

# Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting–6/12/2014 Public Comments

Verbal Comments received during the meeting:

- Shawn Clark from East Wenatchee is a recreational user in the Teanaway. He would like to make sure that the process supports all different types of use in the forest. He wants to volunteer to do work in the forest. He saw this process and wanted to get involved in the discussion. The off road users have been using the land and want to continue using it where possible. People who do off road riding are volunteer oriented and want to help with projects in the forest. This can be a benefit for the forest.

Online/Written Comments Received:

122 public comments were received since the last advisory committee meeting primarily addressing ATV/ORV usage on the forest. One additional comment on kayaking and one on forest health were also received. Additionally a report by a CWU college student with proposed policy recommendations was received. The comments and paper follow in their entirety.

06/02/2014	I would like to see motorized recreation trails in the community forest, specifically for motorcycles. There is a large demand for this type of trail and a constantly declining amount of trails available. Off-road motorcycle clubs have a long history of participating in cooperative trail maintenance, and would likely provide much of the labor needed for maintaining the trails.
06/02/2014	Much of the TCF is surrounded by private land/farms. What used to be access is currently posted as "Closed/No trespassing"...Hopefully, your team can work to open access. I have heard the term "Illegal trails" many times I have I read notes from the Advisory Committee. I feel that is not a proper term. So of these trails date back to the 1800's as access to coal mine. Some of the local senior Cle Elum generation talks of walking those trails in the 1930's and 1940' to work the hay fields in the Teanaway. Before large timber companies about the land, these trails were used for local recreation: Horseback riding, hunting, fishing, hike, motorcycles, etc. Long after most of these trails were established, Timber companies restricted access. That action does not. Most were existing trails that had their use restricted by the Landowner at that time.
06/02/2014	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the TCF and recreational opportunities there. I am a firm believer in providing multi use opportunities for recreation on forest lands. As a

	<p>hiker, I appreciate the hundreds of miles of trails available in the State and National forests, including the climax scenic vistas of our wilderness and roadless areas. As a mountain bike and motorcyclist, the opportunities for obtaining similar vistas are far less available. The Teanaway country is well-suited to motorized forest use on an appropriate seasonal basis to maintain trail stability and avoid forest fire dangers. Any plans for recreation in the TCF should include appropriate use by two and four wheeled off road vehicles.</p>
06/02/2014	Please allow 2 wheel motorized recreation in the TCF.
06/02/2014	Please consider opening the land to motorized recreation. Our street-legal off-road motorcycles are the principal way that my family enjoys WA's forests. I regularly travel from Seattle to areas with ride-able unpaved roads, and especially those that have trail systems available. I patronize the local towns when nearby and often discover other things in the area while motorcycling, and spread the info to those I know. It would be a shame to waste the existing roads and trails, or the opportunity to allow the off-road community to improve or construct new trails in a shared forest. Thank you.
06/03/2014	I would urge you to please add street-legal motorized and ORV use to your plans
06/03/2014	It would be nice to have more ORV trails available in the area. Particularly single track trails. I think this new land would be a great opportunity for this.
06/03/2014	I welcome all activities to be represented in the new program.
06/03/2014	I am in my 70's and live in Cle Elum. I would like to see multiple use trails in this area, to lessen the impact motorized use has on the Taneum/Naches multiple use area. I ride motorcycles in all the multiple use areas in Washington state, and have for many years, and have seen the legal opportunities shrink dramatically, creating increased use on the remaining trails. I feel that the hikers and horse riders have plenty of trails available already, and the mountain bikers and dirt bikers desperately need more trail miles to enjoy. I see the Teanaway area as a perfect opportunity to add multiple use trails to the existing network.
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06/03/2014	As responsible, family oriented, motorcycle rider I would love to be able to ride the roads and trails in the new area. State lands should be open to all users. The conditions of the area surrounding the new community forest show that the trails will be suitable for orv, and the roads are stable for vehicle use.
06/03/2014	Would enjoy this area to be open to motorized (specifically motorcycles) use with accommodating and minimally impacting single track to be shared with mountain bikers.
06/03/2014	Hello. I would like to see single track trails that are open to ORV use. Too much has been lost and the need for opportunities is increasing.
06/03/2014	I would like to see the TCF open to all recreational users. I do support having designated trails for certain activities, but I am concerned that ORV users are underrepresented on the committee and often demonized by the other user groups. Motorized access should be equal to that of hikers, bikers and horseback riders. If trail damage is a concern I am

	certain that with some organization and advertising you will find more than enough volunteers to maintain/repair trails.
06/03/2014	Please maintain multiple use on these parcels of land. Multiple uses benefits the most taxpayers and can be harmonious with any environmental goals with active management that is implemented without agendas to remove certain types of existing usage.
06/03/2014	I would like to see responsible managed ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest. I have been riding motorcycles since I was a teen (I am now 52) and started riding with my family and this continues to be one of the best family oriented activities available to get kids outside and off the couch.
06/03/2014	Increased motorized access
06/04/2014	I would like more off road vehicle riding available. The users in the off road vehicle community have proven to be good stewards in helping forest managers maintain trails and signage. In addition the user group provides an economic benefit to the surrounding community by purchasing food, fuels, and parts from local retailers.
06/04/2014	To whom it may concern: I love the Teanaway system. One of my favorites of any camping, hiking, biking, sledding adventure I partake in. I am writing today to express my hope and desire to keep ORV access open. Trail riding with a dual sport dirt bike is a passion in my family and we want to keep access to the Teanaway system. I have many friends that feel the same way and all of us are responsible riders that do not litter, ride off trail, or damage the Teanaway area. Whenever I commute to the area from Marysville, WA we always spend our hard earned dollars supporting the local business (food, gas, etc.). Please keep this area open to dirt biking, jeeps, mountain bikes, hikes, sleds...all of it! Most importantly I wanted to speak up on behalf of dirt bikers as we are a smaller user group without a well-organized infrastructure to communicate to the government effectively. I would be happy to provide pictures and more details if needed. Thank you!
06/04/2014	As an outdoor recreationalist that hikes, bikes, camps, fishes, rides trail motorcycles and snowmobiles I appreciate the opportunity to express my interests and concerns in the TCF planning process. From what I gather the current recreation plan does not include any motorized trails or access, a detail that surprised me due to the large economic impact these forms of recreation currently have on this portion of the state. It also surprised me as this is a community forest so limiting out certain user groups seems to contradict the sentiment of the project. I think that further review should be given to why the OHV community is not getting their "fair share" of trails and how this could be remedied. I think it's important to note that OHVs are well known for their volunteer support to maintain areas and trails as part of clubs and work parties. It is also worth mentioning that they are also the only group paying user fees for their direct access into the trails via OHV tabs and gas taxes (not parking access via a discover pass, forest pass, etc...).
06/04/2014	It's vitally important that ALL existing recreational uses in the forest continue while this plan is developed, and also after. The makeup of the committee does not appear to be a balanced mix of user groups.
06/04/2014	Please allow ORV access to the area. WA has lost a number of riding areas, making the ones we have more crowded. Quads, motorcycles, mountain bikes, hikers can all co-exist peacefully on the same land. Horses, too... but they are a little special since they can spook.
06/04/2014	I have been cutting out and maintaining trails in the Teanaway trail system for the last 5 years. I do this by carrying chainsaws and trail tools from my motorcycle. Please keep this

	area open to motorcycle use. This is my favorite area in Washington to ride.
06/04/2014	It is important to consider including off-road motorcycles in the list of approved trail users within the TCF. Over the last 30 years or so many of the formerly motorized trails in the north end of the Teanaway drainage have been closed to motorized use. The non-motorized trail mileage now exceeds the motorized mileage. We need to keep or try to restore a balance in recreational access. The TCF has a great opportunity to provide greater recreational access to off-road motorcycles on single-track trail. The terrain and soil conditions in the area are very compatible with ORV use. Please note that motorcycle riders are a very dedicated group who provide many man-hours each year doing volunteer trail work such as clearing winter windfalls throughout the region.
06/04/2014	I have enjoyed operating OHVs in this general part of the state for years and would like to continue to have areas to bring my family to in the future to ride dirt bikes, dual sport bikes and ATVs.
06/05/2014	Hi there, I'm an avid off-road motorcycle enthusiast. During the summer months I spend a lot of time clearing, maintaining, and riding trails in the Taneum and Teanaway trail networks. During recent years some of these trails have been receiving more use than I would like to see due to other areas closing trail systems to motorcycles. This is the exact opposite of what we need. More miles mean more dispersion which leads to lower impact for each individual trail. If I purchase fuel and meals in Cle Elum on almost every weekend I ride there or further east. I think the town could see an even larger economic boon due to motorcycle tourism if more trails were opened and this area became more of a destination for riding holidays. Thank you for considering my input for the upcoming management plan. Stephen Schroeder schrode50@gmail.com
06/05/2014	My wish is that 2 wheeled ORV trails remain available in the TCF. A multiuse trail system has existed for decades. Please ensure future generations access to the forest with their dirt bikes with multiuse trails. Thank you, Kevin (I spent almost every 3-day weekend camping out there) Dahlen :)
06/05/2014	Please include ORV riding in your plans
06/05/2014	Gentlemen, Please be advised that as an avid ORV user I support and maintain some of those trails and support the local business surrounding the area in terms of dollars spent. I would appreciate it if you would take that into account when planning any future use of the area. Thank you for your understanding Robert A James purch/inv mgr Allsop Inc
06/05/2014	My family and I have been coming to the Cle Elum area for 3 decades to recreate in the forest with our motorized dirt bikes. We used to have access from town into the Teanaway system until the early nineties and we would like to reestablish that access and continue orv use in the Teanaway forest plan.
06/05/2014	Hello. As a home owner in the Ronald area, my family and I regularly visit and enjoy the Teanaway. We do this primarily with recreational vehicles and would really be disappointed to see the beautiful area closed to motor vehicle use. We are respectful stewards of the forest and I would hope you would help to keep it open to everyone. Thank you.
06/05/2014	Please continue to allow motorized access to the single track trails in the area ... they're a great resource and the motorized users carry chainsaws in the spring to help re open the trails every year
06/05/2014	The community forest shall include all uses, including ATV/motorized vehicles.
06/05/2014	Hello, I and my family have been enjoying the Teanaway area for many years. We are avid single track motorcycle users and participate every year with trail clearing. Please keep

	our access open. This is a very technical area for motorcycles and by that alone keeps it somewhat secluded. Thanks. Dave L.
06/05/2014	Please allow single-track motorcycle trail riding in this area. It has been used for this in the past and our off-road community would love to keep it open for this. Allowing us to visit and spend time in the surrounding communities, and local businesses is an added benefit. Thank you for your consideration.
06/06/2014	Please keep the ORV trails open in the Teanaway Community Forrest. These trails are important to my family. We love to camp and ride motorcycles together. Our hobbies all have a mechanical nature. We are "gear heads" and we like to combine this disposition with our love of the outdoors, camping, nature, sports and being with each other. This type of recreation develops my boy's mechanical aptitude, gives them discipline, attention to detail, patience, and the ability to work together and on the athletic side builds their strength, coordination and aerobic conditioning. Please explain to critics of ORV recreation that we respect their opinions and personal choices but that there is much more to ORV use than meets the eye. Very Respectfully, Curtis Brown
06/06/2014	Please keep the Teanaway open to orv, it's the best place to ride in Washington state, I've ridden it for years with friends and family. Also it connects other popular areas together and has amazing scenery.
06/06/2014	Please continue to allow motorcycle riding in the Teanaway area.
06/06/2014	Teanaway Community Forest Public Comment
06/06/2014	I ride my dirt bike (ORV) along with my young sons in the TCF. It is a wonderful resource that is currently enjoyed by other adventurers who ride mountain bikes, snow mobiles, etc. Although ORV riders have responsibly maintained many of the trails, we have always welcomed all the other communities. ORV riders live in all the communities surrounding the TCF, we all want to see the TCF responsibly used. The ORV riders I know are responsible stewards of the TCF, ORV use should be included in the Interim Recreation Plan. ORV riders also provide significant economic benefits to the local communities surrounding the TCF. On many days, ORV riders can be seen in the stores and renting houses/cabins in the area. Thank you for your consideration.
06/06/2014	As a member of the local community I ask you to please allow ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest. As a community forest I feel this area should be open to all community members including ORV users and believe a responsible management plan can be created that does not exclude ORV use. We have been given an amazing opportunity to make upper county an even better place to live and somewhere where others can come enjoy all forms of outdoor recreation. I urge you to pioneer a management plan for community forests that is fair to all user groups and maintains responsible ORV access to the beautiful land our community now owns.
06/06/2014	It would be a shame to lose the great ORV riding at Teanaway Community Forest.
06/06/2014	Please keep the area open as it is very important to us! We are responsible users of recreational land and work hard with the community to preserve it such a way that is beneficial to all parties involved.
06/07/2014	I want multi use. We've been able to ride dirt motorcycles (not as invasive as 4x4's) for 40yrs there and want to keep that up.
06/07/2014	Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee, I'm taking this survey in support of allowing off road motorcycling continuing in the Teanaway area. The sport of off road motorcycling is one of the best family based activities. It really does bring families together and keeps our youth engaged in positive activities. The Teanaway area has been

	and should remain to be a great place to go off road riding and camping. Off road riders also provide a good source of income for the government in the form of ORV tags and the surrounding communities. Please support ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest. It truly is a win win for the government, for the community and the off road enthusiast. Ron Wallace
06/07/2014	Please vote to retain the existing OHV trails and area for this recreational opportunity. The Teanaway area has been an extremely wonderful area with is well established trails and routes for numerous decades. I have made numerous memorable trips to this area during the 70's and now in the present. I would love to continue to recreate as an OHV and a road legal motorcycle operator throughout this area for years to come. This is such a precious area, with its terrain variations and challenges, that it would really be wonderful to see an expansion of the trails to provide complete trail looping without so much road riding rather than talks of reducing and restricting access for the OHV recreational community.
06/07/2014	Please vote to retain the existing OHV trails for this recreational area and possibly expanding them. This is an area where friends and family have been riding and respecting the environment for decades.
06/07/2014	I would very much like to see ORV recreation continue in the Teanaway Com. Forest, for our youngsters, and the young at heart. - Peg C.
06/07/2014	Please vote to retain the existing OHV trails and area for this recreational opportunity. The Teanaway area has been an extremely wonderful area with is well established trails and routes for numerous decades. I have made numerous memorable trips to this area during the 70's and now in the present. I would love to continue to recreate as an OHV and a road legal motorcycle operator throughout this area for years to come. This is such a precious area, with its terrain variations and challenges, that it would really be wonderful to see an expansion of the trails to provide complete trail looping without so much road riding rather than talks of reducing and restricting access for the OHV recreational community.
06/07/2014	Keep ORV access to the forest.
06/07/2014	I urge you to allow ORV riding at Teanaway. There are a large and growing number of riders who want to continue riding there.
06/07/2014	Please provide access to the public on public land. I as well as many others would like to continue using and have more access to the new public land area in the Teanaway I support multi use trails and campgrounds that allow opportunities for ORV hiking horseback and mountain biking.
06/07/2014	I've been using the Teanaway for years with my family to hike, bike and ride motorcycles, it would be a hardship on my family not to be able to continue to use and enjoy this great forest! Howard Hale
06/07/2014	Hi. I have been doing dirt bike/enduro in this area for a long time and I would hate to see it go. Please keep a section ORV ready for those of us that enjoy it. Thanks in advance for your considerations. JM
06/07/2014	Please keep it open. More and more area is being taken away from the orv community. It won't be available for my kids to enjoy!
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06/07/2014	I want ORV riding in the Teanaway Community Forest,
06/07/2014	Please include ORV riding in the Teanaway Community Forest plan.

06/07/2014	ORV motorcycle riding is the reason I go to Teanaway and hope it stays open for this.
06/07/2014	Not quite sure of the boundaries, but urge you to keep OHVs in mind as the general area is popular with motorcyclists and ATVers.
06/07/2014	To: Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee. I am 64 years old and enjoy riding on forest logging roads in the Teanaway Community Forest. I have participated in clean-up efforts in the 29 pines campground in an effort to show that volunteers are active in taking care of this forest. It is important for us folks as responsible citizens and tax payers that we have a recreation area that is not off limits to riding motorcycles. Please take this into consideration when making a decision about this resource. Sincerely, Jerry Edrington Kent, Wa.
06/07/2014	Please respectfully continue a longstanding tradition of shared use in Teanaway Forest. OHV and specifically motorcycle access has a history of producing community access with mutual respect for a diverse set of users. Motorcycle use is largely non-destructive and helps keep trails well defined with clear tracks. Additionally, motorcycle users often help proactively maintain trails. Removing shared access shames a past-use policy that highlights the spirit of community diversity. Respectfully, Brad Mead (A conscientious land user)
06/07/2014	I want to show my support for ORV recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest. In the last 10 years since I have been enjoying the hobby, I have noticed more roads being gated, and areas closed off. I was reading your fact sheets and found mention of ORVs opportunities. Unfortunately I wasn't able to find any more information on where riding is permitted, only generic where riding is not permitted. I'm confused, I have a feeling this would lead to me being somewhere I'm not supposed to. I really like the way Tahuya is managed. There is a map online, and maps on premises showing routes that ORV's are allowed. I would like to ride responsibly but I find it hard when there is very little information. Thank you Michael Riedel
06/07/2014	please keep trails open to orv's
06/07/2014	Please lets keep ORV riding in Teanaway area. I have rode there for over 40 years
06/07/2014	We continue to lose more of our ORV riding areas, do not take away another ORV area from us citizens.
06/07/2014	Hello I am contacting you today to comment on ORV riding in the Teanaway Community Forest. This has been a 40 year tradition and I wish it to continue so I urge you to consider adding ORV privileges to the Interim Recreation Plan, and then to the permanent plan. Thank you for your time!
06/07/2014	My family and I all enjoy riding dirt bikes and would ask that you kindly reconsider your position on not allowing dirt bikes to ride in the forest. We have had the privilege of riding in these forests for many years and a lot of the trails are there because of the motorbikes, it is a very family friendly activity and one that I would like to continue doing with my family. Please consider allowing dirt bikes in the forest. Regards. Gary
06/07/2014	ORV activities should be included in the recreational plan.
06/07/2014	Please listen to users like myself to keep ORV riding available in the Teanaway Community Forest. The Interim Recreation Plan needs members of the ORV community included.
06/07/2014	Please allow OHV in the first area.
06/07/2014	Please continue to support the ORV community. Many families recreation and businesses are counting on you. Thanks Darin Blomquist
06/07/2014	Please continue to allow ORV riding. The ORV community helped with many of the trails. Motorized vehicles are the only practical way to get deep into the area and the only

	chance those of us without the stamina or free time have to explore a lot of area in a relatively short time.
06/07/2014	I am a new dirt rider, just got my bike registered and ORV tabs. There are not a lot of places to ride OHVs around the Seattle Tacoma area. I would like to see the responsible use of OHVs continue in the Teanaway forest area. Sincerely, Shaun Edwards
06/07/2014	Please keep this area open to ORV riding.
06/07/2014	Please keep the current ORV trails open. These trails are a great family resource and provide a way for everyone to enjoy the forests.
06/07/2014	Please consider maintaining the established ORV trails. Les Leonard Lynnwood
06/07/2014	Please continue to allow for ORV in the forest.
06/08/2014	Would love to see some more orv and combined use trails! The Teanaway is an amazing area with limited moto terrain; this seems like the perfect area to expand the trails in that area!
06/08/2014	I hope ORV access in Teanaway area will be expanded.
06/08/2014	Teanaway Community Forest What is a community? A social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage. A group of men or women leading a common life according to a rule. To exclude motorized use on these public lands that the COMMUNITIES of Roslyn and Ronald have been using for motorized recreation on for over 40 years both winter and summer is just not right. To deny motorized recreation in this public forest would also stop motorized access to some of the USFS trail heads that are currently used to make loops or for emergency exits from USFS land. ORV and Snowmobile use is of great economic value to these COMMUNITIES and is one of the main reasons a lot of people have bought vacation properties in this area and also may not be aware of the fact that there form of motorized recreation is at risk. This is a COMMUNITY forest therefor the motorized part of this COMMUNITY should not be locked out of this forest it should remain open to all users as has in the past.
06/08/2014	We need to continue to allow ORV usage in the Teanaway Community Forest This should remain a multi-use site and that should include ORV's ORV operators built this system, it would be wrong to exclude them as a user group
06/08/2014	I LOVE riding my dirt bike in Teanaway forest and invest in the local community with fuel and restaurant purchases
06/09/2014	Motorcycle use needs to be included in this plan.
06/09/2014	Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee, I want to express strong support to retain all existing OHV trails and roads within the Teanaway area. This area has been used for decades and should remain open for use. It provides various difficulty of terrain that appeal to many riders. I think the DNR realizes how important multiple use is and how all users contribute to our economy. Please keep this area open to OHV use.
06/09/2014	Having orv access would be awesome lets have a trail for everyone to enjoy
06/09/2014	Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee, I'm taking this survey in support of allowing off road motorcycling to continue in the Teanaway area. The sport of off road motorcycling is one of the best family based activities. It really does bring families together and keeps our youth engaged in positive activities. The Teanaway area has been and should remain to be a great place to go off road riding and camping. Off road riders also provide a good source of income for the government in the form of ORV tags and the surrounding communities. Please support ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest. It truly is a win win win for the government, for the community and the off road

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06/09/2014	Teaway Community Forest Advisory Committee, I'm taking this survey in support of allowing off road motorcycling to continue in the Teaway area. The sport of off road motorcycling is one of the best family based activities. It really does bring families together and keeps our youth engaged in positive activities. The Teaway area has been and should remain to be a great place to go off road riding and camping. Off road riders also provide a good source of income for the government in the form of ORV tags and the surrounding communities. Please support ORV use in the Teaway Community Forest. It truly is a win win win for the government, for the community and the off road enthusiast.
06/09/2014	It is important to keep off-road riding safe and legal. Please keep the ORV riding area at Teaway for me, my friends, and my children.
06/09/2014	I would like to see existing motorized and multiple use trail stay open and usable by all recreation groups.
06/09/2014	The Teaway forest area has been a place of joy and enjoyment for me and my family for many, many years now while trail riding with my family and friends and camping at several different places. It is truly a forest jewel for all of us to enjoy, not just some who feel their way of travel is above others. In other words, just because walkers and hikers sometimes feel like elitist doesn't mean that they are. This area should be open to be enjoyed by all, hikers, cyclist, and motorcyclist. Please remember these trails are just a very small little ribbon through the forest and their use by any and all really has such a tiny, tiny bit of impact on the overall forest such that it is unmeasurable. Please keep the Teaway forest trails open to motorcyclist for trail riding for my family and friends. Thank You. William Mauerman Olympia, Wa.
06/09/2014	I would like to keep orv riding in Teaway community forest
06/09/2014	Yes open riding to atv
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06/09/2014	Please consider ATV trails as part of the Teaway Community Forest. We enjoy snowmobiling in the forest each winter and would love to be able to enjoy the forest via ATV travel in the summer. Currently we typically head to Oregon or Idaho to ride our ATVs in the forest and would much rather stay closer to home to spend our recreational dollars.
06/10/2014	I would like to see orv trail included in the forest. It has been used for years just not in a formal dedicated setting.
06/10/2014	I haven't seen where the committee is addressing forest health. TCF Forest Health in the is a major issue that needs to be addressed as it will ultimately affect all other resource values that are important to the public. There will not be healthy watershed and recreation values without a healthy forest. Please include information on how forest health is going to be addressed on the TCF website and newsletters. Thank-you.
06/10/2014	Hi, I just want to have some input into this decision. My family owns a cabin in Ronald, and we've been recreating in the Teaway area for over 20yrs. I've heard some rumblings about excluding users in favor of others. I am in no way supporting this. The Teaway area has long been a multi-use area consisting of camping, horseback riding, hiking, snowmobiling and ORV activities. If any of these were to change, I would move somewhere else. The resources are in better shape now than in the 20+yrs I've been coming. I see absolutely no reason to entertain any changes whatsoever to the multi-usage of Teaway Community Forest. I think the area has vast resources and they should be opened up to more usage if anything. More trail mileage of varying skill levels works to

	disperse use throughout the forest, and allows the public to enjoy what nature provides. Nobody should be excluded from this area; it is unique and is in great condition. Don't fix what isn't broken.
06/10/2014	Hello, I recreate all year in the Teanaway area, mostly by off-road motorcycle in the summer, but also by skis and snowmobiles in the winter. This area is very important to me and my friends as it is a favorite for these activities. If there were a loss of ORV trails we would not come to the area anymore, and local businesses would not see us again. Please work to keep the great trails here for us to recreate on. Thank you, Chris Neibauer Arlington, WA (360) 474-1704
06/10/2014	Don't take away our enjoyment of riding on this land!
06/10/2014	Hello: I think it is unfair to once again cut ORV from yet another forest. There are so many parks wilderness areas and forests where ORV's are not allowed to operate. Do you really need to make one more exclusive area preventing motorized recreation? Fewer areas to ride will continue to cause a decrease in riders. This means a decrease in sales of ORV's and therefore a decrease in repairs, and trailer sales and you can keep going and going. I agree although the numbers of lost jobs may be small in comparison to many other poor choices government officials have made, how many people will lose their lively hood if you continue to allow people to operate ORV's in the Teanaway Community Forest? My guess is that would be zero. So the choice seems clear, vote to close it and put people out of jobs and take away access to one of the closest areas to ride, or keep it open and let traditional use and activities continue. That seems strange is that your never hear ORV supporters trying to prevent others from coming and enjoying the few small and ever shrinking areas they enjoy. We welcome any and all however they want to enjoy the wilderness. Can any other group make that claim? In a world were more and more each day people are excluding others and demanding that you enjoy things their way or not at all, it would be nice to know that at least Teanaway Community Forest is an area that is open to all. Thank you, Charles Horton
06/11/2014	I'm an avid hiker, mountain biker, and off-road motorcyclist. I visit Cle Elum repeatedly throughout the year, as my parents live there, and I would appreciate being able to use the community forest for all of my outdoor pastimes.
06/11/2014	My son and I frequently use this area for ORV (motorcycle) riding - some of the best riding in the state is in TCF, and we do a lot of work to keep the trails clean and safe.
06/11/2014	We will help take care of the way we take care of our other trails.
06/11/2014	Please make sure that ORV users continue to have a say in the use of and access to the Teanaway Forest areas.
06/12/2014	I find it very disappointing that an established user group is being excluded from use in the TCF. The purpose of this acquisition was in part to provide continued recreation access. Excluding only one user group post acquisition is not an acceptable policy.
06/12/2014	My name is Sara Redfield. I am a 34 year old avid off-road dirt bike rider, along with my husband, Travis Redfield. Practically every weekend of the summer we travel from our home in Snohomish to the very few riding areas available for ORV use. Each weekend we spend several hundred dollars in gas, food, beverages, and miscellaneous supplies at the businesses near the ORV riding areas. Over the years, I have seen many riding areas become reduced in size or eliminated altogether, thus creating over use and congestion in the few areas available for us to explore on our dirt bikes. Now that the area known as the Teanaway Community Forest is publicly owned by the DNR, the DNR has the responsibility to provide all users access to this public land. ORV recreation is a proven

	<p>example of a form of recreation compatible with working forests and has been taking place in this area for at least four decades. Also, several of the National Forest trails designated for ORV use are accessed via the Teanaway Community Forest land, and have been for many, many years. To remove that access would essentially remove the ability for ORV enthusiasts to access trails that they are legally able to be on. It has also been my experience that ORV users have the ability and desire to maintain the trails that they use. Starting in June (or whenever trail systems open to ORV use following the winter), my husband and I pack a chainsaw and other tools with us and spend countless hours sawing out downfall and clearing trail that might otherwise not have been maintained by other users. Last year we spent at least 3 weekends clearing trail so other ORV users and user groups, including horsemen, mountain bikers and hikers could utilize the trails. In my opinion, ORV users are a very integral part in the maintenance and upkeep of trails. We also do not hesitate to spend our money in the local communities each and every weekend, as many of us have to drive several hours to access trails, unlike other user groups. ORV recreation is also a very form of family recreation. Almost all of our riding friends have families who camp and ride with their kids during the summer. Our state needs more ORV recreation opportunities. We have so many trails that are accessible by all other user groups, but a very small amount that are open to ORV use. It's time to start correcting this imbalance and open up new trails for ORV use. Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
06/12/2014	<p>The OHV user groups are not being adequately represented! This area has been used for OHV recreation for over 40 years without detriment and now it appears that there is an attempt to exclude them from this area. 87% of the trails in this state are currently closed to motorized use already...there is no good reason to take away more trail from this ever-growing user group.</p>
06/12/2014	<p>I support FULL public access to ALL recreational activities in the Teanaway Forest area. This includes ORV access, specifically (in my case) 4x4 trails. ORV user groups are willing to partner with State agencies to maintain trails and mitigate any damage. I have personally worked with the DNR at a site in Western Washington, and would be willing to do so at Teanaway as well.</p>
06/12/2014	<p>Kayakers enjoy class II paddling opportunities on the Teanaway River every spring. The standard run begins at the Teanaway Road Bridge across the North Fork Teanaway just before the confluence with the mainstream. An informal day-use area and access point is available on the west side of the river at approximately 47.2549, -120.879. The site provides easy access to the river and off-road parking. We would like to see this site formalized as a river access point. We would welcome an opportunity to join a field tour of recreation sites and can provide additional information on the importance of this site and how it is used. --Thomas O'Keefe, Pacific Northwest Stewardship Director, American Whitewater.</p>
06/12/2014	<p>It's paramount that this state's residents NOT lose access to one more area for motorized recreation. This area has been host to sustainable, single track motorcycle riding for nearly 5 decades. Please recognize the importance of maintaining this while planning</p>
06/12/2014	<p>we need more ORV riding in this area</p>
06/12/2014	<p>Please do not shut down anymore riding areas. Please understand that there are those of us that this is the only way we actually get out and enjoy the outdoors. Please also understand that though one would think if you ride an ATV or motorcycle that that person is able bodied and can hike into the woods. This is NOT true with all people myself</p>

	included. If these areas are closed we will certainly just get over populated other riding areas. It has proven itself over and over. If it is about money Please change the way meeting are set up and ask clubs to help out. I belong to The Snojammers snowmobile club and we always have tried to donate moneys and time for cleanup and maintenance of our area. Please try to do the same elsewhere.
06/12/2014	I'd like to see at least some motorized use, especially dedicated trails.
06/12/2014	I support maintaining the ORV/multiple use trails in the Teanaway area.
06/12/2014	Myself and my family are hoping very much that the Teanaway Community Forest will be open to ORV's. Off road dirt bike riding is one of our favorite family activities.
06/12/2014	I am a hiker, mountain biker, and dirt bike rider and I've been excited about the Teanaway Community Forest until I found out that there are currently no plans to include ORV use. As a dirt bike rider I start in spring as the snow melts working with volunteer groups under the supervision of the USFS to clear fallen trees and other debris left over after the winter with chainsaws (they're heavy and not fun to ride with). I alternate sports depending on which group of friends I'm enjoying the forest with that weekend. I pick up trash I see left behind by hikers and mountain bikers. Energy bar wrappers, 5 hour energy cans, etc. Why are ORV users being excluded from this when a lot of us work so hard to clear, clean, and maintain trail for everyone?
06/12/2014	I would encourage you to open this area for all. My family camped & rode motorcycles at bull frog flats for over 20 years. This is the one memory my daughters try to pass on to their families. We also purchased food & gas at local businesses, and we also dined at restaurants in area.
06/13/2014	To Whom It May Concern, If allowed I would like to see the current use of OHV trails in the Teanaway Community Forrest. As an avid rider I would be willing to set up work/cleaning parties on a weekly/monthly basis when the weather permits. Also keep in mind the revenue that is generated from taxes/permits/fees that OHV users pay at other DNR and state owned lands.
06/13/2014	I purchased property in the Cle Elum area primarily because of this riding area and would hate to lose access. I live in Seattle and found there are only a few areas to ride over here in the Puget Sound - Belfair is the most popular but unfortunately all of these parks are very busy. There have been many accidents due to overcrowded parks in this area. My concern would be as the options for dirt bike/ORV trails continues to decline in the state the over population and accidents will increase. There is a large community of dirt bikers that utilize the Teanaway area. There's a group of 20 - 50 that meet at the Safeway every weekend and see many more on the trails. We buy from the local shops not only dirt bikes and supply's but food and meals. I many other riders that have either purchased property or considering property in the area for access to the dirt bike trails in the Teanaway. I would consider the ORV community of people and the revenue they bring to the area before restricting access.
06/13/2014	My Family has been riding here for the last 5 years, and we have really enjoyed the area so please don't take away another fun enjoyable riding area from us
06/13/2014	Please allow my family to continue to use the Teanaway NF area for our off-road trail riding. Thanks

## CWU Student Policy Paper

# Forestry

**To manage the TCF for working lands, ecosystem stability, and landowner safety.**

Historically, the practices of the forestry industry have been at odds with the goals of ecosystem preservation, whether it is a fight over harvesting old-growth forests and preserving endangered species habitat, or a debate over how close to streams logging roads should be allowed. Despite this adversarial relationship, strategies to reconcile forestry and environmental integrity have been increasingly refined and implemented by Washington State, with more or less successful results. For example, preliminary results of Riparian Management Zone (RMZ) assessments—conducted by a group made up of representatives from the DNR's Forest Practices Program, the WDFW, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Washington State Department of Ecology—showed a 63% compliance rate with the Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan in eastern Washington, and a 91% compliance rate in western Washington (FPHCP) (FPHCP, 2005).

Developed chiefly by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the FPHCP was created to reconcile the Forest Practices Act of Washington State with the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), with the intent to, “provide long-term conservation of covered species (under the ESA), support an economically viable timber industry and create regulatory stability for landowners” (DNR, 2014). The FPHCP provides guidelines for RMZs throughout the state; the rules put forth in the FPHCP regarding bull trout habitat have been used to provide recommendations for riparian habitat in this report. Since the objectives and standards for bull trout habitat focus more on fish habitat and water quality, they are fitting for the Teanaway, and in line with the goals of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

By the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, most of the old-growth trees in the Teanaway watershed had been logged, and second growth timber extraction was carried out by different logging companies until the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. By the time Washington State purchased the land, there was little in the way of commercially viable timber, and there may not be for decades. Until commercial timber operations are economically viable in the forest, management should focus on maintaining the health of the forest ecosystem, and evaluate potential areas for future timber extraction. The possibility of salvaging small diameter or dead trees for bio-energy fuel stock should also be considered. If commercial timber or biomass salvage operations do take place in the TCF, all revenue generated in the form of timber or bio-mass sales should be reinvested directly into the TCF.

A working cooperation between landowners and regulating agencies is an important aspect of creating a successful forest management program. By growing a trusting and mutually advantageous relationship between agencies, such as the Kittitas County Conservation District, and landowners in the Teanaway, consistent

management can be implemented throughout the forest, increasing the chances of effective outcomes. An example of a fruitful program between land owners and government agencies in the Teanaway can be found in the community of Wagon Wheel, which became a Firewise Community in 2010, with the Wagon Wheel Fuels Reduction Project (Advisory Committee Field Trip Packet, 2014). The Fuels Reduction Program included a partnership between landowners and the KCCD to reduce over-grown under-stories, and provided a chipper for landowners to mulch slash that represented a fire hazard. Continued cooperative efforts and educational opportunities for land owners is essential to a prosperous future in the Teanaway.

**Goal 1. Protect and improve water quality and forest health for aquatic and terrestrial habitat with sustainable forest management practices.**

- Policy/Action 1. Designate RMZs compliant with bull trout habitat requirements
  - 75- 130 ft wide on either side of bankfull channel width (the highest discharge of a stream before flood stage) (WAC 222-30-022)
  - Require shade within 75' of bankfull stream width (FPHCP, WAC 222-30-040)
- Policy/Action 2. Implement practices to limit sediment delivery to streams from forestry activities by reducing compaction
  - No vehicles in RMZ for forestry activities, no road construction in RMZ
  - Limit road sediment per mile per year in accordance with the FPHCP (1-3 T/yr ) (FPHCP, 2005)
  - Restrict mechanical timber extraction on steep slopes to minimize surface disturbance and thus limit erosion rates and increase infiltration (Page-Dumroese et al, 2006; Cram et al., 2007).
- Policy/Action 3. Enhance fish habitat leaving woody debris located in, or partly in, bankfull channel width.
- Policy/Action 4. Determine areas to be managed for future forestry, ecological succession, and/or habitat connectivity.

**Goal 2. Manage insect infestations and wildfires in ways that strengthen forest health and defend private property.**

- Policy/Action 1. Implement policies intended to maintain historic fire regimes of frequent, low to moderate intensity fires, with occasional stand replacement intensity (Wright and Agee, 2004; Advisory Field Trip Packet, 2014).
- Policy/Action 2. Protect and encourage large diameter trees while limiting understory growth and enhancing open space (Brown et al., 2003).
- Policy/Action 3. Evaluate the potential for an alternative exit route out of the forest for safety reasons.
- Policy/Action 4. Fuel reduction programs, without entering RMZs, similar to the Wagon Wheel Fuels Reduction Project of 2010 (Advisory Committee Field Trip Packet, 2014)

- 200 ft zone of landscape management and fuels reduction around structures, and some fuel reductions on slopes beyond 200 ft (National Fire Protection Association and Firewise Communities, 2014).
- Policy/Action 5. Evaluate areas where the thinning of mature trees (over 10 inches diameter or 80 years) may be required to control outbreak of mountain pine, (Hallowin, 2003).
  - Mature stand thinning to improve resistance
- Policy/Action 6. Designate certain times of year to thin to avoid slash available for pest breeding, avoiding late winter and early spring (Hallowin, 2003).
- Policy/Action 7. Evaluate whether or not dead trees should be left or removed based on the risk of spreading harmful insects or fire danger.

**Goal 3. Coordinate consistent management throughout the watershed.**

- Policy/Action 1. Implement educational opportunities for land holders to learn about protecting their private property, and encourage partnerships with Firewise Communities, and Kittitas County Conservation District
- Policy/Action 2. Continue coordination between Kittitas Fire Districts, the DNR, Kittitas County Conservation District, and private land owners to protect private property and forest ecology
- Policy/Action 3. Evaluations and compliance monitoring of forest practices, in compliance with WAC 222-08-160, will be the responsibility of the DNR, in consultation with the WDFW

**Goal 4. Manage forests for future revenue to be reinvested in the Teanaway Community Forest.**

- Policy/Action 1. Determine potential areas for future timber extraction, separate areas for extraction and areas for large diameter tree protection
- Policy/Action 2. Evaluate bio-energy feedstock potential from thinned small diameter vegetation or disease control (KCCD, 2009)
- Policy/Action 3. Maintain account to manage funds meant for the TCF
  - Teanaway account already in place (Teanaway Advisory Committee Meeting, 2014)

**Evaluating Results**

There are a couple of methods that can be used to evaluate the progress of programs and strategies to meet the goals outlined above, as lined out in the FPHCP: first, there is “effectiveness and validation monitoring,” to verify whether or not the goals of specific programs are being met (e.g. less than 1-3 tons of sediment per road mile per year delivered to a stream from a logging road), and whether or not those goals are sufficient to fulfill the overarching objectives of the program (e.g. enhanced water quality in the stream); second, there is “intensive monitoring,” which looks at the cumulative impacts of forestry programs on a watershed scale in order to study the relationships between programs and resources, with the goal of informing future management strategies (FPHCP,

2005). Evaluations should be constructed and carried out by a joint task-force of representatives from the DNR, and WDFW.

### **External Factors**

One of the most significant impediments to the implementation of the above policies is a lack of funding. Without proper financial resources there will not be educational programs, researchers to evaluate progress toward goals, workers to perform maintenance activities, or enforcement personnel, compromising the effectiveness of restoration efforts. Judging by RMZ rule compliance rates reported in the FPHCP, the goals set forth in this section may be difficult to accomplish without adequate enforcement. Funding deficiencies could also jeopardize the ability to carry out further research into the effect current policies might have in the future.

Another possible complication in managing future restoration efforts in the TCF is the threat of a changing climate. Climate change has the potential to change precipitation patterns and temperature ranges, which could exacerbate problems such as drought, or alter patterns of infestations of insects. Uncertainty about what changes might occur, the magnitude of changes, and the implications of those changes, calls into question the potential level of success for future management strategies in the forest.

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