difficult trails. I recommend interconnecting the campgrounds and providing connection trails to the national forest trails. At least some of the trails should be designed for novice and younger riders. Trails should be designed to keep speeds low and smiles big. This can be done by working with the existing trail systems in place. Teanaway campground is an excellent campground to have a staging area for ORV at or near. I recommend having trails that go to interesting rock formations near Teanaway camp and out to the national forest trail heads of Miller Bear, West Fork, Middle Fork and Yellow Hill. I also think that there should be legal connections to the towns of Roslyn and Cle Elum. Please look at the best interest of the ORV families of Washington and help create a world class recreational area that families can enjoy.</p>
12/09/2014	<p>Washington State Department of Natural Resources Teanaway Community Forest Committee Dear Sirs: The Kittitas Audubon Society wishes to communicate its concern that the Teanaway Community Forest remain as close to its current state as possible. We feel that increased use of motorized recreation—trail bike, ATV and snowmobile—would seriously compromise the value of the community forest as a wildlife refuge. While is not designated as a wildlife refuge, it is a de facto refuge for an array of wildlife including wintering deer and elk and a host of birds. It has many unique attributes like its south facing slope, connectivity of lower and higher elevations and natural cover. The National Audubon Society has begun a massive educational effort on the plight of birds under global climate change. They draw data from 100 years of the Christmas Bird Count and have a list of at-risk species, many of which, like the Ruffed Grouse, inhabit the Teanaway. One of the important countermeasures outlined by the Audubon report is the use of quality habitat, like the Teanaway, with a range of altitudes. The rationale here is that climate-stressed birds can migrate upslope and buy time to adapt to the environmental changes. We see the addition of motorized disturbance</p>

	compromising this situation. We hope you will consider our concerns and would happily send a delegation to further discuss it with you. James N. Briggs, Secretary Kittitas Audubon
12/09/2014	Ah dang, wrong link! The Teanaway is a great recreational plan too, but I'm not prepared to make comments yet. ;-)
12/10/2014	I would love to have more singletrack mountain bike trails in this area. If there were more established singletrack trails to ride, I would come over from Seattle frequently. It would be really great to have some "dry side" trails to ride that are easy to get to from Seattle (similar to Hood River from Portland).

Goal 4 Conserve and restore vital habitat for fish, including steelhead, spring chinook, and bull trout, and wildlife, including deer, elk, large predators, and spotted owls; and TOTAL 11

11/15/2014	I would prefer to see restoration and preservation activities occur in the teanaway. It provides important and very valuable natural resources including water to our valley. The fish are very important and should be protected. Please do not turn this area into a motorized use area and please close roads and restore the hydrologic processes which are so important. We know this area is important please protect it rather than use it up. You can not truly utilize and conserve /protect at the same time. Don't kid yourselves if you think you can.
11/21/2014	I was informed there is an open house for the public to provide comment on the Teanaway Plan on December 4th, but I am unable to attend so I'm hoping these comments are considered. I value the Teanaway value and was thrilled to hear of the conservation of these lands to prevent development in this area! Things I've been waiting to learn about regarding the management of this area include how actions can help restore these previously private logging lands to ensure that we improve the natural water storage and health of our watershed. That is my understanding as the primary driver of the reason these lands were protected but I'm also aware from walking into these lands over the years that there are many roads in all sorts of conditions, user created motorized trails, and need for restoration of native plants and forest structure. I heard that wildlife have benefited greatly in the past from the closure to public use of many of the roads on these lands, and I do not want to see them opened to public use and recreation so that this area becomes another Manastash, Swauk, and Little Naches where it is hard on any summer day to find a quiet place. I would like to see a list of priority restoration that will occur BEFORE any other things are invested in so that the primary issue of increasing watershed health is addressed. Then, I'd like to see a plan to continue providing wildlife habitat and increasing that on these public lands in addition to a balanced plan that will provide a balance of recreation uses including quiet hiking opportunities. I do not wish to see any of the motorized use in this landscape add to the motorized use of the West and North Fork Teanaways on national forest lands. I would like to see more opportunities for solitude, wildlife viewing, and hiking in compliment to national forest lands but in the front country of the the new Community Forest. I do live in Seattle, but visit this area often and pay taxes that contribute to these STATE lands. Bottom line for the management plan is to FIX IT FIRST by outlining the key restoration needed to meet the intent for protecting these lands, then outline how a balanced plan is presented that provides for protection and increase in natural resource values as well as a spectrum of recreation opportunities and future forestry. Public lands do not have to be all things to all people, and I've read how hard it is for the state to close or change one road or trail once it is open on state lands in Kittitas County. So I urge you to set a vision out first based on science and thinking of the natural resources.

11/22/2014	<p>Priorities for me as the management plan is addressed is maintaining secure habitat for elk on the Teanaway Ridge by keeping the public off of the roads that run up Dickey Creek and others onto the ridge. This area is great to hike into during the spring and summer, and view wildlife and scout for hunting season. If the road is needed for management of the land, keep it gated and closed to motorized use until winter. This is also a great time to address the mess of the free 29 Pines campground, potentially by establishing a fee in that area. Thank you.</p>
11/22/2014	<p>We walked off the North Fork road east to the Teanaway Ridge. It was Spring and one of the most diversified bird watching areas I have been in in Wa. State. And added treated was hearing wolves howling in the distance, /what a beautiful lpristine area. Lets keep it part of a natural scene. I like to walk but wouldn't mind mountain bikes, gentle horses or other non motorized notions would be ok with me.</p>
11/22/2014	<p>My family and I have walked the Teanaway area on a few occasions and plan to again. We love the animal and bird life there. Once we walked and saw turkey, a few deer and heard wolves. We ran into a few other hikers but didn't have to worry about cars or motorized vehicles. I hope the area can stay free of loud engines such as from atv's, motor bikes, or snow machines.Thanks for listening. Kitty Schiltz</p>
11/24/2014	<p>My involvement: I have been using the Teanaway for almost 50 years. I helped draft the legislation creating the Alpine Lakes Management Unit that adjoins the Teanaway Community Forest. I served several years on the State Forest Practices Board. I am the author of books on the Alpine Lakes and recovery of grizzly bears under the Endangered Species Act. My views: Management of the Teanaway Community Forest requires a balancing act. RCW 90.38.130 directs that you maintain a working forest and grazing rights, that you maintain and possibly expand recreation, and that you conserve and restore fish and wildlife habitat. The forms of recreation listed in the statue are hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, camping, birding, and snowmobiling. The statute does not include other forms of motorized recreation, such as off-road vehicles, or ORVs. The Cascade range has few places with the outstanding qualities of the Teanaway Forest -- south-facing, low elevation natural cover, free of development, adjoining higher elevation old growth forest in the Alpine Lakes. As a result, the Teanaway provides outstanding winter and spring range for elk, deer, and other wildlife. This is a rarity. The only recreation activity recognized under the statue that poses any potential conflict with wildlife is snowmobiling. I urge that you tilt the wildlife-snowmobile balance as much as possible in favor of wildlife. Snowmobiles can go many other places in winter, but wildlife has few other options. You should not allow other form of ORV use in the Teanaway. ORV use is not recognized under the statue, has never been a lawful use of the Forest, and ORVs would conflict with your obligation to "conserve and restore" fish and wildlife habitat. David Knibb [REDACTED]</p>
11/28/2014	<p>I and my family have enjoyed the Teanaway area since 1952. Relatives owned orchards in Tieton, and thus utilized its waters, as well as polluted the orchard runoff until 1980's when they stopped waxing their products. Anything which can be done to improve the environment of that lovely drainage is well worth doing. And the Forest's service to its wild inhabitants needs to be enhanced, so that movement between the adjacent riparian and old growth areas is encouraged. That makes for a healthier population of wildlife. I'm so glad this planning is proceeding!</p>

11/28/2014	Thank you for protecting the TCF for the future generations. I highly value this beautiful forest and the clean waters it supplies. Please continue to provide camping and recreation opportunities that are in sync with an increasingly healthy and diverse TCF.
11/28/2014	I am excited that the Teanaway Community Forest acquisition furthers the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan and will improve extremely needed wildlife corridors. However, I am concerned about the state of the landscape and habitats after decades of unregulated motor vehicle use. I urge you to enact strong restrictions about motor vehicle use and to reduce the number of roads through the area to departmental fire roads only.
12/04/2014	I'm very pleased with the Community Forest designation of the new public land in the Teanaway area. I would like to see ecosystem restoration and resiliency including wildlife conservation lead the list of priorities with recreational opportunities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, kayaking, horseback riding built into the forest's purpose. When planning out the forest, please consider looking at the bigger picture and how the Teanaway Forest fits into that picture - water, proximity to Alpine Lakes Wilderness and the Stuart Range, etc. Finally, please continue to listen to the voice of those who frequent the area, and those that live nearby. Thank you for your consideration.
12/05/2014	The Teanaway Community Forest should be managed primarily to restore and enhance the critical wildlife and ecosystems the area supports. Recreational opportunities should also be taken into account. However, unregulated or loosely regulated use of motorized vehicles like ATVs and snowmobiles has the potential to spoil hunting, hiking, fishing, wildlife and bird watching, and other recreational activities for the rest of us; not to mention the detrimental impact on wildlife and habitat. The area's strategic location for habitat connectivity for many wildlife species should be considered while looking at management. Road density should be decreased wherever possible and riparian and old forest habitats should be restored. Protecting the ecology of the watershed for fish, wildlife, and people should be the main focus of management. Thank you.

Goal 5 Support a strong community partnership in which the Yakama Nation, residents, business owners, local governments, conservation groups and others provide advice about ongoing land management.