

Teanaway Community Forest



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Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Summary May 8, 2014

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Derek Sandison	Deborah Essman	Mark Charlton
Tom Ring (filling in for Phil Rigdon)	Gregg Bafundo	Martha Wyckoff
Gary Berndt	Jeri Downs	Steve Justham
Andrea Imler	Jim Halstrom	Urban Eberhart
Kitty Craig	Brian Crowley	Wayne Mohler
	JJ Collins	Doug Schindler

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Reagan Dunn
Dale Bambrick
Jason Ridlon

Agency and Consultant Staff:

Lisa Dally Wilson –Dally Environmental	Michael Livingston – WDFW
Nhi Irwin – Veda Environmental	Rick Roeder – DNR
Eric Winford – DNR/WDFW	Diedra Petrina
Cynthia Wilkerson - WDFW	

1. Welcome and Introduction

- Review of meeting agenda. (Lisa Dally Wilson)
- Committee members approved meeting notes from the April 14th meeting.
 - Cynthia Wilkerson clarified that the Teanaway Community Forest goals as defined by the Legislation are of equal value to each other.
- Tom Ring is filling in for Phil Rigdon at this meeting
- TCFAC Meeting Summary will be available to Committee Members next Tuesday the 13th. Public comments received at the Advisory Committee meeting along with all public comment received by the agencies since last meeting will be sent under separate cover (Public outreach summary) and may not be available until after the 13th of May.

- It is recommended that the Advisory Committee read the Public Comment Summary document.
- It was suggested that some language be changed on the website and other informational materials to indicate that the Teanaway Community Forest “is” being managed by DNR and DFW from current language of “will”.
- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 12th from 1-8pm, venue is Teanaway Grange. The next 4 meetings will focus on 1 goal per meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa Dally Wilson will confirm meeting time and agenda for June meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa Dally Wilson will email the link to an ftp or other share site to the Advisory Committee; they can post their photos on this site.

ACTION ITEM: date all material that is handed out

- Rick Roeder provided an update on Interim Management Activities
 - There is a work party scheduled to clean up the campground May 14th and 15th
 - Toilets (Sani cans) were placed at the campgrounds
 - Road grading in the West Fork will start in the near future, no specific date set at this time.

2. Debrief Fieldtrip

- Lisa led the Advisory Committee in a discussion of the field trip and solicited insights gained and suggestions for additional topics :
 - **Funding:** how will we pay for the work to be done, revenue source(s), explore cost sharing, volunteers, consider a coordination entity as an umbrella for volunteer activities and fundraising, consider operating and capital budget
 - **TCF Neighbors and Private in-holdings:** what are other issues landowners need to deal with, get information on easements and ownership in the interim, ID neighbors of the Community Forest and how they interface, how do the agencies interface with landowners (Kittitas County and Friends of the Teanaway will help assist agencies with a plan/mechanism for reaching out and ongoing interactions with private land owners), consider Roslyn trail network. In the plan identify a mechanism for ongoing interaction with private landowners (eg., biannual open house)
 - **Federal Lands:** Need to address federal neighbors as part of the plan: recreation, infrastructure, access, travel management, cost sharing
 - **Forest management:** revenue, fire, forest health, timber management cycles, acreages, costs, Advisory Committee to reach out to new District Ranger, landscape planning, meadow rehab, revenue source, we need tight coordination around moving parts

- **Opportunities:** restoration, grazing alternatives, timber management and forest health alternatives
- **Recreation:** current uses (we don't have a full picture of what is on the ground now – trail and road conditions and use), what types of recreational activities do we want, is there a difference between user-built trails and illegal trails, identify criteria with which to locate trails and trail usage and integrate public needs, we need to determine the condition of the trails/roads (currently incomplete). Currently ORVs are not allowed on any user-created trails or logging roads on TCF property. There is not a motorized trail system in the TCF. Field trip did not spend enough time on recreation. Need a recreation oriented tour. WHAT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DO WE WANT ON THIS LANDSCAPE AND WHERE SHOULD THEY BE LOCATED! Identify criteria (from both a user standpoint and a resource impact standpoint) with which to locate trails and trail usage and integrate public needs/comment. Consider existing uses.
- **Water rights:** Most of the AFH rights are in trust. Committee can recommend trust, revenue source, meadow rehab, other uses.
- **Enforcement:** There is a lack of enforcement. Address as a part of the plan. Need more enforcement during holidays, education and signs are part of enforcement
- **Education and Outreach:** This is a great tool and goes a long way in getting compliance before enforcement actions are taken, at least for the first couple of years.
- **Data Need:** What roads do the Forest Service control?

ACTION ITEM: DNR to determine and map the roads in the TCF that are under control of the US FS or for which the USFS is accountable. Include easements and ownership within the TCF and adjacent to the TCF

- **Grazing:** good for elk, consider riparian damage, dispersed water alternatives (springs/seeps) in uplands, move grazing activity uphill away from riparian areas.
 - **Complex:** This is a new structure, opportunity to think out-of- the-box.
 - **Operational Aspects of the Forest:** reinvestment, enforcement, ongoing advisory committee, volunteer engagement, private property and Forest Service interface, long-term communications
- Several Advisory Committee members wanted clarification on how detailed their recommendations needed to be in the Teanaway Community Forest Plan. Michael Livingston reiterated what was said at the first meeting about the recommendations being broad with little detail. Lisa Dally Wilson said the group will need to make

recommendations without knowing all the specific details where they are not available.

3. Plan Framework

- Review TCFAC Topics (handout)

ACTION ITEM: Advisory Committee members are to review TCFAC Topics handout and e-mail Lisa Dally Wilson any additional topics, thoughts or comments by Tuesday, May 13th

- Water Supply and Watershed Protection Goal (handout written by Michael Livingston)
 - The purpose of this document is to jumpstart conversation, to build common understanding, and is an example of how the goals interact with the Yakima Basin Integrated Planning effort.

ACTION ITEM: Tom Ring, Derek Sandison, and Urban Eberhart are going to send comments/ suggestions to Michael Livingston who will send a final version to Lisa Dally Wilson by Friday, May 16th; she will e-mail to Advisory Committee

- There was a discussion about the Yakima Basin Watershed and Integrated Plan; Tom Ring explained water flow and irrigation in the Yakima Basin
- DRAFT Advisory Committee Working Framework
 - This is a suggested structure to follow for the next four meetings and can be used as a tool to prepare committee members about the topic that will be discussed at the next meeting. It can also be used to help guide committee members in developing their recommendations.
 - What does the Advisory Group need from the Agencies and Consultant Staff in order to make recommendations?
 1. Baseline information – agencies will do their best to get baseline information to the Advisory Committee prior to the meeting where that specific subject matter will be addressed.
 2. Topic area experts present at meetings (if available)

ACTION ITEM: topic experts in Advisory Committee e-mail Lisa Dally Wilson information they would like to share with the group. Urban Eberhart and JJ Collins both have content they would like to share for the next meeting

ACTION ITEM: Lisa Dally Wilson will send collected material to Advisory Committee 2 weeks and 1 week prior to next Advisory Committee meeting, as available from agency staff

4. Public Open Houses

- Dates TBD
- The Open Houses will mirror the work the Advisory Committee is doing to get additional feedback
- A suggestion was made to use the open houses not only for scoping but also to learn about current uses and conditions in the forest, given that the local community that is most likely to use the forest will be attending.
- The open houses meet SEPA requirements

ACTION ITEM: Eric Winford will send out public meeting information to Advisory Committee so they can participate if desired.

5. Public Comment

- Public comment was received from one member of the public. This comment, along with written comments, is included in the public comment document.

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. April 14th Meeting Summary
3. April 14th Verbal and Written Comments
4. TCFAC Topics as identified at the April 14th meeting
5. DRAFT Advisory Committee Working Framework
6. DRAFT Water Supply and Watershed Protection definition