

Teanaway Community Forest



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Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

September 11, 2014

2:00 – 8:30 PM

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Derek Sandison
Gary Berndt
Kitty Craig
Deborah Essman
Jeri Downs

Brian Crowley
JJ Collins
Mike Reimer
Urban Eberhart
Wayne Mohler

Doug Schindler
Tom Ring (for Phil Rigdon)
Reagan Dunn
Dale Bambrick

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Martha Wyckoff
Andrea Imler
Gregg Bafundo

Jason Ridlon
Jim Halstrom
Mark Charlton

Agency and Consultant Staff:

Lisa Dally Wilson – Dally Environmental (DE)
Eric Winford – DNR/WDFW
Cynthia Wilkerson - WDFW
Michael Livingston – WDFW

Rick Roeder – DNR
Diedra Petrina - DE Team and Forterra
Larry Leach – DNR
Doug McClelland - DNR

Staff Action Items		Date Due
Eric Winford	Email Sept 27 th Teanaway work party details to AC	9-22-2014
Lisa Dally Wilson	Notify AC of meeting cancellation on October 23	9-12-2014
DNR and WDFW	Provide maps/overlay maps for AC	Next meeting 10-9-2014
DNR and WDFW	Investigate Wild and Scenic destination, report back to group next meeting	Next meeting 10-9-2014
DNR and WDFW	New versions of Objectives and Strategies for Goals 1, 3 and 4 reflecting AC comments (emailed and live)	9-30-2014
Advisory Committee Action Items		Date Due
TCF Advisory Committee	Provide high level feedback to agencies on current version of objectives & strategies for Goals 1, 3, & 4 (by email)	9-19-2014

- I. Welcome, Review the Day, Advisory Committee (AC) Business (Lisa Dally Wilson)
 - a) AC announcements and updates
 - There is a “Town to Teanaway” event on September 19th and 20th in Roslyn hosted by the Roslyn Trails Alliance and Forterra. Friday night is more formal with food and speakers. Saturday is a guided hike. (JJ Collins)
 - Work Party at Teanaway campground September 27th at 9am (Deb Essman), Eric Winford will send information to AC
 - The AC requested an update about the “epic float”. Larry Leach (DNR) reported that there were more than 1200 people camping/floating; extra officers on duty and working overtime; parking and camping limits were imposed; some citations were given; garbage on river was extremely bad; this flash camping is on the agencies radar for next year and they are trying to come up with ways to control it in the future.
 - b) Meeting Summaries
 - The 8/14/2014 summary was approved with one name correction; a last name (under public comment) was misspelled – correct spelling is Cruse
 - The 9/11/2014 Meeting Summary will be available September 22nd
 - c) Meeting Schedule
 - There will be one meeting in October NOT two meetings as previously planned; **the October 23rd meeting has been cancelled**
 - A second monthly meeting will likely be scheduled in January; Date TBD
 - AC request to schedule second monthly meetings now so that they can arrange their schedules to be available
 - October meeting will focus on Goal 5 and Goal 2; including a presentation on working forests and forest management and breakout session for Goal 5
 - d) Introductions
 - Introductions were provided for guest speakers Tim Beechie (NOAA) and Ben Maletzke (WDFW).
- II. Agency-Advisory Committee Process for Plan development (Mike Livingston and Rick Roeder)
 - a) Overview
 - The agencies consider this an iterative process with the Advisory Committee (AC) and the objectives and strategies will not be considered final until we all say so. The agencies are considering all of the input from the AC and public comments for each goal, and are considering this input in the context of the legislative requirements. Behind the scenes the two agencies are working with scientists and land managers to develop strategies between each AC meeting. The role of the agencies is to develop strategies. The role of the facilitator is to run the meetings and act as a go between with the AC and the agencies.

- Agency synthesis of objectives and strategies: Agencies will continue to present material as a hybrid, showing both agency synthesis and AC input until strategy development has been fully vetted
- The AC is seeing drafts of the plan as it unfolds in real time; after the agencies pull together a complete draft with AC input and vetting, the draft will go through a SEPA process and then the Commissioner of Public Lands and the WDFW Director will sign off on the plan.

b) Advisory Committee Discussion and Q&A

- AC Question – What happens once we have an agreed upon the document, will it go to the Commissioner and Director, will it change? Reply - It will go through SEPA. The AC role is to advise. There may be tweaks with the AC language through the SEPA process or by either of the agencies.
- AC Question – Who is the audience for this document? Reply - The audience for this document is the community and agencies; this document must be written in a way that can be handed to anyone in either agency to carry out the work; this document must be compatible with other agency documents. At the same time, the document must be written in a way that is understandable to the public so they have trust that the legislative mandates are met.
- There was concern from the AC about having some way to measure the success of completing the goals; performance measures will be added for each goal so the agencies have a way to measure their success in achieving the goals.
- AC Question – What is the view of the document 0, 10000, 20000, 30000 feet? Want to give the agencies latitude to do their work, but need to pin down elevation? Reply - Agencies struggle with what level – enough to provide policy direction but not too detailed. Encourage AC to stay at a high level.

III. Plan Structure and Content (Eric Winford, Rick Roeder, Mike Livingston)

a) Overview

- A DRAFT plan outline was provided by Eric Winford. The DRAFT plan verbiage the AC will be reviewing today is based on overall feedback from AC; the AC is to think about the higher level when reviewing and vetting the language; agencies will go back and address details. Agencies are looking through the AC comments for common themes/patterns to guide the development of objectives and strategies; AC comments that are outliers may not be addressed in the DRAFT plan due to limited time and resources.

b) Advisory Committee Discussion and Q&A

- Kitty has concerns about the lack of contextual, vision oriented material in the plan. Request to see this built into the plan outline and the materials for the AC. This is important for the community.

- Timeline – what is the timeline of the plan/phasing; are we allowing for long term vision? Reply – Objectives and Strategies should be long term. Phasing will need to occur. Will build in a discussion of future phasing into the plan. Discussion brings up a bigger question about “interim uses”.
 - Several AC members are concerned that this plan is too short term; Mike Livingston said the goals and strategies need to be long term. Lisa Dally Wilson suggested that if any of the goals or strategies seem short term, the AC needs to bring that forefront so it can be addressed.
 - JJ asks who will prioritize of all of the TCF needs (see IIIc - below).
 - Request to address ownership issues (USFS, TCF, Private ownership). Agency Reply – start with TCF.
- c) The AC had further questions about how objectives/strategies are going to be prioritized between goals. Replies included:
- Funding will help prioritize projects and this will be addressed in Goal 5.
 - The DRAFT Plan will also address conflicts or ‘cross walks’ between legislative goals and associated objectives and strategies. Agencies will also be looking for conflicts or ‘cross walks’ while developing strategies for the different goals and will bring them back to the AC for discussion. Examples of ‘crosswalks’ include:
 1. Roads and Streams (eg., Stafford, Jungle Creeks and roads to access recreation opportunities in these areas)
 2. Grazing and Streams
 3. Trails and Streams
 4. Grazing and wolf denning areas (April – June)
 5. Roads/Trails and wolf denning areas (April –June)
 6. Campgrounds and Streams
 7. Winter Recreation access/roads and winter wildlife
- d) Vision of Plan – Several AC members suggested “say it with pictures”. There was a request for maps of high priority areas that would help the agencies and AC to determine where other uses such as road density, forest management, grazing and recreation will be placed. For example, wildlife – map to show how to maintain connection of wildlife corridors. Use colors showing “areas”. Other AC members were in agreement. The agencies will begin to create these maps showing zones.

IV. Water and Fish and Wildlife Presentations (Goals 1 and 4)

- a) Dr. Tim Beechie (NOAA) – Roads and Floodplain Functionality (ppt to be posted)
- 3 main types of erosion (soil creep, surface erosion, landslides)
 - Road effects on landslides – 10x higher/unit area; Teanaway has smaller landslides; after fires it’s a different story, soil may become hydrophobic

- Runoff processes (overland flow, subsurface flow, groundwater flow)
 - Sediment – fine sediment clogs spawning areas; coarse sediment helps to create spawning areas; Increasing road density increases fine sediment; Sediment is usually not good; but not necessary to eliminate completely, some of it occurs naturally
 - Dale Bambrick noted that watershed analyses from the 90's may already have sediment budgets for the Teanaway
- b) Mike Livingston (WDFW) – Priority Stream Reaches (ppt to be posted)
- Stream restoration priorities in the Teanaway Community Forest: Steelhead and bull trout have increased priority
 - Start with tributaries, then focus on mainstem;
 - High priority streams (Stafford Creek, Indian Creek, Jungle Creek, Middle Fork above Indian Camp); Medium priority streams (Lick Creek, Jack Creek, Dickey Creek, Middle Creek, Rye Creek, West Fork, North Fork, Carlson Creek)
- c) Ben Maletzke (WDFW) – Seasonal Wildlife Concentration Areas (ppt to be posted)
- Focusing on ungulate and carnivore (cougar and wolves) distribution areas
 - Winter range of cougar and wolves are similar: Suggested strategies from Ben are to limit winter recreation areas in the range area; put information signs up about range area; seasonal road closures.
 - During the months between April – July wolves are denning and birthing; grazing allotments overlap this area, think about ways to avoid grazing in this area during this period

V. AC Review, Discussion and Edits - Goals 1 and 4 – Objectives and Strategies

- a) Eric Winford reiterated how the agencies have pulled together the information from the AC to create the DRAFT objectives and strategies. For each Goal there are several objectives and a number of strategies. The *italic* wording in the left hand column under each objective is the original input from the AC that was used to create the objective; in the final document the AC comments may be transferred to an appendix.
- b) Note that Tom Ring has provided comment via email on Goal 1. Andrea Imler has provided comment via email on Goals 1, 3 and 4. All AC members have the opportunity to provide comment on Goals 1, 3 and 4 via track changes (by email). Comments are due no later than COB on Friday, September 19.
- c) As the material is reviewed by the group, the agencies and facilitator will assume that everyone agrees when a suggestion is made unless someone says otherwise.
- d) AC Discussion, Comment and Recommendations - General

- The AC would like to see more “plain talk” (less scientific and technical); the objectives need to be more specific and straight forward (e.g. what is meant by “functional” or “historic”); would like to see performance measures
- Add an introductory summary paragraph capturing current conditions and desired outcomes for each goal (a vision statement upfront for each GOAL).
- Under strategies break out each of the sections and label them based on what they address instead of having them lumped together.
- Develop some criteria on how to make the final decision
- Link strategies to the objectives that they support
- Create a “parking lot” in the plan for some issues that need to be addressed but can’t be right now
- If there are repetitive points/disclaimers throughout a series of strategies create a disclaimer at the beginning instead of repeating it throughout

e) AC Discussion, Comment and Recommendations – Goal 1

- AC generally agrees with the content of the objectives and strategies, but voiced the need to reorganize how the information is laid out and to use “plain” talk.
- AC would like more specific performance measures developed for this section that address water quantity/hydrograph.
- Tom R. provided language changes to the 3 objectives to clarify intent.
- AC wants to incorporate stronger language around road networks and road density (to include road reduction) and possibly in performance measures. Or, move this language to Strategy e.
- Reducing road density must be further discussed between WDFW and DNR.
- AC comment to consider an implementation chapter that addresses things to consider for a road management plan, things to consider for a Recreation Plan, etc. Develop criteria for roads, rec, other to provide policy direction.
- AC wants to remove wildlife habitat wording in Strategy e. It is captured in Goal #4.
- Specific comments about objectives, and strategies were recorded by the agencies who will make those adjustments

f) AC Discussion, Comment and Recommendations – Goal 4

- Agencies to research Wild and Scenic Rivers Designation, and learn what a designation would mean and/or understand the tools that a designation would enable.
- Specific comments about objectives and strategies were recorded by the agencies who will make those adjustments

VI. Goal 3 - Recreation

- a) Doug McClelland (DNR) gave an overview of how this section was developed; it was slightly different from the development of objectives and strategies for Goals 1 & 4; there are NO italics for the objectives and each objective has specific strategies; this topic had the greatest number of public comments.
- b) This section is based on input received during breakout sessions and the dot exercise conducted at the last meeting. During the previous “dot exercise” many votes were clumped. One exception is on motorized use in the Teanaway; most are comfortable with limited ORV use but a wide range of how limited. Doug distributed material on ORV enforcement strategies for success.
 - AC was asked to do another “dot exercise” addressing motorized use to give more clarity to the agencies; group voted NOT to do the exercise because they would like more clarity from the agencies before they vote. One area of clarity is in how funding and ability to implement recreation projects will affect short-term and long-term use.
 - AC discussed the recreation strategies and objectives at length.
 - Specific comments about objectives and strategies were recorded by the agencies who will make those adjustments

VII. Public Comments

- a) 1 public comment
 - Lana Thomas Cruse – appreciates the work the AC is doing and wanted to share her experience with user regulated recreational activities; her experience has been good

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. August 14th Meeting Summary
3. Draft Plan Structure for the Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan
4. Objectives and Strategies for Goal 1
5. Objectives and Strategies for Goal 3
6. Objectives and Strategies for Goal 4
7. Six Strategies for Success Effective Enforcement of Off-Road Vehicle Use on Public Lands