

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 from the Advisory Committee meeting, 10/9/2014

I. Public Comments

- a) Sean Clarke – would like to give a presentation to AC about ORV use in the TCF; would like to see ORV use in the Teanaway, feels there is plenty of room for everyone; if you create more mileage of trails this could help avoid conflict; manage trails for trail quality and sustainability; user groups could manage stewardship of trails.
- b) Andrew Cromarty – property owner in valley; wanted to remind AC that they (private property owners) are here; access points are important for property owners and recreationalists/visitors; likes the huts in the Methow, would be a nice touch in the Teanaway; consider organization like MVSTA, believes that current recreation uses should continue.
- c) Matt Gallanar – 4th generation property owner; please consider all recreation users, give them a chance to steward the land.

II. Handouts

SUGGESTED OPEN RANGE CRITERIA

TO: Gary Berndt

FROM: Tracy Rooney and Richard Low

SUBJECT: Cattle Grazing Outline: Prepared by Tracy Rooney and Richard Low, both longtime upper North Fork Teanaway residents. 9/2/2014.

Gary, the following information is presented in response to your suggestion that we put together our thoughts and suggestions concerning open range criteria/cattle grazing for the TCF. We are going to assume that you'll make this document available to the Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee at their next meeting. If so desired, we would be happy to discuss and document the "current conditions" comments with photos, e-mails, testimonials, walking tours, etc. Thank you for your willingness to allow residents of the Teanaway to offer their hands on experience and comments as to this important subject. If we can be of further help please let us know.

Current Conditions

Fencing: Fences were originally put in place to keep cows off the road and little else. There currently are no fences in place that are designed to keep cattle out of the riparian areas or streams themselves. The current fences are broken down, non-existent and offer very little in terms of cattle containment or exclusion. An exception to this is the fencing that was put in place in 2013 as part of the Jack Creek restoration project. We have been told that the fences are not 100% effective and that there is ongoing grazing damage to existing habitat restoration plantings. In addition, these newer fences do not have regularly spaced gates for various public access. The fences at the campgrounds are also ineffective at

keeping the cattle out. There is a barbed wire fence across the Teanaway North Fork River in an attempt to minimize private property trespass to the south. At times, this fence traps the cattle on the wrong side of the fence and the cows just continue to wander up and down the river causing extensive vegetation loss and accelerated negative impacts during high water events. A fence in the river itself is a public safety and access concern but necessary given the lack of riparian and stream access control measures north of this point.

Forest Service. Grazing leases were eliminated on Forest Service land. However, the cattle are often known to trespass and wander as far as Highway 97 creating an enormous concern for traffic/public safety.

The cattle are currently dropped off and picked up mainly at Bezoli Field (immediately adjacent to private property) where Lick Creek passes under the North Fork Road. The fences are broken down, porous and do a poor job of keeping the cattle off the Teanaway Road. There are no fences in this area blocking cattle access to the river or riparian areas. The high concentration of animals in this one area has caused extensive damage to the riparian area and is causing the North Fork of the Teanaway to shift westward with a high likelihood for loss of both private land as well as valuable floodplain in the TCF. Wolf control fladdery fences are placed from the road right through the riparian area and to the river's edge encouraging the cattle to graze right up to the river's edge. It seems that agency coordination of these efforts is needed.

Cattle can often be found on the roads and on private lands for days at a time. Even though the area has "Range Area" signage, the public safety concerns are real and cow/car impacts have occurred. A quick survey of the road shoulders will show how cow hooves break down the county road shoulders and cause the road to become narrower over time. If you have ever pulled a trailer on these roads, you will understand the implications.

Range Riding: Range riding is the primary control method used to keep cattle within the lease areas. Current conditions (riparian damage, cattle on the roads, cattle on private lands, cattle in the rivers, etc) and frequency of cattle trespass is indicative that there are either too few riders, too many acres to patrol or just too many cattle given the number of riders and the hours they ride.

It's well documented that streamside vegetation is necessary for clean, cool water. Please check out the following link for more extensive information:

<http://ext.nrs.wsu.edu/watershedrangeext/washingtonrangelands/SM/Riparian.htm>

GRAZING SUGGESTED OBJECTIVES / STRATEGIES

Habitat Objectives: Protect water quality & clarity (by minimizing cattle caused river bank erosion and sedimentation concerns); protect riparian vegetation from overgrazing to enable shade (and resulting lowered water temperatures); protect riparian vegetation as a source of sustainable future large wood debris (for stream integrity, shaded pools and fish rearing habitat); protect spawning grounds from grazing disturbance; protect the floodplain from soil compaction and any negative effects on the "sponge" (enabling the meadows to hold as much cooling water as possible); manage grazing to minimize invasive weeds and to ensure a diversity of forest habitats.

Lessor Objectives: Achieve habitat objectives noted above, at a minimum breakeven on grazing expenses and to use grazing as a strategy to reduce firefighting expenses and invasive species control.

Community Objectives: To minimize grazing trespass on private/public lands and the need for expensive land owner counter measures such as fencing, cattle guards, gates, and the time spent daily to open and close them. To minimize grass fuel loads, thus slowing the potential for rapid spread of fire. To minimize cattle/vehicle collision public safety concerns and associated grazing damage to road infrastructure by reducing the amount of time that cattle spend on the roads. To take advantage of cow corridors as an informal TCF trail system as well as better access to the many meadows where grazing thins out what would otherwise consist of foot/bicycle unnavigable thick tall grasses. To be a good ag neighbor.

(Note: Minimizing trespass does not mean eliminate. Teanaway residents know they live in range land and are responsible for protecting their property.)

Strategies:

Define “exclusion” zones through the use of map overlays with know REDDs, known sensitive habitat areas, recreation zones, roads, etc... As well as define “good to graze” zones that dovetail with water access and topography that assists keeping the cattle in the specified zone. Designating corridors between zones will help facilitate more frequent movement of cattle between zones when grasses get grazed to specific heights.

“Good to graze” zones should have specific designated watering areas, established measurement goals and a monitoring system put in place for active rotational management. [eg length of grass (prevent over grazing), timing (self-seeding), continuous days of grazing allowed (minimize compaction), etc.] Provide off stream watering locations including development of natural springs and use of pumps. A secondary consideration should be to have any “need to pump” watering stations also serve as potential firefighting water stations. (The N Fork Bezoli field AFR irrigation pump provided a quick way for firefighters to deploy their dipping tank the morning after the 2005 Lick Creek fire started.)

Relocate or reallocate the number of cattle dropped off at off/acclimation and pick up locations. The current Lick Creek corral causes extensive stress to the North Fork riparian area, private property and road trespass in the area. (A steering fence in this area would make for a great test case.)

Determine the proper number of cattle not only for the number of grazing acres but the number of range riders and their abilities to keep cattle in the desired areas. It’s very clear from current conditions that the default number of cattle allowed under the lease should be reduced and adjusted upwards only when/if improvements are made.

A grazing management camp partnership should be explored to increase the number of range riders and their effectiveness. The concept might include a partnership with the Cattleman’s Association, the WSU extension program, Camp Wahoo, the Flying Horseshoe camp, the State Horse Park the CWU Rodeo Club and others. The camp could include a mix of actual range riding, grazing management principals as taught by DNR and DFW specialists, etc. In fact, the camp could be a good source of revenue for the entire TCF grazing program.

Fencing as a Strategy:

- Fencing should be thought of not as a default but something that should be used sparingly with active riding being the prominent means of cattle control. They are expensive, require maintenance and hinder both people and wildlife movement. All fencing should have inexpensive gating spaced at regular intervals.
- Complete a survey of the existing fencing infrastructure including what it would take to either repair or replace what exists. This survey should also take into account the TCF boundaries and what fencing private property owners have erected between their holdings and the TCF.
- Overlay this information on maps detailing the “exclusion” and “good to graze” zones and access potential fencing needs and specific priorities.
- Establish guidelines for both “exclusionary” and “steering” fences. For example, an exclusion fence might be desirable to keep cattle off the road and consist of permanent 4 wired barbs whereas a steering fence might be more temporary in nature and exist of a solar powered 2 wire hot fence to “steer” not completely eliminate cows from specific and smaller sensitive areas. The steering fence might even have the ability to be rolled out in the spring and rewound in the fall similar to how someone might move their horses around a private pasture.

- Establish a 5 year timeline and budget to test the effectiveness of steering fences as well as monitor for potential unintended consequences. (eg new problem areas that new fences cause...) Let the fencing program evolve as needed.

Agencies should combine resources and work in unison on an overall cattle effort. (eg. The folks running the wolf program and putting fladdery in place should be aware of the riparian damaged areas and not place their temporary fences right to the rivers bank thus encouraging the cattle to graze right up the riverbank.)

Teanaway Community Forest - public comments from the online survey, 9/7 – 10/6
Total 70

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

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

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: 68**

9/9/2014	I think the forest should be open to motorized recreation. For those who can't stand the sound of motorized vehicles they can travel a few miles to Alpine Lakes Wilderness.
9/9/2014	I'd like to see more trails for dirt bikes and quads.
9/10/2014	I am both a mountain biker and a dirt biker. I hope you work to establish a trail network for both groups of users.
9/10/2014	I don't see how motorize recreation is consistent with any of the goals of the TCF as defined by the Washington State Legislation. Motorized recreation seems to be in direct opposition of those goals. The argument used by motorized vehicle users that since they have been breaking the law and trespassing for decades that therefore they deserve to have open access to the TCF is arrogant at best. I agree there should be areas reserved for motorcycles and ATVs, just not in the TCF.

9/12/2014	Please DO NOT exclude ORV, Motorcycle or Motorized use in the Teanaway Community Forest. I am an upper Kittitas count resident with property that borders the Teanaway community forest and I completely support responsible motorized use of this community asset. I'm even ok with fee based motorized areas, but since this is an area that I have paid for with my taxes as have many other motorized enthusiasts, I think it would be unconscionable to preclude usage by ALL groups. Fully support segregated usage but do NOT eliminate any one group. Thank you
9/15/2014	Please reflect the majority of what the local community wants and allow ORV use in the TCF!
9/16/2014	I recently found out about this public forest that you are trying to shape for use. While I'm no expert on land management, I do spend a lot of time visiting the working forests in my area quite often with my family. I like to camp, hike, and mountain bike, but what drives me to these areas are the opportunities to ride our OHV's. In the past, this sport has gotten a bad wrap for being both destructive and disruptive. Through education and respect taught by generations of responsible riders and clubs, this unfavorable reputation no longer pertains to this group. The noise levels and spark arrestor technology has greatly improved, and the "tread lightly" concept has taken foot as well. My kids have been brought up to respect the forests and treat it as they would like it to remain. We often bring a garbage bag with us to pick up trash along the way. I have found most trash are left by people partying, not the riding community. ATV riding is a family sport handed down to kids and shared by their parents in most cases. The days of kids riding out into the forest from the back yard unsupervised have gone away. If it is happening, it's a local problem that should be easy to catch and address. The majority of people are coming from other regions and using the land as it was designed. I see most of the people fighting against using the land are not even using the land themselves. Or in most cases using outdated info or (he said she said) stories about how terrible dirt bikes are. It is obvious they have not been to these working forests in a while. The DNR and local law inforcement do a wonderful job of managing these areas. To say turning the forest over to recreation by all will destroy the forest is an insult to these professionals at best. When areas are mapped, and trails are established, people will follow. When people are just let loose in the woods with no regulations, interpretation of use changes at will. Every group of users are guilty whether it's hikers, hunters, or campers. When groups are excluded from use, less people use the land. When less people use the land, it becomes less important. Less important land means it does not get the funding that it needs. I for one am guilty of voting down projects and parks that I am excluded from. On the flip side, I grass roots campaign all I can for places I am allowed to go.

9/19/2014	All users should be allowed access except hikers, snowshoers, and cross country skiers. Their smug attitudes and dirty looks offend me while I'm riding my dirtbike and snowmobile on public land. People should smile while in the woods and they always seem to be frowning.
9/20/2014	The motorized users deserve an equal share of the Teanaway Community Forest. It has already been established as a sustainable activity for the motorcycle community & trails are already built. 4x4 & ATV opportunities should also be added into the plan. There is room for everyone to use the forest! OHV enthusiasts have always been happy to share...I wish I could say the same for other user groups that want to lock everyone out of the forest. Shame.
9/24/2014	My family has enjoyed camping and riding motorcycles in the Teannaway. It is great that this land has been bought by state hopefully they will provide more public access. The camp grounds are in great locations and deserve som maintenance I would like to see the roads fixed up in the campgrounds. I like dry camping no hook ups. I like the way teannaway camp ground is nice and open. I would like to see legal ORV use on the trails. There is great single track that links up to national forest land. There is also great trails that link up the cle elum ridge Roslyn area. I think using these trails and expanding the trail system with trails that riders if all skill levels can ride would be a great benefit to the area. There is also nice areas to the north that would be a great place to have ORV trails. Trails in this forest are easy to make and maintain by utilizing the existing extensive road system. I hope that the committee can come to an agreement that will allow ORV and public use of this beautiful area.
9/25/2014	Please include OHV 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.
9/25/2014	More mc trails
9/25/2014	Respectfully request to include ORV trails for jeeps and quads
9/25/2014	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.

9/25/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use, i have land in ronald and have ridden motorcycles and worked on trails in Teanaway my entire life, please do not restrict ORV use in that area. 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.
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9/25/2014	It would be nice to have some motorcycle single track available for use.
9/25/2014	Please provide opportunities for single track motorcycle use, This are and the community has always support ORV use. 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.
9/25/2014	Would like an area for motorized recreational vehicles, or at the very least trails that can be used with plated vehicles.
9/25/2014	Hello. I am writing to ask that you include single track motorcycle trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. That has been a traditional use of the forest for decades and as a working forest that is a use that should be continued. There is a need for more ORV opportunity in Washington State and this area is an excellent opportunity to help meet those needs. Thank you, Ronald Gray
9/25/2014	The DNR has received approximately 36% of the Nonhighway and Offroad Vehicle Activities (NOVA) funding for over 40 years. It is way past time for the DNR to provide some additional opportunity for the off highway vehicle community that has voluntarily provided their fuel tax refund to the DNR since the early 1970's, now that the DNR is going to manage the TCF. OHV use is a traditional use in that area and the DNR should provide it again. My whole family and I used to camp and ride in that area so we could ride dirt bikes together. I would now like to be able to do that with my grandchildren.

9/25/2014	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. OHV recreation has been proven to be compatible with working forests and has historically been very successful in the Teanaway area. OHV recreation is supported by the local communities and will positively impact the local economy. It is time to stop managing the forests for an elite minority of the population. The state forests should be open to all forms of recreation. OHV recreation must be included.
9/25/2014	I'm concerned that OHV use in this area may be at risk. OHV use is a northwest tradition, an important part of the local economy, an amazing form of recreation and family fun, and a great way to experience and enjoy the natural beauty Washington has to offer. It's very important to me, my family, my friends and many others I have met in the community and local clubs that OHV use not be further limited or restricted.
9/25/2014	With the limited ORV areas I can't see how anyone thinks loosing another one will help anything
9/25/2014	Please include motorized recreation in the TCF plan. Motorized recreation is an important part of the area's history and trails should be opened for legal use.
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9/26/2014	I'm writing in support of keeping this area open to offroad motorcycle use. There are precious few riding areas open to the dirt biking community, and their numbers are dwindling quickly. Our sport helps maintain the trails, through volunteer work. Not many hikers or mountain bikers pack chainsaws deep into the woods. We also help the local economy through sales of food and gas. I make a point to fill up my truck, gas can, and bike near the trailhead, and I buy food before and after the ride as well. I do that in hopes that those I support with my purchases will also give their support when trail access issues arise. Thanks for your consideration, -Ben Prout
9/26/2014	Please support the local communities by allowing motorized vehicle use on roads and trails inside the Teanaway Community Forest. Please include motorized trails connecting the current Forest Service motorized trailheads inside of Teanaway Community Forest.

9/26/2014	motorcycle trail riding does no more damage to the forest than horses or mt bikes. Motorcycle do most of the tree clearing than any other user. Please don't kick us out. We have the least places to ride than any other users.
9/26/2014	Please allow the continued use of ORV's within the teanaway. This use has always been compatible in the past and local businesses have always benefitted in the area they tell me also.
9/26/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported.
9/26/2014	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.
9/26/2014	I enjoy quiet mountain bike rides on decent trail surface. The Teanaway is the closest backcountry destination area currently from where I live in Seattle. The area is vast, the scenery is beautiful, and many trails are in pretty good condition. I would encourage a management style that preserves trail quality in the long term - thinking forward to the next 10+ years.
9/26/2014	Please include motorcycle ORV access. As fewer and fewer areas become available to ORVs, their impact becomes more concentrated. This is an opportunity to reverse that trend.
9/26/2014	The legislation providing funding for this land purchase allowed for their to be motorized recreation represented on the TCF committee. Please plan for ORV use in the TCF. We need more ORV access both with trails and connecting roads.
9/26/2014	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. 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.

9/26/2014	As an avid motorcycle rider from the south end of the state I recently was able to use The Teanaway Community Forest. The ORV access should remain so people can continue to enjoy the great lands we live in. Closing more trails concentrates ORV use into what is already less than 10% of the total trail mileage in the state. This increases wear on those trails and increases risk as more people are crammed into smaller areas. It would also be a continued boost for the local economy. The 4 of us that came north to ride left behind a trail of cash at the restaurants, stores, and hotels in Roslyn and Cle Ellum.
9/26/2014	Please be sure to include motorcycle & 4wd vehicle use too.....not everyone can walk long distances
9/26/2014	Please ensure there are future offroad motorcycle and mountain bike trails
9/27/2014	Please support ORV use going forward the local community will appreciate their continued access greatly.
9/27/2014	Please continue to allow motorcyclists to utilize trails. This is a family tradition for many of us. We are eager to preserve the natural resources of the region and to ensure that future generations will have similar opportunities.
9/27/2014	Please include off road motorcycle use.
9/27/2014	PLEASE KEEP OUR ORV RIGHTS IN PLACE, THANKYOU
9/27/2014	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. 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.
9/27/2014	The community forest should be open to be used by the actual community. Which in my mind must mean multiple use, including ORV access. There always be difficulties when divergent groups of people use the same area. However, there is no reason to exclude one over the other. Each user group brings it's own set of problems and destructive habits. The TCF has been a multi-use, working forest for decades and should remain that way. If anything all the signs left over by the timber company and now the new signs put up by DNR are eye sores. People visiting from outside the area to recreate in Kittitas county spend money while they are here and help the local economy. This area should be open for all users, period. I am of the opinion that if the area is closed to ORV groups over environmental concerns then it should closed to all user groups.

9/27/2014	The forest should be managed for multiple use including motorized use including off road motorcycles, ATVs, and jeeps. Mature trees need to be harvested and the forest properly thinned to prevent high intensity wild fire.
9/27/2014	Hello, my name is Brandon Bray. Taking these trails away from the people that built them in the first place is just downright wrong. If the motorcycle riders just came in and took hiking trails away, hikers would lose their minds. How can there be a decision to exclude a group from a trail system that motorcyclists fund, built, and must be included by Washington state law? I have no issues with SHARING THE TRAILS like we are supposed too! So why aren't there any real good answers why we are excluded. I want to see people from all groups getting out and enjoying the outdoors, but why this kind of exclusion. This is really hard for one of my favorite activities in the world to continually be chipped away at by certain groups, when all we want is the same as them, a place to play.
9/29/2014	I would really like this area to be available for me to take my family out on our motorcycles and other off road vehicles and experience the forest and the beauty of nature.
9/29/2014	PLEASE, allow the use of street legal or ORV motorcycles in the forest. We are loosing access almost every year and this area is very important for the mixed use recreation. Many people support the local economy by coming all the way from Seattle, including myself to ride my motorcycle there.
9/29/2014	I would really enjoy For the teanaway community forest to be open for orv use.
9/30/2014	ORV use should be permitted outright. The is no logical reason to not permit it.

9/30/2014	<p>Please include off-road motorcycle use. This area has supported multi-use groups for many, many years. Motorcycle users have been responsible each year in doing trail maintenance of this area. Responsible, on trail motorcycle use is necessary for the support of the community in this area. If the trust does not exclude such use, it must be supported. People seem to forget that "community" means exactly that...a group of users who each enjoy PUBLIC land in different ways. I spend time hiking, mountain biking, motorcycle riding, and snowmobiling in this area. I recognize other users and their own specific agendas. However, I support (as many do) EVERYONE enjoying this area in their own specific way. Maybe dirt bike riders have gotten a bad name due to someone's specific experience. However, the dirt bike rider of today is most likely also a hiker and/or pedal biker. I am always courteous when I encounter horse or foot traffic on a multi-use trail (as are almost all the dirt bike riders out there today). There are trails in this area which are already human or animal powered specific. As a regular user of this area, the trails which allow motorized and non-motorized use together are currently a success. Why change this? If one wishes to enjoy the outdoors without motorized use around...simply head into a current "Wilderness" area as many of us already do. These areas are already huge and well supported. If this is truly going to be managed as a "Community Forest," it needs to remain as such. For the Community...everyone and their own desired mode of responsible recreation.</p>
9/30/2014	<p>I envision a more easily accessible campground where families in RVs or tents can camp and access a series of trails for biking, hiking or horseback riding. Mountain biking is expanding across generations. Smooth flowing trails attract all ages and ability levels and the mountain biking community is well known for their willingness to volunteer for trail building. The areas around Bend, OR have the right idea.</p>
9/30/2014	<p>Please make sure to include off-road motorcycles in your plan. The Teanaway has always been a great destination for us</p>

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9/30/2014	Please allow motorcycles on trails they have been able to use. Thanks.
9/30/2014	Please include OHV recreation when managing Teanaway.
10/1/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported and is very important to me and my family. 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. 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.
10/1/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. I don't believe this would detrimental to a working forest, and has been going on there for a long time. The DNR has been directed by RCW79.10 to facilitate multi-use public access whenever it is compatible with their trust obligations.
10/1/2014	This is a great resource for trail building. They have already done the work. https://www.imba.com/trail-solutions
10/1/2014	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.
10/1/2014	Please provide multiple use for the land including OHV. Thank you

10/1/2014	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. Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported.
10/2/2014	It is my understanding that land use of the Teanaway community forest is currently being reviewed. I hope, as a responsible motorized explorer, that the committee will strive to follow the stated intent of maintaining OHV access to current trails, along with, if possible, expansion where appropriate. While I enjoy hiking, and getting away from it all, I also enjoy exploring roads and trails as this allows me to see and appreciate a much larger amount of country in the limited time that I have.
10/2/2014	Hi, I am writing because I am very excited about the Teanaway Community Forest and the amazing potential that this project holds. I am an avid mountain biker and backcountry skier and was hoping to raise awareness to some issues that surround these activities. I also grew up spending my weekends and summers in the Cle Elum area and am so excited for all of this new land to explore! Mountain Biking: Mountain biking is an amazing sport that is growing rapidly across the US, especially in demographics that have disposable income that is proven to substantially benefit communities that embrace the sport and new trail development. Great examples of this effect can be seen in places like Oakridge Oregon, Cortez Colorado, Moab Utah, and even in Issaquah with the building and success of Duthie Hill Park. Mountain biking also has a controversial side in terms of shared use trails, illegal trail development, liability, and environmental impact. I think that these issues have made it hard for new legal trail development within existing public lands, but that the Teanaway Community Forest has the unique ability to incorporate a ecologically and socially friendly mountain bike trail system from the start. At the end of the day due to difference in speeds and desired trail type, mountain bikers and the hiking/equestrian community want very different things, and neither one is inherently right or wrong, but my conclusion is that generally these two groups would both prefer use-specific trails designated and built with their style in mind. I believe that any public lands should be used in such a way that all user groups feel they are represented fairly, and I believe that there will always be overlap between bikers and hikers, but it seems that the future of mountain biking is in use-specific, one directional trails. IMBA and the Evergreen mountain bike alliance have great guidelines and resources for ecologically friendly ways to build trails that will draw mountain bikers and foster a biking community that gives back to the public lands and larger community. I also would recommend watching the short documentary: Pedal Driven. It does a good job of highlighting the issues surrounding mountain biking and trail development in Leavenworth, albeit mostly from the bikers perspective. Thank you for your time and consideration.

10/6/2014	<p>I was both pleased and concerned when I found out from a fellow motorcycle trail enthusiast about the new community forest. Pleased that the land was preserved, yet concerned that motorcyclists do not appear to be given equal treatment compared to horseback riders, mountain bikers, and hikers. Many of these trails are single track. To a large degree, motorcycles have been given equal treatment compared to these other user groups on single track trail. There are some key points I would like you to consider in your decision making process: 1) These trails are not well known and they are not overused. 2) The primary user group by far is motorcyclists. 3) Motorcyclists (myself included) are the people who clear the trails of downed trees every spring and we have done so for decades. 4) While not widely known, this terrain is by far the best riding terrain in the state. I have ridden all the others, many on the east side are very good, but not as nice as these trails. 5) There is no need to create a bunch of new trail. There is plenty of existing unmarked trail that simply could be marked and designated. We could implement a few new trails to tie into existing trail and make new loops. The pine forest is sparse and this could be done with very little environmental impact. 6) There is very little ATV or 4x4 truck use....you see a little more during hunting season, but there is not much of it. I'd like to know how I can help advocate for motorcyclists. I have been riding these trails for 30 years. I know every trail and dirt road like the back of my hand. I would be honored to participate in designating existing trails and getting them formally assigned into the trail inventory. I would be happy to guide DNR personnel around the trail system to assist. Please consider an appropriate multi use designation for these trails and consider that motorcyclists have been largely responsible for trail maintenance on these trails for decades. We have been pushed out of so many riding areas that I am very concerned the best one around could suffer the same fate. How can I help? Just ask.....Thanks, Steve Watson 253-370-9964 Steven.J.Watson@Boeing.com</p>
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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

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. **Total 2**

10/01/2014	Teanaway Community should be re-opened!
10/06/2014	http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestlocalnews/2545658-8/waste-wood-could-power-cwu-campus-study-shows ELLENSBURG – A high-tech boiler that turns waste wood into electricity and heat could be a cost-effective investment for Central Washington University, according to a study released last week. It's a concept that's been under discussion for years, but until now, a design and cost

analysis had not been done. The results are very encouraging, said Jim Armstrong, CEO of the Kittitas Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the research. “The bottom line is usually these facilities just don’t pencil (out), but in this case, because CWU has the infrastructure to use the waste heat in the cold months to heat the campus, it works,” Armstrong said. “They wouldn’t have to buy natural gas, which saves money.” The study, conducted by Portland-based Beck Carlson Biomass Energy Consultants, was financed by a \$50,000 grant from a state Department of Commerce program supporting forest products development. The university already heats the campus with steam produced by the natural gas-powered boilers. Currently, the campus burns almost \$1 million worth of natural gas a year, according to the study. The proposed wood-powered system would cost between \$30 million to \$35 million, including an off-campus site for storing and chipping the wood, the new boiler, scrubbers to reduce air pollution, and a new structure to house the equipment. Cost of building a wood-burning boiler could be, in part, offset by carbon credits from the state, because it would move from the university away from burning natural gas to waste wood, which is considered carbon-neutral. Heat from burning the wood would create steam to spin turbines to create electricity, and the excess steam would be used to heat the campus. CWU has a goal of becoming carbon-neutral by 2050, but building this facility would allow it to achieve that goal by 2020, said David Bowen, the director of economic development for the Kittitas Chamber. The existing natural gas boiler is due for replacement. The motivation behind the proposal is to create a use for unmarketable wood culled from forest-thinning operations to reduce wildfire risk. If there was a market for that wood, land managers could afford to do more thinning. The study found that there was far more wood available within a 70-mile radius of Ellensburg than the proposed plant could ever need, Bowen said. Burning the wood in a boiler with scrubbers to cut the smoke would be far cleaner than having that wood burn in a forest fire or in a logger’s slash pile, said Chuck Hersey, a forest health specialist for the state Department of Natural Resources. Creating the demand for the waste wood would create jobs and reduce wildfire risks in the area, Bowen said. The next step is for the university to decide if it wants to pursue the project, he said. Further grant money could cover the cost of engineers designing the system’s details, and Bowen estimates that it could be built by 2019, if the state opts in. “It’s the most exciting potential project for wood energy in Central Washington,” Hersey said. “If we are going to make an investment, as a state for a new boiler on campus, let’s make it something that benefits our forests’ health as well.”