

Teanaway Community Forest



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Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Summary August 14, 2014 (3:00 – 8:30pm)

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Derek Sandison	Brian Crowley	Doug Schindler
Gary Berndt	JJ Collins	Jason Ridlon
Kitty Craig	Mike Reimer	Jim Halstrom
Deborah Essman	Mark Charlton	Tom Ring (alternate for Phil Rigdon)
Gregg Bafundo	Urban Eberhart	Reagan Dunn (6:00 – 8:30)
Jeri Downs	Wayne Mohler	

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Dale Bambrick
Martha Wyckoff
Andrea Imler

Agency and Consultant Staff:

Lisa Dally Wilson – Dally Environmental	Clay Sprague – WDFW
Eric Winford – DNR/WDFW	Rick Roeder – DNR
Cynthia Wilkerson – WDFW	Diedra Petrina
Doug McClelland – DNR	Larry Leach -DNR

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Review of meeting agenda (Lisa Dally Wilson)
- Committee members approved meeting notes from the July 10th meeting.
- Tom Ring is representing Phil Rigdon as an alternate at this meeting.
- Overview of the Teanaway Management Plan timeline (Lisa Dally Wilson)
 - There will be a second TCFAC meeting in October on the 4th Thursday (October 23, time to be announced)
 - ACTION: Lisa Dally Wilson will provide a calendar updates in Outlook; committee should expect a series of meeting cancellation and new meeting requests.
- Lisa Dally Wilson lead a general discussion about Public Comments
 - Generally, the committee members have looked at the public comments some skim them, others fully read them

- The committee agrees that the public comments are an asset. It has been beneficial to see the range of what people think and/or don't fully understand.
- Committee wants to see an outline and understand the organization for the final report/management plan so they know what they are working towards
 - Next meeting the AC will discuss strategies for Goals 1, 2 and 4, and this will provide an indication of the structure for the management plan (eg., Goal, Objective and associated Strategies).
 - The WDFW Strategic Plan was provided to the TCFAC in March as an example of the structure that was anticipated for the TCF Management Plan.

2. Recreation

- Overview of breakout session synthesis (Lisa Dally Wilson)
 - Agencies are looking for more direction from the group; the dot exercise by Recreation use undertaken today will help facilitate this direction.
- Rick Roeder gives more direction on what the agencies are looking for during the breakout session
 - High-level objectives explaining what the committee wants to accomplish through recreation; the committee is not to focus on economics or how a project will get implemented in this exercise, only focus on what they would like recreational use to look like. Assume that all infrastructure (eg., trails) will be built to a standard that is protective.
- Eric Winford gave background and directions on the dot exercise; the exercise involves 16 different types of recreational activities and each of them has a spectrum of possibilities ranging from underdeveloped primitive to highly developed. Committee members were given dots to place in the square that represents how developed they would like to see each recreational activity.
 - After dots were placed in the boxes there was a discussion about each of the recreational activities led by Lisa Dally Wilson. The objective was to get a consensus and/or to find out what the outliers were thinking and if that changed the group's thoughts. The Committee may want several different experiences for a specific use, and that could occur using a zoning concept. The results will be used to synthesize a set of Recreation Objectives to present to the Advisory Committee.
- Some aspects of recreational use that were discussed have been placed in the parking lot for further discussion

- Cross country horse and mule travel – some concerns that concentrated cross country use will result in actual trail development where it is not intended.
 - Warming huts - Address in goal 5 – economic revenue. Determine what type of commercial enterprise is appropriate for the forest.
 - ORV use – There was concern from several Committee members that ORV use of the forest could cause environmental damage. The agencies were asked to provide approaches to addressing environmental damage, noise control and enforcement prior to the Advisory Committee decision on what level of ORV use is appropriate in the TCF. The agencies will also be providing objectives and a range of strategies to address recreation use in the TCF.
 - Winter ATV use
3. Goals 1,2 and 4 – Objectives for Watershed Protection, Working Lands and Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- Rick Roeder discussed the agencies’ approach to synthesizing the committee’s objectives and comments from the breakout group work in June and how this will be used to help guide the end product: the management plan for the forest.
 - The Advisory Committee Synthesis of June Breakout Session results and email homework on vision was reviewed by the Advisory Committee at the July TCFAC meeting prior to the field trip. Due to time constraints, the Advisory Committee was requested to complete their review outside of the meeting and provide further comment by email. The final version of Goal 1, 2 and 4 objectives from the Advisory Committee is referred to as the Advisory Committee Synthesis of Objectives for Goals 1, 2, and 4, and is included in the meeting handout package. The agencies used the Advisory Committee version and worked to consolidate and reorganize the objectives for use in the management plan for the forest. The agencies’ new version is referred to as the Agency Synthesis of Goal 1, 2 and 4 Objectives.
 - Some of the committee objectives were moved to Goal 5 parking lot. A list of the current Goal 5 Parking Lot was provided to the AC. These are ideas, community desires and objectives that have been voiced by the AC in past meetings, homework and breakout sessions that will be addressed when the Committee addresses Goal 5.
 - Eric Winford shared an example of the advisory committee synthesis which showed how the agencies used the Advisory Committee Objectives to develop a new list of Objectives.
 - Discussion about the agency-synthesis

- Committee members inquired as to why the agency restructured and re-worded the Advisory Committee Objectives.
- Some committee members have concerns that not everything is being captured in the agency synthesis, and that some of the re-wording is less clear.
- Some committee members want to see the rationale behind the agency synthesis (eg., how certain objectives were integrated into the Agency synthesis).
- Agencies explained that some of the Advisory Committee objectives were actually strategies and that the committee is only looking at objectives right now; agencies suggest that the committee takes some time to look at the handouts and rationale for the re-structuring of objectives by the agencies' and this discussion happens at a later date; the committee is happy with this option.
- ACTION: Eric Winford will email committee his working synthesis document showing how the Advisory Committee input was used to generate the Agency Synthesis of Objectives for Goals 1, 2 and 4.
- ACTION: Committee members will give feedback about synthesis document by August 25, 2014; if we do not get feedback from them we will assume that they are fine with the document. Feedback should be emailed to the facilitator.
- ACTION: If the committee feels that the synthesis document needs to be edited, a GoToMeeting will be scheduled with the Advisory Committee to edit the document as a group; Date to be determined

4. Legislative Funding (Rick Roeder and Jim Halstrom)

- \$1.2 million for capital costs (e.g. bridges, culverts, toilets, fire pits)
- \$1.9 million for operational costs

5. Public Comments

- There were 2 public comments taken at the end of the meeting.
 - Lana Thomas Cruiz; happy with what the committee and agencies are doing
 - Robert Seeley; local that has used the Teanaway for recreational purposes since 1970. He is happy with the direction the committee is going. He would like to see more access to the upper Teanaway via the opening of roads for vehicles.

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. July 10th Meeting Summary
3. Teanaway Management Plan Timeline
4. Teanaway Community Forest Recreation Use Spectrum Table
5. Goal 3 – Recreation Breakout Synthesis from Advisory Committee Breakout Session in July
6. Goals 1, 2, and 4 Watershed Protection, Working Lands & Fish and Wildlife Objectives
Agency Synthesis of Objectives
7. Goals 1, 2, and 4 – Advisory Committee Breakout results and synthesis
8. County Commission Notes on Objectives for the Teanaway Community Forest document