

# Teaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Proposed Approach June – September 2014

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## Working assumptions/principles:

- There are 50,000 acres of land in the Teaway Community Forest and the intent is to support all uses as specified in the legislation.
- The role of the AC is to assist the agencies in identifying the community's desired use for the forest. The role of the agencies is to ensure that the desired use of the community is in alignment with the agencies' missions and legislative mandates for managing the forest.
- There is a need to balance the natural resource objectives identified in the legislative mandates. This means that some uses (recreation, grazing and timber harvest) may need to be modified based on locations where watershed protection and fish and wildlife recovery needs are greatest.
- It is the role of the AC and the agencies to bring the desired uses of the community and the agencies' mission and legislative mandates into alignment, ultimately ensuring that the legislative goals set by the Legislature have been met.
- For the legislative goals 1 and 4, the agencies will look to existing management plans as guidelines for implementing strategies to recover, enhance and maintain resources. Where there are no existing plans, the agencies will identify future work as necessary.

## June – see proposed agenda

1. Further define , add detail, comment on each of five legislative mandates/goals to provide clarity and common understanding amongst AC members and general guidance in moving forward in developing community objectives
2. As a large group, provide a few examples of objectives (what the community wants to achieve in the future) for goals 1, 2 and 4: watershed and water supply protection, fisheries, and wildlife, and grazing.
3. Breakout sessions to define objectives (Address economic aspects of each of the topics)
  - Watershed protection and fisheries
  - Wildlife
  - Grazing
  - Forest Management (forest health and timber production)
4. Synthesize objectives from breakout groups, report back and discuss.

### June Outcomes

1. List of legislative goals with additional detail and definition

2. Identify objectives (community desires) for grazing, forest management, fish, wildlife and for watershed protection.

## July

1. Present final synthesis of last month's objectives, discuss, clarify, possibly approve.
2. AGENCYS to provide a high level presentation on fish, on wildlife, and on watershed protection that provides an overview of the forest, the resources, and what geographic considerations are important in considering where to locate other land uses relative to fish and wildlife needs and priorities. This "high level" information is intended to set the stage to identify where specific uses can or should be located. (Suggested high level presentations include: (1) zonal wildlife priority areas and species, (2) fisheries priorities and flow restoration)
3. Breakout sessions to define next sets of Objectives:
  - Recreation (all potential uses)

### July Outcomes

1. Objectives (Community desires or "wants") for all uses associated with recreation

## August

1. Present final synthesis of last month's objectives, discuss, clarify, possibly approve.
2. Breakout sessions to define last set of Objectives:
  - Community Partnerships and Ongoing Forest Management
  - Roads
  - Economic Sustainability
  - Adjacent Land Uses
  - Other topics as needed or identified in earlier work (enforcement)

### August Outcomes

1. Objectives (Community desires or "wants") for community partnerships and ongoing forest management, roads, economic sustainability of the forest, adjacent property owners and other topics as needed.

## September

1. Present final synthesis of last month's objectives, discuss, clarify, possibly approve.
2. Present all community objectives as identified by the TCFAC, vet, combine and narrow to a reasonable list to address.
3. Discuss how recommended strategies will be developed (where agencies have identified data gaps, where they can inform the AC of a suite of recommended strategies and where the TCFAC is in a position to inform on management strategies (See logic diagram)).

4. Note that for legislative goals 1 & 4, the overall recommendation from the AC may be to use existing management plans (where applicable) to ID management strategies. In the areas where management plans do not exist, the recommendation for the agency may be to conduct further research/studies to identify those strategies. <sup>1</sup>
5. Agencies to present management strategies as appropriate for discussion by AC.
6. Discuss/identify possible cross-goal conflicts or considerations.

#### September Outcomes

1. Narrowed list of objectives associated with each legislative mandate (and by use).
2. Initial list of management strategies (by objective) provided by agencies.
3. Initial list of management strategies (by objective) suggested by the Advisory Committee.
4. List of narrowed objectives and AC generated strategies
5. Initial list of cross-goal conflicts and considerations to address at next meeting

#### (Other things to consider)

1. Economics, financial sustainable uses and maintenance
2. Roads as a separate “use”
3. Adjacent uses, adjacent landowners

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<sup>1</sup> The agencies are currently identifying existing fish, wildlife and water resource plans and will be performing a gap analysis associated with objectives for goals 1 & 4. The intent of this exercise is to identify gaps where there are no existing plans to provide strategies for identified objectives.