



WASHINGTON STATE DEPT OF
**NATURAL
RESOURCES**



Washington
Department of
**FISH and
WILDLIFE**

Teanaway Community Forest Oct. 25 Meeting Summary

Station #1 : Types and Locations of Recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest

Questions:

- What do you enjoy about recreating in the Teanaway Community Forest area? What don't you enjoy?
- What is your favorite place to visit?
- During what seasons do you most often visit?
- What is missing from your recreation experience?
- Any other comments?

1. ATV/Side-by-side family friendly trails/roads #1
2. Grafitti on cave walls
3. Don't forget about TCF lands outside of core with rec planning
4. Loops for dirt bikes, look at corridors/perimeters of TCF
5. West Fork Teanaway campground - good staging location
6. Important to maintain access to National Forest trails - Yellow Hill, West Fork and Middle Fork trails
7. Variety of dirt bike trails for different experience levels
8. Use some roads for trails or to connect trails
9. Recreation opportunities for everyone
10. Trails to land/natural features
11. Single and multi-use trails
12. Separate motorized and non-motorized use
13. Design trails for primary use
14. Provide multiple recreation opportunities - something for everyone
15. Mountain bike, motorized use should be included
16. Use specific trails and trail systems
17. Hiking
18. Hiking, mountain biking, dirt biking, dog-walking, snowshoeing - everything, all over
19. Big events sometimes make it difficult to recreate - take up a large area. would like to see limits.
Hard to accommodate large events and individuals. Calendar of events?
20. Dirt bike - Yellow Hill, Middle Fork, West Fork trails, Way Creek, nothing else like these trails - difficult
21. Winter sports, snow biker - Lake Ann, Scatter Creek
22. Hiking, wildlife viewing - out of Roslyn
23. Mountain biking - out of Roslyn
24. Water areas
25. Dirt bike - different levels, easy, intermediates, bring people in, scenic viewpoints, loops
26. Horseback riding - Middle Fork, Yellow Hill, Way Creek
27. Dispersed camping - don't allow -concerned with fires and impact to river - if campspots needed look at adding campgrounds
28. Horseback riding and hiking - don't mind sharing, encountering other recreationists, non-motorized
29. Accessible access to forest - ADA
30. Convert roads to trails for ATV/Side-by-side for kids and families
31. Motorized recreation experiences that are remote and difficult
32. Designing trails that use natural buffers to separate use/noise - example: mountain ridge
33. Groomed cross-country ski trails with varying topography or packed

34. Hiking West Fork Teanaway parking available unlike other areas - parking an issue
35. Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing
36. Hiking and mountain biking - West Fork Teanaway - trails there suitable
37. ATV's motorbikes, especially from Ronald to West Fork
38. Motorized motorcycle connections to services
39. Support multiple-use
40. Side by sides - roads
41. Hike, bike, snowshoe, dirt bikes - everything
42. Look at using roads for motorized recreation
43. Existing dirtbike trails very difficult - desire for easier trails, desire to have original dirt bike trails reopened
44. Open to all - mixed use area and separate trails/zones for single use and designed for that use
45. Horseback riding x 2 - West Fork, Middle Fork - all of it
46. Camping - dispersed
47. TCF needs signage/maps
48. Target shooting - none - don't allow in forest - noise
49. Pleasure driving - connect to local community attractions: West Fork and Middle Fork
50. Dirt bike, mountain bike, snowmobile, cross-country ski connectivity through Forest Service land; especially from Lake Cle Elum
51. New trails, better built trails
52. Middle Fork trail: maintain it, but improve river crossings
53. Seasonal closure based on soils
54. Seasonal closure for wildlife (elk calving)
55. Enjoys foraging
56. Solitude, hunting, hiking, camping
57. Don't want to see the area degraded
58. First Creek area
59. Respect the land
60. Group size, large groups can ruin the experience
61. Hunting, hiking, other activities are ok, but need limits
62. Enjoys healthy aquatic systems, clean water, fish, etc.
63. Fishing, also enjoy the aesthetic of clean water
64. Missing: hiking access from local communities on marked trails (from Suncadia or Roslyn)
65. Need regional trail system with signs
66. Enjoys off-road motorcycle riding, need more trails
67. Family rides from local communities mostly in Taneum or Table Mountain now
68. Keep trails open to all uses. Make improvements if necessary but make open, multi-use trails
69. Events are good but make them public on Facebook
70. Don't shut users down

Station #2 : Recreation and the Environment

Questions:

- Do you have concerns about impacts to the watershed from recreation? To wildlife habitat?
- Other areas of environmental concern?
- Social factors to consider when planning for recreation?
- Do you have suggestions for how to use education to reduce recreation impacts to the land?
- Any other comments?

Comments:

1. Has there been a road analysis?
2. Balance of recreation to protect riparian habitat for birds
3. Challenge to balance other goals with # people recreation use
4. Timing use and location of trails managed for wildlife
5. Is recreation access guided by RCW or Teanaway plan?
6. Plan trails so wildlife is not displaced by recreation
7. Fire safety is critical
8. Target shooting- consider designated area - manage and educate
9. Utilize clubs and organizations for stewardship/cleanup
10. Managing the number of people
11. Opportunity for multi-use and manage for intensive use
12. Enforcement of recreational rules
13. Signs and maps and use directions (high)
14. Manage to not negatively impact water quality
15. Road abandonment and closure and reuse for trails
16. Identify areas for wildlife
17. Manage large group events for individual uses and not displacing wildlife
18. Emergency exits and evacuation and access for residents on road network
19. Erosive soils, sandy soils and watershed protection
20. Hiking opportunities - Roslyn - Teanaway
21. Use clubs to get educational info shared with members and public
22. Can roads be used by dirt bikes? One of the allowed trails is too steep and causes damage
23. Design trails that don't harm water quality. Mitigation measures, bridges
24. Trail hardening and bridges at sensitive stream crossings
25. Manage to not impact wolves, bears, cougars
26. Comprehensive river management plan for Teanaway?
27. Mining suction dredge?
28. Wild and Scenic River Management Plan
29. Community engagement strategy
30. Golden Lakes example of multi use - separate use where appropriate to allow collaborative approach to trail use and maintenance

Station #3 : Recreation and the Community

Questions:

- How can recreation have a greater economic benefit to the region?
- What are the benefits of recreation to the local community beyond economics?
- Do you have concerns about impacts of recreation on private property?
- How should we consider local culture and history in recreation planning?
- Any other comments?

1. Trails interconnect w/Teaaway (USFS trails/DNR, Roslyn area/TGF) (Quads - dirt bikes)
2. Meetings on weekend?
3. Trails interconnect/environment is #1 priority
4. All types of recreation - inclusive
5. Economic benefits/seasonal
6. Signage/education - proper trail use
7. Allow business to donate - signage (sponsorship on maps)
8. Interpretive signage - history/geology/habitat
9. Sign private property boundaries
10. Develop vested interest for out of town residents to have respect for the area and community
11. System of trails - nicer trails for dirt bikes - economic benefit to community
12. Outside \$\$ coming in to local economy!! Food, fuel, motels, local shops
13. Kiosks - cultural history
14. Trails - pleasure driving vehicles (old west fork, middle fork roads are fire/emergency exits)
15. Fire access/Dingbat Creek *Emergency*
16. Private lands/to Public access!!
17. ATV/Side by side Trails/Road
18. Motorized recreation is not inconsistent with water quality and Yakima Valley goals. Can mitigate!
19. Poker runs/events involve local business/sponsors - \$\$ income TCF.
20. Study feasibility for dirt bike, open roads for use??
21. Current trails that are available for dirt bikes are bad - open roads!!

Station #4 : Partnership Opportunities

Questions:

- What opportunities do you see for community involvement in stewardship of the forest?
- What opportunities do you see for partnership between the community, recreationists, and land managers?
- What connections to adjacent lands are important to you?
- Any other comments?

1. Adopt a trail
2. Connect from Pine Loch Sun cabins to Teanaway
3. Connect trails through to USFS lands
4. Northwest motorcycle association (NMA) volunteer pool
5. WOHVA volunteer pool
6. Educate public - through schools, scouts, 4-H, FFA - on impacts so they can make good decisions while recreating
7. Educate public - Earth Day, school partnerships, KEEN
8. Cle Elum FS volunteer model
9. Opportunity for diverse users to work together
10. Mark property boundaries well
11. Local business sponsorships - Adopt-a-trail
12. Suncadia fund for community enhancement - funding source for trail work
13. Hiker group volunteers
14. Better volunteer coordination
15. Better social media for volunteers - TCF-based
16. Washington Trails Association Kittitas branch
17. Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

Station #5 : Vision and Values

Questions:

- What is your vision for the future of recreation on the forest?
- What is most important to you about the Teanaway Community Forest?
- What do you value the most about your experience in the forest?
- Any other comments?

Most important/Value

1. Keep the valley character - not over gentrified
2. Quietness and serenity (target shooting and motorized use incompatible)
3. Motorized trail system (dirt bikes, snowmobiles)
4. Connectivity by the West Fork, Dickey Creek to Red Top Hwy 97 for emergency exit, Middle Creek to Lake Cle Elem for driving pleasure
5. Pleasure driving
6. Motorized access - car/other vehicle - up Dickey Creek
7. Concerned about dispersed camping and impact (waste, fire, etc.)
8. Have "Leave it like you found it" mentality.
9. Returning the forest to a healthy aquatic system
10. Uniqueness and difficulty of trails for ORV (West Fork, Yellow Hill, etc.)
11. Scenery, beauty of ecosystems, serenity, no motorbikes
12. Be able to do lots of activity in summer/winter
13. Open access - keeping it that way - not making it a "wildflower area"
14. Restoring the floodplain and watershed health
15. Serenity and quiet
16. Providing a backcountry experience for all users

Vision

17. Would like to see broad input on decision making on process and keep public access available
18. Facilities that accommodate all uses - like ADA
19. Recreation can co-exist with wildlife and hunting season
20. Different types of trails for different types of recreation
21. Support goals of water access and Yakima Plan Goals
22. Separate motorized and non-motorized trails
23. Motorized trail system
24. Recreational use compatible with healthy aquatic environment
25. More multi-use trails - dirt bike/horse/hike/bike - grow trails in region
26. Trail system for multiple uses - hiking, snowmobile, dirt bike, hunting, etc.
27. Restrict access protect wildlife and environment
28. Management plan for big events marathon, geocache take up whole campground and fill up sites, calendar of events
29. No motorized access winter and summer
30. Should be shooting range in upper county, not on TCF
31. Off road motorcycle experience on TCF

32. Off road motorcycling trails - grow commensurate to demand of user group and responsible trail design. Utilize landscape features like decent bridges on West Fork and Middle Fork, to minimize building/maintenance cost and resource damage
33. Comprehensive river management planning and stewardship
34. Steer use away from private property
35. Adequate law enforcement
36. Horse trails and camping
37. Designate trail use - separate motorized - bike, horse, etc.
38. Trail training for user group, web, kiosk, signs at trail
39. Fire escape - access to trails by neighbors
40. Easy trails for hiking from Roslyn to TCF
41. Don't overdevelop
42. No motorized use