

Teaway Community Forest Open House

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Agenda

1. Background
2. Process for drafting management plan
3. Examples of objectives
4. Advisory committee timeline
5. Listening station topics
 1. Future vision for the Teanaway...



Teanaway Community Forest: An overview

- Purchased by state on October 2013
- More than 50,000 acres
- First state-managed community forest
- Key component of Yakima Basin Integrated Plan
- Important for water supply, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation

Legislative goals for the Community Forest (SB 5367)

- Protect and enhance the **water supply** and protect the watershed
- **Maintain working lands** for forestry and domestic livestock grazing while protecting key watershed functions and aquatic habitat
- Maintain and expand **recreational opportunities** consistent with watershed protection
- Conserve and **restore vital habitat** for fish and wildlife
- Support **a strong community partnership**, consulting on land management with the Yakama Nation, residents, business owners, local governments, conservation groups and others



Strategic Management Plan

To be completed by June 30, 2015

- Strategic, high-level
- Complies with legislation
- Reflects community priorities



Teanaway Forest Advisory Committee

Lawmakers directed DNR and WDFW to establish an advisory committee that includes members from

- Local community
- Local agriculture interests
- Land conservation organizations
- Yakama Nation
- Kittitas County Board of Commissioners
- State Department of Ecology



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Process will involve:



- 10+ advisory committee meetings
- Field trip(s)
- 3+ public open houses
- Online surveys and newsletters

Advisory Committee Upcoming Schedule

July: Define recreation objectives

August: Define objectives for
community partnerships

September: Review and revise all
objectives. Begin listing strategies



Strategic Management Plan

NO

- Specific actions
- Site level prescriptions

These come later

YES

- Goals
- Objectives
- Strategies

Strategic Mgt Plan

Example 1: Campgrounds

- # of toilets
- # of fire rings
- Specific campsite configuration



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Strategic Mgt Plan

Example 1: Campgrounds



- Siting criteria
 - distance from streams
- Accommodations
 - RV hook ups?
 - tent only areas?
 - walk in areas?

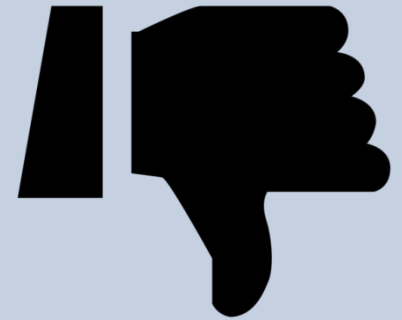


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Example 2: Forest & Streams

- Specific locations for
 - reducing fuels
 - stream restoration



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Example 2: Forest & Streams

- Develop criteria for prioritizing
 - Reduce fuels to protect property
 - Stream restoration



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Listening Station Topics

Table 1: Watershed protection

Table 2: Working landscapes

Table 3: Recreation opportunities

Table 4: Wildlife habitat

Table 5: General questions,
interim management

- Comment boxes, handouts,
posters



Listening Stations

Table 1: Watershed protection -
*Protect and enhance the water supply
and protect the watershed;*

- What do you want to see accomplished for watershed protection in the Teanaway?
 - Examples: Increased water storage capacity in the forest
 - Example: Sustained late season flows





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