

Teanaway Community Forest



Public Comment Received from 6/14/2014 – 7/11/2014

Note: The 238 comments were separated into goals in order to facilitate reading.

➤ **Goal 1: Protect and enhance the water supply and protect the watershed; (3 comments)**

07/02/2014	I strongly support active restoration of riparian and older forest habitat conditions in Teanaway Community Forest. Unauthorized trails must be rehabilitated, logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat should be removed, and there must be an end to illegal riding. This is a COMMUNITY forest. Not a free-for-all for a specific interest group who make it unusable to everyone else.
06/23/2014	Please protect the watershed from unauthorized use.
06/21/2014	I am interested greatly in how restoration in these new public lands can increase natural water storage from forest management to old logging road abandonment to reintroducing beavers. This being such a primary reason for this purchase, it is important to me that we do not get caught up in recreation planning or other issues until a clear picture of what the potential is to increase water quality and quantity with these new lands for the Yakima basin.

➤ **Goal 2: Maintain working lands for forestry and domestic livestock grazing while protecting key watershed functions and aquatic habitat; (4 comments)**

07/01/2014	I support a Teanaway Community Forest that actively restores riparian and older forest habitat conditions, rehabilitates unauthorized trails, removes logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat, and puts an end to illegal riding. Nothing less will keep our environment healthy, our water clean and our options to learn from nature alive.
06/27/2014	I support a Teanaway Community Forest that works to restore riparian and older forest habitats to natural conditions. I support a plan that removes unauthorized trails and rehabilitates trail-damaged areas, and that removes unnecessary logging roads and roads that threaten aquatic areas and critical elk habitat. In addition to treating the symptoms, this plan must also include measures to eliminate illegal ATV use. Thank you for your consideration, Perry Parsons 3507 S Hudson St. Seattle, WA 98118
06/26/2014	I love the Teanaway. I have been greatly saddened by the cattle grazing on the Community Forest lands for years. The cattle destroy habitat for wildlife and greatly impact the quality of the watershed and riparian zones. Please remove cattle from the Community Forest and protect that place for recreation and use compatible with protecting AND repairing the watershed quality and wildlife diversity. Bring back the Salmon. Thank you. Michael Prince
06/25/2014	I support a Teanaway Community Forest that actively restores riparian and older forest

	habitat conditions, rehabilitates unauthorized trails, removes logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat, and puts an end to illegal riding.

➤ **Goal 3: Maintain and where possible expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection, for activities such as hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, birding and snowmobiling; (206 comments)**

07/11/2014	Please allow multi-user access including moto. It is the only fair way to provide for all user groups.
07/11/2014	The area should be open to the use of as many recreational hobbies as possible so Americans continue to enjoy their heritage and the great outdoors (hunting, fishing, ORV, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, shooting, etc.
07/11/2014	ORV use brings money to this area and is much needed recreation for our family
07/11/2014	In your long term plan for the community forest please provide an opportunity for those who operate ORV. The amount of trails open to off road motorcyclist is shrinking every year. I hope to one day to be able ride through the forest with my children on our motorcycles. The experiences I had with my brother growing up very memorable and I cherish them to this day. Please think of us when you are doing the planning and do not discriminate against those of us who enjoy the use of motorized vehicles in the forests. Thank you, Lee Thacker
07/11/2014	THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! We drove up to Indian Camp to ride today (Thursday, July 10th), and the road was such a nice surprise! I feel like a lot of positive changes have been made since the state forest began.
07/10/2014	Please allow ORV use in this forest. ORV use does not damage the forest in any way, and allows citizens the chance to actually enjoy the forest.
07/10/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported. The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The you have a legal obligation to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise your trust management obligations. Off Road Vehicle use is one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be a top priority.
07/10/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported. I think the ORV use over 30 years has established a good and sustainable use. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly. I'm involved with a ORV club and have found the members to be very caring about the forests we ride in to the point of planting trees.
07/10/2014	I support ORV use in the Teanaway community forest. This land needs to be shared between a variety of re-creationist and offroad motorcycles have been successfully sharing this land in the past. Thanks, Craig Cogle
07/09/2014	Hello, thank you for taking public comment. I have a vacation cabin in Ronald, WA in the Pine Loch Sun neighborhood. I am very much interested in multi-use access to Teanaway Community Forest. I ride dual sport with my friends and hike with my family. I am hoping that I can ride dirt bikes in Teanaway Community Forest with my son someday. These

	trails are less technical, and ideal place to enjoy nature close to the cabin--just like the many locals have been for decades. If there is any stigma around ORVs, we also police within ourselves to respect others and obey the law. I wish the community has an opportunity to be inclusive of us as well. I am happy to volunteer and build bridges and perform trail maintenance. Thank you for listening. John Masin john.masin@icloud.com
07/10/2014	Please consider off-road motorcycle trail use in the Teanaway Community Forest. This use is very compatible with working forests and the off-road motorcycle community has proven to be a responsible group.
07/10/2014	I enjoy dual sport riding in the Cle Elum area and surrounding area. I really hope the area will remain open to families to ride and explore the area.
07/10/2014	I am in support of OHV use in Teanaway. Many of my friends and I are responsible, well-mannered trail riders who frequent Teanaway throughout the summer months. Thanks!
07/10/2014	The job of the recreation side of the DNR is to provide recreation to the public. The Teanaway Community Forest is surrounded by Multi Use recreation and I believe that there should be a place for ORV use here as well.
07/09/2014	It is important for me and my family and 5 grandkids that OHV use be included on the TCF. We love to recreate there on our off road motorcycles. We love to hike too but there are lots of trails in the Wilderness and other places for hiking and very few trails for motorized use. We would very much like to see motorized use continue on the TCF. Daniel R Huff
07/09/2014	I strongly support ORV use in the Teanaway as I have been going there for years and it should stay a multi use area.
07/09/2014	Disappointed off-road vehicle recreation is not in the plans. Please consider that aspect.
07/09/2014	I support public ORV use. Please keep trails open for responsible ORV users.
07/09/2014	please continue to allow ORV access in the TCF, i have owned a cabin off coral creek since 1976 and still would like my motorized recreation in that area to continue as it always has. there is enough forest out there for all user groups.
07/09/2014	I would like to express my hope that this plan will include access for ALL user types. My family has ridden ORV's (dirtbikes) in this area for the last thirty years. Our opportunities for legal access have been slowly eroded away over time. My hope is that this plan can offer new access and opportunities for us ORV users in cooperation with all other interested groups.
07/09/2014	I support ORV use in the teanaway forest. Scott
07/09/2014	i would love to have more access and more open roads for both ORVS and street legal "trail rigs". i drive a toyota modified for offroading and love the area but there are hardly any trails that are worth the trip. let us use the forests and we will help maintain and repair what needs to be done. Jake A- 98926 homeowner
07/09/2014	I support motorized access to our public land. Additionally, the time I spend in local communities also has me spending money to support their local businesses.
07/09/2014	I want to express my desire to have ORV use be a top priority in the Teanaway area. I have ridden these trails for years and plan to ride there with my grandchildren some day.
07/09/2014	I support ORV use in the Teanaway.
07/09/2014	Beautiful area. Great area for exploring the outdoors on dirt bikes.
07/09/2014	I support orb use in teanaway ... Please let us keep riding there
07/09/2014	I strongly recommend that existing orv trails are kept active and possible new trails can be added.
07/09/2014	Hi, My husband and I own a cabin in Cle Elum and 360 acres of timberland. We want to let

	the DNR know that we are very supportive of responsible ORV access to land in the Cle Elum, LT Murray and Teanaway area. Please consider extending more ORV access in your future plans.
07/09/2014	I support ORV use in the Teanaway forest area. don't lock us out!
07/09/2014	I would really like to see more ORV access in the area. Most users are responsible and deserve access just as much as anyone else!
07/09/2014	Hello- My family and I have been actively using the Teanaway area for year. We actively ride the single track trails on motorcycles. These trails are like no others in the state, with a level of difficulty that keeps them fairly low in usage. We clear trails every year with our saws and enjoy the fishing, hunting, hiking and solitude (yes, motorcycle users enjoy that as well!)
07/09/2014	Please keep open and expand the 4x4 trails in the teanaway
07/09/2014	I would like to see responsible ORV use in the Teanaway Community Forest.
07/08/2014	I would like to see some expanded parking/ camping areas. As a trail maintenance volunteer I can carry a chainsaw on my motorcycle to help keep the trails clear but it's hard for me to create a campsite. My friends and family regularly enjoy riding in the Teanaway and would be happy to help out where we can. Thanks Carl Carbon
07/08/2014	Under the assumption that the Teanaway Community Forest is to actually be a multiple use forest and not a "forest for the privileged few" a well designed system of single track trails for motorized trailbike riding should be developed as soon as possible. In 2005 the USFS published a study "Off-Highway vehicle recreation in the United States, regions and States: A National Report from the National Survey on Recreation and the Environment". That study found OHV use to be one of the fastest growing outdoor activities. Unfortunately in the State of Washington motorized trail bike riders have great difficulty finding legal and suitable places to camp and and enjoy family trail riding outings. Well designed trail bike trails are a critical issue for enthusiasts in this State. It is the hope of the motorized trail community that the Teanaway Forest project will help to resolve the need for single track motorized trail recreation. It is also the hope of this community that it will not be subjected to the anti-motorized trail bigotry and malicious discrimination that has happened at times in the past.
07/08/2014	Please make sure to include off road motorcycle trail use. The motorcycling community has always been a strong supporter of outdoor activities such as, trail maintenance and trail restoration.
07/08/2014	Please stop atv from wreaking Wa only gateway to wilderness area
07/08/2014	Would really like to see offroad motorcycle use included in planning.
07/09/2014	Senior citizens should be allowed to use all roads in the forest and should be allowed to collect rocks and minerals.
07/07/2014	Please provide a sustainable system of hiking trails.
07/07/2014	I am writing today to request that off-road motorcycle use continue to be allowed in the Teanaway Community Forest (TCF). Off-road motorcycle riding at the TCF is an activity that brings people together from across WA state, OR and ID to share a common passion and learn lessons about perseverance overcoming challenges and teamwork. I personally hold many wonderful memories with my father and our family friends riding off-road motorcycles as a child in the 1990s and early 2000s. Now that I've graduated college and found career success with a large employer, I've looked back at the time I spent at the TCF and am reminded about how important those years were to my development as a productive citizen. Off-road motorcycle riding is a use of this land that the local

	<p>community has always supported, both as a healthy family activity and as a driver of significant tourism revenue. Now that I am financially established, I bought a new motorcycle this year to ride this area and to begin creating new memories both with my friends, and with my nieces and nephews, eventually my own children, and my father, whom has stayed healthy and fit into his 60s because his love of off-road motorcycling. My most frequent group of riding partners consists of 8-10 young professionals, making the trip to Cle Elum from places including Bellingham, Seattle, Sandpoint, and Hood River. Each time we're in town we patronize local restaurants like Beau's Pizza and Pasta and Gunnar's Coffee Cabin, we purchase upgraded gear and replacement bike parts in town, and we book rooms at local hotels. We make this trip many times during the year to ride at the TCF, and as I mentioned in the previous paragraph, now that many of us are starting families, we hope to continue to make this trip for many years to come. Most importantly, the primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations. Due to the previous four decades of ORV use, the area has a robust and sustainable multi-use trail system. This trail system has been continuously improved over this time to mitigate environmental impact and increase user safety. There are many examples in nearby areas that prove the popularity and effectiveness of managing a multi-user outdoor recreation area for the benefit of tourism and attracting lucrative employers, including the impressive popularity of the Post-Canyon area in Hood River, Oregon. ORV use has historically proven to be one of the best integrated and most popular uses within working forests, and as such should be prioritized accordingly. Patrick Hunter patrick.hunter@live.com</p>
07/07/2014	<p>Hi, I'm a mountain biker from Seattle. The Cle Elum/Roslyn area is a great not-to-far-away destination for bike rides. I invariably stop in town for a meal before heading back. I'm glad to see more trail development being planned. I enjoy intermediate/advanced difficulty "cross country" trails; no jumps or man-made structures necessary for full enjoyment. Very much like availability of gentle climbing trails so you don't have to grind up a forest road before being in the trees and riding trails. Please make it impossible or hard for people to "shuttle" trails with a big climb so we don't get lots of people driving up and bombing down. Thanks!</p>
07/07/2014	<p>As a family, we have always enjoyed riding our motorcycles on trails in the area. Not only does riding together keep the family together, it gives us an appreciation for the outdoors and the environment.</p>
07/07/2014	<p>Hi, I am a Senior Software Developer at Expedia and support multi-use trails open to OHV use. Many more families are taking to OHV recreation as their way of spending time with their family. Providing OHV recreation at Teanaway Community Forest will help provide these families a safe place to recreate.</p>
07/07/2014	<p>ORV use should be included in this plan. Off road motorcycles should be allowed on the trails in this area. The community has always used this land this way, and shouldn't be locked out because DNR is now managing it. It is a "Community Forest"!</p>
07/07/2014	<p>Would love to see mountain biking and hiking w some non motorized trails.</p>
07/07/2014	<p>Please keep motorized and non-motorized trail users separate.</p>
07/07/2014	<p>I think motorized and non-motorized users need different trail design standards in most cases. Otherwise, land managers should go for multi-use trails wherever possible and put the burden on the different users to get along.</p>
07/07/2014	<p>I really have enjoyed the non-motorized experience in the area now called the Teanaway</p>

	Community Forest. Please continue to provide non-motorized trails that allow mountain biking. We have been riding here since 1999. We ride from Roslyn or Cle Elum up to the ridge and down in the the Teanaway valley. We have also started from the Teanaway side.
07/07/2014	I would like to see more non-motorized single track trails provided, built specifically for mountain biking but also available for hiking.
07/07/2014	Allow for the continued use of ohv within the teanaway community forest
07/06/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported.
07/06/2014	I just spend some time in the TCF on the 5th of July and saw lots and lots of horses, horse trailers, etc. If the area is closed to ORV's why is it not also closed to horseback riders and mountain bikers. If you want exclude one group you need to exclude all groups. The argument that ORV's (at least motorcycles) cause substantial damage doesn't hold water when you compare the damage caused by horses and mountain bikers, or the human waste left behind by hikers.
07/05/2014	Access in the Teanaway for motorcycle and ATV use is first priority. The existing logging roads need to remain open for trail riding and hunting. New trails need to be made for additional use by families to enjoy the mountain terrain.
07/05/2014	I have enjoyed access into the Teanaway since 1961, as a place to go hunting. I walked all of the valley's, hills and draws in those years.
07/04/2014	Off road motorcycling is becoming more and more difficult to enjoy. Teanaway is one of the best riding areas left in Washington and it would be a shame to have that opportunity jeopardized. I know there are off road motorcyclists who volunteer their time and resources to maintain the trails for the benefit of all users. Keeping the area open to off road motorcyclists keeps those volunteers working and the trails open.
07/04/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported. The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly.
07/04/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported. The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly.
07/04/2014	Thank you for your service to the people of this great state. I'm writing to support balanced, mixed use including ORV access in the Teanaway.
07/04/2014	Hello! The Teanaway Community Forest encompasses a homestead site that my maternal grandmother was raised on. As a child I never went because everyone had passed or moved to Seattle by then. As an adult I hiked there with my mom, who has since passed away. I'll never forget it. We were hiking on what was at the time private land. We were stopped by a man for trespassing. He wanted to know who we were. And so my mother started rattling off names of people she grew up with. People who knew her mother and her family. And it became clear to the guy that we had a long history here. And he let us continue. I would like to see others allowed to hike here safely and responsibly. If the area is to be used for recreation building trails will help to protect plants and give wildlife

	the opportunity to observe humans from a safe distance. Beyond trail building I hope that the area can remain undeveloped. Clearly this spot means a great deal to me and I am filled with awe and gratitude at the plan to save it for recreation, as opposed to development, which seems to be the current Washington State default. I want to see more done to preserve the character of our wild and "underdeveloped" areas. And hope that beyond trail development, this wilderness can stay as is. Please no water parks or paved roads. Thank you for allowing me to comment.
07/04/2014	Please keep the Teanaway Community forest a great place to ride off road motorcycles. My family has a great tradition of riding together in the Teanaway. The ORV community has always respected and taken great care of this great place to enjoy the outdoors with all outdoor enthusiasts. The Washington Forests are for everyone.
07/04/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported.
07/04/2014	My name is Doug Reed and I, along with my wife and two young kids enjoy riding dirt bikes and camping in the forests of Washington State and Oregon. Riding dirt bikes and quads has been a great opportunity for us to teach our kids how to be responsible and respectful. While I know there are a few folks out there that never learned these lessons that seem to try and ruin the good things for the rest of us, we ask that you please open Teanaway to motorized recreationalists like us. There are a lot of motorized recreational enthusiasts like us that would really like to see areas opened up for public multi-use, and for the DNR to close these great areas and exclude some users would be a dis-service. A family that rides together stays together. I have been happily married for over 21 years, and motorized recreation is what we chose to do with our family in about 2003. It has been very good for us, but it seems like Washington government is too often against us, and I don't know why. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment, Doug Reed (And my wife Jacquie, & kids David & Rachel) Puyallup Washington
07/04/2014	Please continue to include ORV's in the DNR managed lands
07/04/2014	Here are some example comments to consider: Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported. The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly.
07/04/2014	The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly.
07/03/2014	need areas for motorized recreation, specifically dirt bikes.
07/03/2014	Please keep all motorcycle trails open!!
07/03/2014	My family and I love to ride there
07/03/2014	more trails for off road use
07/03/2014	Offroad motorcycle trails have proven to be a valuable asset to quickly navigate a working forest. These motorcycle trails have been used and appreciated by the local community for many years. Offroad motorcycling should be a prioritized use within the Teanaway.
07/03/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local

	community has always supported. The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly. Best regards, Greg Starr
07/03/2014	I have been camping and dirt biking in this area all of my life. I hope I can continue to bring my family and friends to this great area.
07/03/2014	Please include single track offroad motorcycle recreation in the planning process. This use has been taking place in this area for decades, if not a half century.
07/03/2014	I have ridden my motorcycle in the Teanaway forest for many years and wish it to remain open for me to enjoy on my motorcycle.
07/03/2014	Please allow motorized OHV use as part of the plan. This is compatible with a working forest and has long been part of the local community.
07/03/2014	I'm a lifelong Washington resident and now bumping into 45. On my 5th birthday I received a little Honda MR50. That was the start of many family camping trips, some of which took us to the Cle Elum area. That was the '70's when offroad motorcycling, or "dirt biking", was a younger sport. Today, ORV use is much more prevalent. It continues to be a family sport. We are mostly confined to the same riding areas that we have been using for over 40 years. Many of these are DNR "working forests": Walker Valley, Capitol, Tahuya and Jones Creek for example. With the sport's popularity increase one would think that public riding areas would have increased commensurately over the years. This hasn't been the case and now the need for access to public riding areas is higher than ever before. The Teanaway Community Forest is to be a working forest and as such the DNR must allow multiple recreational uses. Dirt biking should be one of them. Some of the existing trails within the now-established boundaries of the TCF have provided ORV recreation for decades. Whether or not that usage was approved or legal in the past is moot; the TCF is now a working forest and by law, the DNR must allow multiple uses. If a use case doesn't compromise the DNR's trust management obligations then it should be allowed if user demand is great enough. The land within the TCF boundaries has a long history of dirt biking on single-track trails and so establishes the user demand. For comparison, the aforementioned DNR working forests have supported ORV use for decades. In fact I have many fond and exciting family camping trip memories of riding in them (we were at Capitol the day Mt St Helens erupted in 1980!). ORV usage is a very compatible use case in working forests; this has been long established when considering the other DNR working forests noted earlier. The landscape within the TCF is scenic and unique. As such, it is a "destination recreation area" as dirtbikers have traveled from outside areas to ride the trails. This injects outside dollars into the local economy. ORV use on the land has always had support from a large portion of the local community. The TCF Committee should include a sub-team of offroad motorcyclists comprised of individuals who have experience with: 1) Practical and applied ORV trail maintenance and construction. 2) Environmental topics. 3) The existing trail system. Finally, I urge the DNR to take a position of trusting the proactive offroad motorcycling community. We understand the issues of motorized recreation in the outdoors and have developed solutions to mitigate the issues. If we didn't do anything we wouldn't have places to go. We are quite adept at supporting our riding areas.
07/03/2014	Why is there not fair representation of all the user groups?
07/03/2014	Hello. As a 57 year old dirt bike rider I would like to see the Teanaway Forest include single

	track trails for dirt bikes. The area has a history of ORV use and it butts up to an area that has National Forest trails that are open to dirt bikes. The ORV use would not be new to the area and is always a plus for the local economy. Thank you, Ronald Gray
07/03/2014	I would like to see Teanaway Forest open to offroad motorcycle use.
07/03/2014	Please continue to allow managed ORV use. The use of offroad motorcycles has historically proven to be very compatible with working forests.
07/03/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported.
07/03/2014	This area has provided local residents and visitors with great dirt bike, ATV and snowmobile family recreation for over 40 years. It also provides connections to a lot more OHV opportunity. Please insure that this recreation is supported under the DNR's management of it.
07/03/2014	I ask that you also include offroad motorcycle trail use in your planning. Offroad motorcycles have traditionally been accepted by the community there and have been recreating there for decades. The DNR has a legal obligation to allow multiple use as long as it doesn't interfere with DNR obligations.
07/03/2014	My friends and family would like to see multi use trails for dirt bikes hikers & horses
07/03/2014	Please include offroad motorcycle trail use. This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported
07/03/2014	Please include ORV trail use. Regardless of the previous owner's policy it is a use that the local has historically embraced. The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. While recreational access is secondary, the DNR has a legal mandate to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has proven to be one of the most compatible uses in working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly.
07/02/2014	Please don't allow motorized recreation in the Teanaway (ie dirt bikes, ATVs Etc)
07/02/2014	I love the entire Teanaway! I have ridden my horse there three times and hiked once- all in June! I rode there today too, from the WF trail head. PLEASE keep all ORV out of there- it's lovely now and deserves to be protected.
07/01/2014	I was up hiking in the Teanway Community Forest last week. (Bible Rock area). There were several campfires left burning (Sunday), even t hough the campers had left (Teanaway campground). In addition, even though the trails are clearly marked 'no motorized vehicles', there were motorcylces going wherever they pleased. The hikers, equestrians & mountain bike folks all seem to respect the rules--why can't the ORV people? After seeing the Daily Record article about how they are pushing hard for more ORV access, I can't help but worry that this area will turn into a new version of Naches Creek off of Highway 410. Up in that area, where motorcycles, ATV's and Jeeps all have trail access, it is unsafe for hikers, mountain bikers & equestrians. Too many vehicles going too fast, on too many blind curves. In addition, the campgrounds are trashed, as the type of people who do ORV seem to be less concerned about the environment than others.
06/30/2014	I believe there should be a limit to how many motorized recreation parks there are. If we want to keep a nautral enviorement allow the equine riders and hickers have there trails, as off road (motorized vehicles) already have a huge impack on trails, and already have trails established and in use already.
06/30/2014	I hope that the Teanaway Community Forest, as befitting its name, offers a variety of opportunities for diverse user groups and does not cater to any single group. I hope the state commits to a serious LEO presence in the area or this will become a total shit show.

06/29/2014	After reading almost 100 opinion submittals for the expansion of ATV/ORV use in the newly created Teanaway Community forest I find it interesting that there is not one submittal in opposition. I also note that in all proponents letters the only reason they could give for expansion of off road riding was because they wanted more room to ride. Clockum, L.T. Murray, Yellow hill, Liberty, Taneum, Manastash, Fortune Creek, provide a lot of off road trails for both ATV and ORV use. The Teanaway Water Basin Enhancement Forest was created to enhance and preserve an area for watershed preservation. I fail to see how expanded ATV/ORV use meets any of the supporting criteria for that goal.
06/29/2014	If allowing ATV/motorized vehicle use in the forest, please consider restricting it to roads due to the damage caused by tires on trails (especially wet trails). I know we all must share the area, but I go to the forest for the peacefulness, quiet, and wildlife, not for the noise of vehicles.
06/29/2014	Would like to see trails for hikers (both Day and Backpack), which means designated camping areas with outhouses too. If practical a separate trail for mountain bikes would also be nice; but a distant second to hiking trails.
06/28/2014	The blatant and intentional exclusion of ORV's from the interim travel plan is unacceptable. I've been riding dirtbikes and quads back there for years and so have many of my friends and neighbors. Since rumors of this purchase began to surface I've been pressuring the DNR non stop (along with many others in the offroad community) to make sure we are not marginalized. Turns out public comments and opinions only matter from some groups as we were totally ignored. Get your act together DNR. Motorized recreation is vital to this area. Fix this problem immediately, not next summer.
06/28/2014	Please provide additional space for more rigs to horse camp. Spot's for highline's for overnight camping with horses. If motorcycles are going to be allowed please mark trails that would be for equine and hikers verses motorcycles all on the same trail system. Thank you so much for allowing public input. We love Indian Camp and come up regularly. Ann Mokry
06/28/2014	My concern is that the trails remain open and safe to us equestrians!
06/27/2014	I have been riding up in the area for decades and love that I don't have to compete with motorcycles. Please keep it that way.
06/27/2014	We would like to see separate bike/hike/horse trails.
06/27/2014	Purpose built bike trails please. No motos, they destroy the trails.
06/27/2014	Non motorized trails are what I want, especially for mountain bicycles
06/27/2014	Yay mountain biking! I am new to mountain biking but we are heading to Teanaway this weekend to try out the trails. The more mountain biking trails, the better! It's such a great, low-impact way to enjoy open and wild places - please do what you can to preserve and protect it for this use (as well as other low-impact uses, like hiking). And limit use from motorized vehicles for users' safety and important environmental impacts. Looking forward to testing it out this weekend - thank you for ensuring we have another great place to ride in our area!!!
06/27/2014	Please keep it safe for horseback riding! Remind other interests that most trails were began/built by horse and mule folks. Thank you.
06/26/2014	The Teanaway Community forest helps protect wildlife, water, fish and the land it needs. Unregulated off road vehicles that chew up areas leading to erosion and areas that are hard to regenerate is counter productive. Please consider at the least regulating this recreational activity and ideally letting this beautiful area be motor free.

06/26/2014	I'm very excited to see access to the Teanaway preserved, especially for all forms of non-motorized recreation. I've hiked, biked, and cross country skied in this area for years.
06/26/2014	The ATV and motorbike trails seem the biggest problem to me.
06/26/2014	The Teanaway one of my favorite hiking destinations. However, I've seen, and been injured by, trails which have been trashed by motorized vehicles. I would strongly urge the Advisory Committee to create new trails, for non-motorized use.
06/26/2014	I'd like to see dispersed camping, and human-powered bicycles allowed on at least some trails.
06/26/2014	It would be great if the Teanaway Community Forest included hiking trails. While I'm from Seattle, my wife and I frequently camp and hike around Cle Elum and Teanaway!
06/26/2014	I enjoy hiking in other areas of the Teanaway, and would love to be able to hike in the Teanaway Community Forest as well. Please include non-motorized trails for both hiking and mountain biking in the TCF plan. I am also curious about winter recreation opportunities in the Teanaway Community forest: would there be trails that could be brushed high enough & wide enough & marked as snowshoe trails? There is a need to disperse some of the winter recreation off of the west end of the I-90 corridor (Hyak & Gold Creek, especially), and many, many folks are looking for "entry level" (1-4 mile, not too steep) snowshoe hikes.
06/26/2014	well... that was kind of weird.. I just submitted a comment, and you didn't ask me for name, phone, email addy... nothin! you just want anonymous comments? I don't wanna be anonymous! oh.. and I want TRAILS! Brian Kirk Tacoma, Wa. 253 759 5324 skimohawk@centurylink.net
06/26/2014	from the Washington Trails Association's website: "Currently there are no designated trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. WTA is a strong advocate for a designated trail system for hikers and other recreationists." Whaaatttt?? All that work done, all the money spent, all those plans made, and there are NO trails proposed? Are you kidding? What was this land acquisition thing all about? Just to get a chunk of real estate to grow trees on? As Jean Luc Picard would say: "NOT GOOD ENOUGH!" We want TRAILS. Trails for hikers, backpackers, equestrians, hell, even mountain bikes! You guys are the planners. You figure it out. Ask WTA for help if you need it- they've got some pretty sharp cookies up there working in the office.
06/26/2014	For motorized use, limit it to motorcycles (no offense to ATVs, but there's not enough room for that activity along with the others), please, and separate motorized trails from equestrian trails. Please include hiker/horse-only trails. Up front, make signage and use education a priority to reduce confusion and ambiguity. Build a strong volunteer system of support for stewardship patrols and citizen science programs for monitoring the ecosystem.
06/26/2014	As a family member of the original owners of part of this land, the Peretti family, I would heartily recommend this beautiful property be utilized for hiking trails and possibly as picnicking/camping sites. Rosalie Whyel
06/26/2014	I applaud the committee in its approach to scope a comprehensive plan that includes all members of the greater Teanaway Community. I've enjoyed various recreational activities in Teanaway with my kids, cousins and other close friends. We all have fond memories and share a vested interest to preserve the lands, views and natural habitat along with recreational opportunities that include backpacking, camping and off road dirt bike riding for the next generation. We have met many fantastic people along the trails that have in fact have become friends for which we continue annual adventures. I would like to

	advocate that the committee continue to account for these types of recreational activities in the big preservation picture for which I along with many others very much want to preserve for the generations to come. Thank you, Kevin O'Connor
06/25/2014	I was made aware of the illegal use of ATV's and motorbikes in the Teanaway Community Forest and it concerns me. This forest is important habitat for large species like elk, wolves, and also important for Spotted Owls and several species of fish. This letter is to inform you that I support the Teanaway Community Forest as well as ending the illegal destruction of this critical habitat.
06/25/2014	Please STOP ATV and motorized vehicle use of the Teanaway forest and watershed area. Thank you. Melinda S. Hirsch. M.D.
06/25/2014	my children and I have enjoyed camping and mountain biking in the Teanaway forest. We have also camped there many times to enjoy road biking. Please save trails for family recreational use, especially mountain biking! April Agnew Gig Harbor WA
06/24/2014	i enjoyed camping with my horses at Indian Camp horse camp in the Middle fork Teanaway last weekend but it was very crowded. We could use some more space for those long living quarters trailers to fit in. Thanks, Robin Dale- Yakima
06/24/2014	I would like to see multiple beneficial use implemented that considers and accommodates walking, bicycling, horse back riding, motorcycles, ATVs, Jeep trails, and handicapped use access.
06/24/2014	I had the opportunity to horse-ride the area recently, for the first time. I loved it. I found it helped me relax after a stressful week. I have great memories of using that area as a child. I don't want to loose that "feel good" area. Please help us keep it and communicate as to what we can do to help keep it open to us.
06/24/2014	Dear TCFAC, I support your move to provide active leadership to restore and fund the process of rehabilitating the illegal and destructive roads and trails used by motorized vehicles in the Teanaway. It is so important to wildlife and plants are stabilized in this natural community and I want to add my voice to the decision making process. Sincerely, Gro Anna Buer
06/24/2014	This area is wonderful for mountain biking. It would be great to have some trails that are designated biking trails.
06/24/2014	The only way this forest can be revived is to stop all motor bikes, ATVs and put some rangers out there to control what is allowed. Because if the public is not told up front that they can't do off roading all over the forest and refuse to stay on the designated trails all the work on this forest will be for nothing. You will also have to fill in and obliterate all of the trails the public used to use in order to keep them on the trails they will be allowed to use.
06/24/2014	I feel that at this point, unauthorized vehicles which damage the watershed and compromise the purity (and security) of the water supply are wrong for this land. jp
06/24/2014	Listen folks, I'm a mt. biker, a hiker and generally a supporter of responsible use and access for all users (motorized and non-motorized). I know that mt. bikers as a community give a ton of trailwork to build and maintain trails they utilize. I also, know the motorized community (specifically motorcycles) get many of the harder-to-reach trails a saw pass early each summer and that is really appreciated. They aren't as much trail builders as maintainers, but what they do is appreciated and utilized by MANY folks at no cost to tax payers. Please keep these comments in mind with this forest moving forward.
06/24/2014	Please continue to offer mountain biking opportunities in the TCF. We love the Ridge Trail to the river (logged), Sandy Downhill, "trail to the 4way", and more. Please continue to

	offer non-motorized mountain biking trails.
06/24/2014	I ride horse in Middle Fork and my problem is who is going to maintain the trail with the motor bikes being able to use the trails (Not them!) at the moment they have been adding more trail already in that area and running existing trail that we use with no regard to the deep ruts that they cause. They already have trashed the trails in the Taneum and Manashtash . having said that.... most are very polite when met on the trails and if it were not for the damage to the trails I wouldn't have any problem with them
06/24/2014	We are members of the Tahoma Chapter Back Country Horsemen of Washington and our members very interested in maintaining and preserving the campground and trails at Indian Camp. Many equestrians from our area use this campground and trails for horseback riding and enjoy the natural beauty there. We would like to suggest increasing the space available for horse camping by using the grassy meadow on the right side as you are entering the campground. Our club would be willing to provide highline poles and metal hitching rails to replace the ones that were removed and also the labor to complete the project. This would provide the much needed camping spots and area needed to highline horses. Sincerely, Don Boltz - President Tahoma Chapter Lourie Boltz
06/24/2014	Please conserve the soil beneath the trees being destroyed by various insect predators by eliminating social trails created by ATV use. Those vehicles should be given a section of land that cannot be salvaged to play on.
06/24/2014	PLEASE, no motorized vehicles on trails aside from ones used for handicapped or elderly people.
06/24/2014	I've been hearing about an apparent movement on the part of the motorized community to allow OHV access to roads and trails in the Community Forest. I'd like to go on record as opposing that idea. Motorized users already have a large number of miles they can travel in the county, including hundreds of miles of Forest Service and DNR roads and trails. The contention by some that their motorized recreational opportunities are diminishing doesn't hold up to the facts. I can't think of a single trail that has been closed to motorized use; at least not on Forest Service land. I urge the Committee to maintain the status quo banning OHV use on the Teanaway Community Forest. Jon Herman PO Box 1079 Roslyn, WA 98941
06/23/2014	Unregulated motorized users leaving the system roads is a poor way to manage forests.
06/23/2014	Love riding mountain bikes in the Teanaway! It's one of the few areas in the county with singletrack that isn't all straight up/straight down yet you can get some decent mileage out there, so it's a great destination for people of all ability levels. Last year I did a 3 day/2 night solo bikepacking trip through the west fork drainage starting in Roslyn. It was an excellent adventure I hope to repeat some iteration of in the future. OK, so there's been a lot of discussion about moto usage out there, and I must confess I'm ambivalent about it. The moto guys who have been out there up until recently have been mainly locals, people putting around with kids, my personal heroes clearing trails with chainsaws, etc. It was kind of low-visibility and overall light use and things were all good. But if this is designated an 'official' moto destination, I can see how it could really ramp up usage and I'm not so keen on how that might work out. The soils in there are mostly sandy that gets quickly blown out and wouldn't stand up to a lot of abuse, and the LAST thing I'd want to see is it evolve into a free-for-all redneck moto mayhem scene (see every single FS sign shot out and garbage dumped all over in the Manastash area as a cautionary example). I guess the most ideal thing might be a compromise where the motos are funneled through limited hardened doubletrack to get from the ridge out to the FS trailheads on the other

	side, but this raises inevitable enforcement issues. So.... I guess I feel bad about saying "no motos there" because they've been good users until this point. I guess there's just going to have to be an honest discussion about how to mitigate the problems that come with motorized use and see if something can be worked out.
06/23/2014	I am absolutely opposed to having motorized vehicles in the Teanaway Forest! People who love nature for it's solitude, wildlife observing, birdsong and healing environment would have to put up with the sounds of motorized vehicles, dust, and many other negative factors that make the Teanaway such a special place. Please...do not allow this to change!
06/23/2014	Please consider including non and motorized trails. This is an are that was once a wonderful playground shared by dirt bikers and hikers. We want our recreation back. Thanks
06/23/2014	This is one of my favorite areas to ride horses & hike. I'd be glad to help work parties.
06/23/2014	I love mountain biking there!
06/23/2014	Please ensure that the community forest will be open to other uses than hiking. I would love to see biking trails in this trail system.
06/23/2014	This area is being trashed by off-road ATV's and dirt bikes. It has so much potential for all types of wildlife ie...elk, deer, moose, wolves, lions etc. PLEASE don't hesitate to begin restoring and protecting this valuable resource.
06/23/2014	I would like to express my support for a Teanaway Community Forest that actively restores riparian and older forest habitat conditions, rehabilitates unauthorized trails, removes logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat, and puts an end to illegal riding.
06/23/2014	Prior to purchase, the lands comprising the Teanaway Community Forest were used by a variety of recreation groups. It's vitally important that ALL of those used continue. Planning and developing a comprehensive approach is all fine and dandy, but in the meantime, there is no reason the status quo for recreation can not or should not continue. Going forward, ALL user groups, especially those currently underserved (mountain biking, OHV) should be represented and afforded recreation opportunities on these lands. User groups share trails successfully throughout WA and other states, there is no reason this shouldn't be the case here. Personally I'd like to see long, cross country trails in the area, for both nonmotorized and motorized use. As a mountain biker primarily, there is appeal in non motorized trails. I would also strongly prefer to see trails remain narrow singletrack, rather than the wider trails that ATV use creates.
06/23/2014	More Mountain bike specific trails!
06/23/2014	The Committe should decide whether or not firearm target practice is an appropriate use of the TCF. And if it decides yes, then perhaps a specific location could be used as a public firing range. Thank you.
06/23/2014	I believe the TCF should have a clearly designated trail system. There should be defined areas allowing motorized trail use, as well as non-motorized use. These areas should be well marked by trail signs and maps. There should be some way of enforcing these rules.
06/23/2014	I read an article speaking to the ATV communities many comments to you on their desire to use their "community trails" in the new Community Forest. I oppose this and am filing comments so that you can tally this sentiment along with theirs. As I understand it (and support), the community forest was purchased in part to help ensure long term water storage in the headwaters of the Yakima watershed along with providing key fish and wildlife habitat. I agree that it should provide opportunities for the public and the local

	<p>community to enjoy the land, but only as they compliment those primary goals. I find it hard to believe that even the roads built by the previous timber owner are complimentary to the goals of a healthy watershed, let alone the many motorized trails created by the community. The department should lay out a vision for how these lands will contribute to the health of the watershed first, a restoration plan to get their with associated projects and a price tag second, and then a plan for how recreation and timber management fits into this vision last. Be clear and transparent along the way, and make sure to set expectations in line with the purpose of these lands NOT people's historical experience. There may not be a vision for these 50,000 acres that meets 100% of everyone's needs, but that wasn't the promise when the lands were purchased. Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.</p>
06/23/2014	<p>I don't believe that motorized vehicles (motorcycles, four wheelers, jeeps, etc.) should have access due to the damage that is done by motorized vehicles, the mess, and especially the NOISE. The speed at which they travel is a danger to other groups (equestrians, hikers, runners, mountain bikers) that utilize the area.</p>
06/23/2014	<p>I more single track trails for non motorized vehicles.</p>
06/23/2014	<p>my top priority is to have dedicated directional mountain bike trails. that is the best tool to relieve user conflict pressure.</p>
06/23/2014	<p>The Teanaway is full of opportunity for all recreation types and it would be unfortunate to eliminate any one group. I hope that all users (mountain bikers, hikers, horse folks, and motorcyclists) have a chance to share ideas of how this area can be utilized to its fullest potential within reason and respect to the land itself.</p>
06/23/2014	<p>This is a wonderful area for mountain biking and I would like to see this access given consideration in the evaluation.</p>
06/23/2014	<p>I think the first 2 miles of the West fork road should be addressed. It is real bad. It would be hard to get emergency vehicles back there if need be. Thanks</p>
06/22/2014	<p>I'm 56 years old, and I mountain bike for fun, exercise and because I enjoy the mountain biking community. I did the Esmerelda.DeRoux loop last year and enjoyed the ride immensely. This year, in addition to that ride, I plan to further explore the trails in the area. I have taken a couple trips to Bend, Or for riding, but if a larger selection of trails was available, I could easily see myself staying local and riding the Teanaway area for multi day vacations where I would stay in a local hotel and patronize local businesses. I am mainly a cross country/trail rider. I enjoy, and seek out, trails that include technical features such as rocks, roots, steep sections, etc, and I consider myself to have solid intermediate level skills, so intermediate to advanced level trails is what I seek to ride. I prefer the trails to have elements that challenge my riding skills. I am not interested in jumps, other than to watch other people ride them. I have no interest in ruining what would otherwise be a great day's ride by making it competitive, which means I am not interested in racing of any sort (for myself - I don't care if others want to race). I do not support shared use with motorized vehicles as they tear up the trails far too much. I have no objection to motorized vehicles in general - just mixing motorized and non-motorized vehicles. Similarly, I have no objection in general to horseman and hikers. My opinion is that there are hundreds of hiking only trails (if not thousands). It should not be a huge hurdle to establish a couple mountain biking only trails to go along with many other mixed use trails (mixed use by non-motorized users). The mountain biking community is a fast growing segment of outdoor enthusiasts, and mountain bikers are passionate about their outdoor activity. They will travel to a destination riding area and inject cash flow into the local</p>

	<p>economy. As far as horseman are concerned, I would say this. In the Puget Sound region, I have never seen or heard of anyone else seeing a single horseman assisting with trail building or maintenance. What I do see is numerous piles of horse waste left in the middle of the trails for other users to deal with, and numerous hoof holes in the trail. From what I have read, it would appear that due to the cost of maintaining horses, and due to other factors, the number of horseman is declining. I think horses should be provided for to a certain extent, but if the reality is that horse ownership is in decline, that fact should factor into the plan. Thank you for considering these issues.</p>
06/22/2014	<p>Would love to see development of non-motorized beginner and intermediate single track trail network.</p>
06/22/2014	<p>I would like to see areas of the Teanaway Community Forest preserved for non-motorized recreation. I am specifically interested in trails for mountain biking and hiking. I would be in favor of not only protecting current trails but also in developing additional trails for mountain biking.</p>
06/22/2014	<p>The Teanaway hosts so many great trails and many of them under utilized and neglected. I'm a cyclist and ride the trails out there all summer long. I enjoy seeing all manner of users on the trail, and I would encourage the Advisory Committee to really work hard at developing and maintaining trail networks that include cycling. I support multi-use trails the longer and more contiguous or intersecting the better.</p>
06/22/2014	<p>I hope the committee will consider all potential users of this area; both motorized and non-motorized. Unapproved or 'rogue' motorized trail riding is currently one of the prominent uses of this area. While I'm not condoning this use, it's an indication of the demand for more legal terrain. I would encourage the committee to allow for the development of motorized trails. Mountain biking and equestrian-based recreation are also common uses for the low-elevation Teanaway forest. I think there is sufficient demand to support the development of formal non-motorized 'single-track' type trails.</p>
06/21/2014	<p>Please consider designating a portion of trails to mountain bike only or at least hiker mountain bike only. Horses and motorcycles cause serious damage to mountain bike trails making for less enjoyable if not impossible riding conditions. Well designed mountain bike trails are erosion free and sustainable when regularly maintained</p>
06/21/2014	<p>Dear Committee Members, Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the local communities and the Teanaway Community Forest. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments about the future recreational opportunities in support of the Forest goals. I live in Cle Elum and I have been exploring the area now contained within the Community Forest for the past five years. It is a place of beauty and serenity. I use the trails in the area to hike and mountain bike. I ride and hike the trails entering into the Forest both from the Teanaway and over the Ridge from Cle Elum. I support limited multi-use of the trail system. I believe that horse back riders, hikers and mountain bikers can share the trail in harmony without destruction to the trails and the serenity of the area. I also believe that all three of these groups can help enhance tourism and recreation to the area through an improved, maintained, and mapped trail system and campgrounds. The riding and hiking in this area is superb with many unique features to draw visitors, such as rock hoo doos. Wildlife, views, and the rivers. However, this area is also delicate and sensitive to erosion and fires. Later in the summer, the trails become very dry and the Forest becomes highly at risk to fires. I want to see the area protected from motorized use. I want the prohibition of motorized vehicle use to continue for vehicles, motorcycles, and ATVs. I support this restriction due to their noise - it disturbs both people and animals and their speed on the</p>

	<p>trails makes it dangerous for other trail users, especially horse riders. They also increase the risk of fires and force animals out of the area. The potential to draw more riders (horse and bike) to the area is large and would be beneficial to the local economy. If you look at small towns such as Fruita, CO, Bend, OR, Crested Butte, CO, and Moab, UT you can witness the economic benefits to having a maintained and mapped trail system for riders. This area has the potential for a defined and limited integrated network of trails that could support wildlife and trail users. I am also in support of the introduction and protection of wolves and the Range Rider program in this area. I have encountered a wolf in the area and I would like to see them allowed to continue their presence. There was logging within the Community Forest area in 2013 on some grandfathered private parcels. They used the access roads to bring in heavy equipment to log. It made the trails in some areas inaccessible due to the extensive levels (up to 8") of powdery dirt and subsequent erosion once the rains returned. I would like to see limitation of logging on these parcels, if possible, or the implementation of mitigation of their impact, such as keeping the dust and fire danger down by watering. This area is worth protecting. I am glad to see the State take steps to protect it. Thank you for your efforts and consideration.</p>
06/21/2014	<p>It is really great to have outdoor trails open to Hiking biking and horseback riding that are free of motorized traffic. Once the dirt bikes take over they essentially dominate the traffic on the trails. I have no problems with dirt bike riders but there machines are noisy and tare up the trail creating sand pits that are difficult to walk through and impossible to ride a bike. There is enough trail in the Kittitas valley open to motorized traffic that keeping the Teanaway Community forest free of that type of traffic will keep it unique, and attract a different crowd then other places in the valley.</p>
06/21/2014	<p>It would be great to have some non motorized recreation areas. Possibly some trails geared to mountain biking.</p>
06/21/2014	<p>I love the mountain biking.</p>
06/21/2014	<p>I'd very much like to see motorized recreation (dirt bikes, ATVs and 4x4s) have legal riding areas within the forest. The DNR has a long history of providing motorized recreation in popular Western Wa areas like Tahuya, Walker Valley and Capitol Forest. This forest would provide access for a large group of Eastern/Central Wa recreationalists and also provide access to the Cascades and high mountain opportunities. Thanks for your consideration.</p>
06/21/2014	<p>As a resident of Ellensburg, I fully support mountain bike access to the Teanaway area. While I understand the draw of the area to equestrian and motorcycle enthusiasts, I cannot support their unsustainable use of the area.</p>
06/21/2014	<p>Sine there are already trails in the TCF perhaps a good way to start would be to map and sign these trails. Most are multiply use trails and in my experience this seems to work well. Mary Sutliff, BCH</p>
06/21/2014	<p>Mountain biking is clean, quiet use of trails. And mountain bikers tend to be a well-organized group of outdoor enthusiasts with a penchant for volunteering where they are welcome. Much to like!</p>
06/21/2014	<p>I really enjoy riding all of the trails in the Teanaway that are open to bikes such as Esmeralda, Stafford Creek, and Miller Peak. The views from the passes and places like Esmeralda lake are special to the NW mountain biking experience. I enjoy exploring trails on my bike and ride with an "all mountain" style in that I try to ride uphill and downhill as efficiently as possible to enable travel through the mountains. I usually enjoy riding the Teanaway trails in smaller groups of 3-4 riders and haven't participate in larger events.</p>

	Sharing the Teanaway trails with motos generally works out as long as they ride on newer, quieter equipment and have the skill to not damage the trail.
06/20/2014	I would like to encourage access to Teanaway for non-motorized bicycle trail access. I live in Seattle and travel to this area many times per year to ride. This is one of my favorite places to ride a mountain bike.
06/20/2014	I would love more biking trails!
06/20/2014	I would like to see the restriction of ATV use in the Teanaway Community Forest continued. The gated roads have been closed to motorized access for decades and should continue to be closed to all but non-motorized use to preserve the wildlife migration routes and natural esthetics of the " Crown Jewel of Kittitas County" for all residents to enjoy and pass down to future generations. Motorized use has been allowed in the Taneum and Manastash areas and for myself and many others has been ruined because of it. All of the LT Murray areas allow the use of ATV's and motorcycles affording ample opportunity for off-road vehicle enjoyment. There are many off-road use violations and enforcement seems to be nonexistent as I suspect would be the case if the Teanaway was opened up to motorized use also. I strongly request that the current use restrictions be kept in place. Thank you. Randy Fischer, 3rd generation Kittitas County resident.
06/20/2014	As a previous landowner in the Teanaway and a lifelong resident of Kittitas County my advice would be to certainly have areas available for motorized recreation, including snowmobile, motorcycle and quad use. Usually, these groups are good stewards of the land and motorized use brings in visitors from all over the State. Designated trails are a good way to manage these groups.
06/20/2014	Please keep the forest open for mountain bikers and other recreational users.
06/20/2014	Keep up the good work om maintaining trails for common use. I ride horses and bikes up there and love it.
06/20/2014	Mountain biking!!
06/20/2014	I have not mountain biked in the Teanaway area but have been curious about it for a long time. I'd love to see mountain bike access and trail development there.
06/20/2014	I first started camping out this way in the scouts and look on fond memories of camping in this area. I would love to carry on the low impact camping that is available in the area. Also would like to see the use of the area to provide many uses with hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in the area.
06/20/2014	Please take any opportunity to preserve public access.
06/19/2014	I would really like to see a network of shared bike/hike/horse trails and some single use mountain bike trails. Also, good signage that educated the user groups about trail stewardship and etiquette. As the current rules stand, I am against motorized use in the area.
06/19/2014	I would love to see more mountain biking and hiking trails.
06/19/2014	Would like to keep the area open to non-motorized use only. I horseback ride and there are already so many areas open to off-road vehicles, bikes and jeeps. We need some areas that are safe and quiet.
06/19/2014	Please provide trail access for mountain biking!
06/19/2014	My husband and I love the Teanaway area and frequent in winter for x-country skiing on the road from 29 pines and in summer we usually just ride forest roads or hile by Redtop. If trails for Mt biking were to be improved/built here I would love to see that happen. I support the recreation by non- mortorized the most but often share the trail in order to enjoy the area the best I can (non-motorized).

06/19/2014	Please allow mountain bike usage and trail maintenance and development. Bikes are much less impact than horses and ATV's and we as citizens all have a right to travel the forests...thanks!
06/19/2014	Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtb10.htm . It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking.... A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see http://mjvande.nfshost.com/scb7.htm). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions. Those were all experimental studies. Two other studies (by White et al and by Jeff Marion) used a survey design, which is inherently incapable of answering that question (comparing hiking with mountain biking). I only mention them because mountain bikers often cite them, but scientifically, they are worthless. Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT? To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: http://vimeo.com/48784297 . In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtb_dangerous.htm . For more information: http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtbfaq.htm .
06/19/2014	I would like to see mountain biking expanded in this area.
06/19/2014	Hello - we are packgoat enthusiasts. As such, we use stock trails, otherwise known in many forests as "horse"trails. Would like to get in the ground floor of the Teanaway Forest in having trails and other statements made using the term of packstock or stock instead of just "horse/equestrian" . I realize packgoats are small in number of use compared to horses/riding, we still use the same trails and campgrounds and trailheads as horses. If you would like more information on packgoats or if there are questions you might have , please let me know - Donna Ruelas Semasko - Edelweiss Acres/Evergreen Packgoat Club. I would have loved to come to your next public meeting/open house on June 26, but I work a late shift that day and am not out of work until 7 p.m. and we are in Olympia, so would not make it in time. Thanks for your time. Excited about this forest and the possibilities for packgoats. Donna
06/19/2014	The Teanaway is the closest dry side riding mtn bikers have to the Puget Sound region. This is a recreational gem and having non-motorized access to trails enhances the experience for all. Please allow mtn bikers access to all trails. We are low impact recreationists who give back many hours in trail building and maintenance. Thank you
06/19/2014	Thanks for taking our comments. West Fork of the Teanaway is such a wonderful place to bring our horses to ride. Trails are easy for all abilities of riders to ride. Would be a great place to be able to camp with them also. As far as ORV use they are already using it tearing up the trails and adding additional trails to the area. We were up on the

	conservancy property and could see where they had made quite a few new trail up there. Many more than have been in that area in the last 5 yrs that I have been riding up there. Not staying on the roads and making deep ruts in the existing trails which during run off become even deeper.
06/19/2014	i'm all for as many miles set aside for mtn. biking that the land managers feel the area could handle w/o a negative environmental effect. it's been shown in many places around the state & nation that the biking community is more of a positive asset than negative.
06/19/2014	Excited about the possibility of expanding recreational opportunities in the Teanaway. I have been hiking and riding my mountain bike there since the late '80s and am looking forward to doing so for many years to come. Please continue to support mountain bike access in the TCF. Thank you.
06/19/2014	I support more non-trails open to mountain bikes in the Teanaway Community Forest. We love the area and the trail system up in the mountains and would love to have more access to trails in the area.
06/19/2014	It is important to me and my family to have access to trails for mountain biking. Thank you. Juliet Bernritter
06/19/2014	I am a Trail Host and Board Member for Tahoma BCHW. I have horse camped at Indian Camp, at least 4 times a year, since 2008. I maintain a lot of the trails in the Teanaway area of Indian Camp. I just want to let you know that I am thrilled about the purchase of 50,000 acres of Teanaway land by the State of Washington. It is wonderful to know that future generations will also enjoy the GREAT beauty of this area. Thank you for your efforts to make this area into a gem - enjoyed by a lot of different recreational groups, and also protecting the existing wildlife. Carol J. Mecham, CPA Tahoma BCHW Trail Host and Board Member
06/19/2014	The Teanaway Forest is a beautiful place to recreate. As an equestrian user, there are so many places to explore, however very few places to camp. Indian Camp is wonderful, however not large enough to accommodate the number of equestrian users. Please consider enlarging the areas available for equestrian users. Non motorized use on the trail is perfect, and helps to keep the trails pristine, however they should have availability also, just separate from non-motorized. There are several other trail heads that allow equestrians, however many travel very long distances to enjoy the forest, and more availability for equestrian camping is needed.
06/19/2014	This area should be preserved for stock use. This land was purchased with the understanding it would preserve current use, which did NOT allow offroad motorized access.
06/19/2014	Be sure to include trails for all user groups just like Capitol State Forest, Tahuya State Forest, etc. Plus some of the roads could be Green Dot roads just like nearby LT Murray and Wenas wildlife areas.
06/19/2014	My family and I ride the extensive single track and two track motorcycle trails in the area and typically cover 50 miles in a day. This forest area is very large with a huge rider developed and maintained motorcycle trail system. The horse, mountain bike and motorcycle community has done a lot to build these trails and hiker can use them as well but I would recommend all user groups building and maintaining their own trail system to reduce conflicts and speed differential. There is plenty of room for us all to enjoy the Teanaway. We can cross paths on common trail bridges and intersections but I think this can be a great model for a multi use forest instead of a single use forest. Thank you and please keep it open to all current user groups. Eric Smith 206.623.6077

06/19/2014	I have hunted and camped in this forest for the last 30 years. Some of my children learned to hunt here as well as one of my grand children. Now as I am aging I wont be able to hunt unless the state opens more access for the handicapped. I have had a disabled hunter card and placard for the last 14 years. I have applied for access to closed roads many times and have never been drawn. Hunting this area has been a life saver for me. Many of the roads are an easy hike in and out so I have been able to continue hunting. I missed last season because of a back surgery and probably wont be able to hunt again unless I get drawn for a special access area. I have never hunted any of the areas available. That brings me to the reason for this message. I believe the forest in Teanaway is ideal for this access program. If the roads are open to disabled hunters only or for the drawing system. They look to me like they would be an easy area to control access. I would even be willing to volunteer to control the gates for part of the season.
06/18/2014	Indian Camp Campground does not have enough parking for stock users. turn the flat area between the Teanaway Butte road and the existing camp into more parking camping with stock. close to the stock water trail access. a minimal of grading to smooth entrance and exit. picnic tables and firerings. High line poles.
06/18/2014	Indian Camp Campground on Middle Fork Teanaway does not have enough capacity for stock users. solution: allow stock camping in a portion of Teanaway campground / West Fork Teanaway. this is a large campground with paved access, and close to points of interest such as Bible Rock Cavern, Carlson Canyon, meadow along West Fork Teanaway known as Cadillac Flats, beautifull riding above Middle Fork Teanaway to the Aspen Grove / access to Indian Camp. river crossing to Indian Caves, about 5 miles 1 way distance.
06/18/2014	Keep this a non motorized refuge! quiet and serene. allows non motorized recreation: hikers, equestrians to enjoy the beautifull and peacefull quiet, views, in safety. Improves the habitat for the wildlife.
06/18/2014	I am concerned about the lack of supervision in the Teanaway Forest. I have emailed the DNR contact concerning these issues and he had indicated that there was no funding for a security person to enforce the rules. I have property on the Middle Fork and spend about four days a week there in the summer. I have done this for about 17 years. The man who was the security guard for the timber company, Gene McDonald, is my next door neighbor. I was very comfortable with the security all those years. If you talk to anyone they will tell you that Gene did a great job of taking care of the land and diffusing problems while at the same time keeping a friendly demeanor with everyone. But he was let go when the state took over last fall. Since then, I have experienced being nearly run over many times by motorcycles zooming down the trails, they have made deep ruts in the soft ground after the spring thaw that are now petrified in the dried mud and will serve as erosion channels when the fall rains come. This will gully out some of the dirt roads and trails they have impacted. The motorcycles are also a fire danger, running through the dried grass. It is for these reasons the timber companies have banned them from all their private lands. And the noise they make is very irritating to residents, recreation, and wildlife. You can hear them from miles away. I would hope that the word is not spread that no one is working at keeping them out of Teanaway and it is now open country for motorized vehicles. I have seen where 4 wheel drive vehicles are driving through the forest in order to get around gated roads. On memorial day weekend my friends and I who were riding our horses came upon a group of 7 of these vehicles filled with many people who were driving around one of the gates up off the west fork road not far from the turnaround. There were several motorcycles and a four wheeler too. The were all very unfriendly when they saw us. Later that afternoon and into the evening the sound of

	<p>semi automatic gunfire from the ridge sounded like a shooting range. I am wondering if they all spent the night up there having a big bash. On other week ends since then I have come upon people shooting big guns when I am out riding...it is scary, when they are shooting on a gated road below the one we were riding on and don't know if we will be hit by a stray bullet. One year a fire was started off the West Fork road the end of July and it was caused by people target practicing. The bullets can spark on rocks and the grass can smolder unnoticed for a day or two and the erupt into the trees. That is one of the reasons target practice is dangerous here. When I ride down along the West Fork river, near the turn around I have seen where people have driven 4 wheel drive vehicles across the river to get around gates. This is the first time in 17 years I have seen this. It just seems like a violation of the the river...a good way to introduce oil into the water. Also along that stretch of the river I have seen where people are building fire pits. The rules of the timber company which were strongly enforced by the security guard were no fires except in the campgrounds and after the dnr closes the area for fires in July there are to be no fires at all. I am worried that these fire pits will encourage others to build fires....and they will not even abide by the seasonal fire closures. Fire is our greatest danger. It will destroy the forest, river, residences and threaten the lives of the people who live there. This particular forest is at a higher risk of fire because the strong west wind that comes over Cle Elum ridge, the dry nature of the pine forest littered with needles, and the spruce bud worm damaging the trees. There is only one road to escape on and so it puts the residents at even greater danger than most places. It is for this reason mostly that I would strongly suggest that a security person be hired and make a big presence . Putting up signs is good, but Gene McDonald put up many and replaced them often as they were ripped down. Signs alone are not enough. A lot of money is being spent to encourage and accommodate more people to come to the new public forest. But the protection framework for the forest must be put in place before these people come. The timber company had a security guard to protect their asset. I don't think you need to pay for police protection with an armed guard. I think you just need to hire someone to keep an eye on things and enforce the rules and call the police or fire officers if there is a problem they cannot handle. Just knowing that someone was watching over the place seemed to keep illegal activity in check all these years. I know that Gene is still willing and able to do the job. I could not imagine that he would be so costly that there would be no money to pay him...I have no idea what he made, but it could not have been much and he would only need to be hired for the six months of snow free time. If you do not care to hire him, maybe someone else would do . But there does need to be someone there or it will become a free for all. As word spreads through social media that there is a great place for bonfires, parties and shooting, etc then it will be so much harder to control at a later date. And it may even burn down when the fire season comes. Then we will all lose. The rivers will suffer terribly and the whole point of the land purchase was to improve the rivers in the first place. We need to protect the asset from fire. It needs to be priority one, before any other work is done for roads, campgrounds, trails, signs, advertising, user groups, etc. Security needs to come first. Thank you. Ann Fonken</p>
06/18/2014	<p>Hello;; My main comment is: Thank you for keeping this area open to the public!! I see lands being set aside for 'conservation' with all access precluded. Thanks for keeping it open. We'll try to be responsible with this priviledge!</p>
06/18/2014	<p>I hope there will be no motorized vehicles except maintainence in the forest at all--hard on the wildlife, trails, drainage, ambience (though I am not sure about the snowmobile issues). I hope to be able to continue to ride horses in the area. I hope to maintain river</p>

	access for crossings, watering stock, respite from the heat. Thank you for your listening and for your service to the community forest. Sharon Jenson.
06/18/2014	Please allow camping with stock in a section of the Teanaway Campground on the West Fork Teanaway road. much of our riding is in that immediate area such as: Bible Rock Cavern, Indian Caves, meadow along the river, trail / route across from campground on the ridge between Middle Fork Teanaway road and West Fork Teanaway road. at least a day parking area. many local riders park their rigs along the road.
06/18/2014	Please do NOT allow target practicing with guns. On June 14th 2014 there were riffle and shotgun people shooting from the West Fork Road towards to open meadow and river. very unsafe to hikers and horse riders.
06/18/2014	Please do NOT allow motorized use (jeeps, dirt bikes, 4 wheelers) on offroad Teanaway Community Forest. The impact to the land, wildlife, and other non motorized users is very negative, unsafe, damaging to the land. I am a private land owner on the Teanaway Road, and will NOT allow motorized use! I am a equestrian rider quietly enjoying the amazing scenery and wildlife when I ride from Indian Camp Campground or park at West Fork Teanaway Road. Also the section of Indian Camp Campground needs to be expanded, which could easily be done by allowed stock on the right hand section to the east as you enter the campground.
06/18/2014	Please protect the recreation rights and opportunities of off road motorcyclists in the Teanaway community forest We want to share the forest with all other users and NOT be excluded from this recreation opportunity I am a hiker, mountain biker, fly fisher and camper and feel all users can and should work together to develop and protect this recreation opportunity Thank you
06/17/2014	On fencing the campground at 29 Pines to keep the cattle out, please install what I know as V pass throughs behind campsites that lead to the river. And think hard and fast if you put cattle guards at the entrance. Remember that people (Kids) ride bikes out of the campground and small kids may hesitate going over it and their leg goes through and at best gets a bruise or worse a broken leg results I did some resurch on out houses verse Composting toilets that are being considered in the campgrounds. First, most people have self contained toilets in Campers, trailers or motorhomes. The outhouses have a fiberglass tank and need to be pumped and have work fine and have had no problems for 40 years. Composting toilets are very, very, costly and still need to be pumped So, in time of cost saving even if money is appropriated does not have to be spent on toilets could be better spent on roads in 29 pines.The only way to fix the roads is to dig down a foot or more haul in large rip-rap and crushed rock with fines and pack it down. On the flip side, if you make a smooth roar then someone will be killed or hurt from a speeding car. Speeding is a problem now at the south end of 29 pines from the pump house to the last campsite at the south end. A few years ago a boy riding his bike coasted down from the south outhouse and came on to the road just south of the pump house, a speeding car hit the bike, the boy was fine but the bike was bent and the kids in the car shot off and headed in to town. Brad Hovik
06/17/2014	To the Advisory Committee: I won't be able to attend the Teanaway Open House. I am especially interested in the fate of the Teanaway Campground. My husband and I used to go there at least twice a year for about fifteen years, usually with a handful of friends, all of us tent campers. The last time I was at the Teanaway Campground, it seemed to have turned into an RV park, with generators running all day long. Obviously, I would prefer it to return to being a more peaceful environment, more in tune with its natural setting. If

	<p>this is a goal that is shared by more campground users, perhaps it could be achieved by instituting a nightly camping fee. I would be in favor of that. Thank you for investing your time in helping to preserve this area for future generations. Sincerely, Janet Schmitt Redmond, WA janet.schmitt@frontier.com</p>
06/17/2014	<p>I'm writing to provide input regarding conservation and recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest. I'm extremely concerned about the 300 miles of illegal and unauthorized trails and roads that have been constructed in the Teanaway landscape, and feel very strongly that the vast majority of the trails should be closed and rehabilitated. The recreation plan should also ensure sufficient funds are available for monitoring and enforcement any areas open to motorized recreation, since motorized recreation users have a penchant for straying off authorized routes – illegal activity should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. The area is also used as an access by snowmobilers into federal lands including Wilderness, so I'd like to see these areas of access closed and resources made available for monitoring and enforcement of closures. The Teanaway is also home to important spotted owl nest sites and serves as the headwaters to key trout and salmon habitat. I'd like the community forest to focus on restoring older forest conditions, especially large old trees, snags and down logs. To improve aquatic habitat and improve elk security, the road network will need to be reduced significantly, including reducing stream crossings and reducing road density below 1 mile per square mile. The activities I enjoy and would like to continue to enjoy in the Teanaway Community Forest are hiking, camping, skiing and wildlife watching. I prefer non-motorized recreation and would find the area more enjoyable if motorized activity were restricted or eliminated from the area. They've had their time there, abused their privilege, and should face consequences.</p>
06/17/2014	<p>Is this going to be another off-road park? If so, awesome!! Need more places up north though. Going south costs too much. And since Reiter got closed walker valley has been the only place and it's getting boring, I can drive through there in two wheel drive and with my eyes closed.</p>
06/15/2014	<p>Teanaway Forest is a perfect example of a place where off road motorcycle riding should continue to be allowed.</p>
06/14/2014	<p>Do not exclude ORV recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest. It has been present there historically though not officially allowed. If there are concerns to watershed then buffer streams and springs to eliminate water quality concerns.</p>

➤ **Goal 4: Conserve and restore vital habitat for fish, including steelhead, spring chinook, and bull trout, and wildlife, including deer, elk, large predators, and spotted owls; and (9 Comments)**

7/1/2014	<p>The Teanaway Community Forest is important wildlife habitat, especially in winter, because of its relatively low elevation and south-facing exposure. It adjoins the Alpine Lakes area where we have known populations of elk and a wolf pack, and which is part of the North Cascades Grizzly Recovery Area. One of the last confirmed sightings of a grizzly in the Cascades was in the Teanaway. Wolves and grizzlies are both endangered species under federal and state law. As state land, the Teanaway Community Forest should be managed to improve their chances of recovery. Because ORVs and ATVs are notoriously hard on wildlife they should be excluded from the Teanaway Community Forest. I don't think snowmobiles bother grizzlies during their hibernation, but they're tough on</p>
----------	--

	<p>ungulates and the wolves that depend on ungulates throughout the winter. When the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee was considering the North Cascades as a candidate recovery area, one of their chief concerns was the lack of spring range that was not occupied by humans. The Teanaway is one of the few places in the Cascades that provide this spring range. For that reason alone, the Community Forest is critical to wildlife and should be managed for their sake. .</p>
06/28/2014	<p>The Teanaway Community Forest provides important habitat for elk, wolves, spotted owls, as well as salmon, trout and steelhead. It was purchased to safeguard the basin's water supply and restore critical fish and wildlife habitat while providing for recreation activities. Even though motorized use is not allowed in the Teanaway Community Forest there is a massive system of unauthorized All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and motorbike trails in the watershed. This system was not designed through strategic natural resource planning, but instead created trail by trail by unregulated motorized users leaving the system roads. We need a management plan for the Teanaway Community Forest that actively restores riparian and older forest habitat conditions, rehabilitates unauthorized trails, removes logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat, and puts an end to illegal riding.</p>
06/25/2014	<p>I am writing to ask you to please restore the watershed for the Teanaway Community Forest. The Teanaway provides important habitat for elk, wolves, spotted owls, and salmon, trout and steelhead. PLEASE restore the area to support these species as well as those of us who want to see the forest protected for future generations and for the long term survival of these important inhabitants. Motorized use is not allowed in the Teanaway Community Forest. But there is a massive system of unauthorized All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and motorbike trails in the watershed. This system was not designed through strategic natural resource planning, but instead created trail by trail by unregulated motorized users leaving the system roads. I am completely opposed to the use of the forest in this manner and I implore you to help rectify this situation. Most sincerely, Cassie Carroll Seattle, WA</p>
06/24/2014	<p>Teanaway Community Forest that actively restores riparian and older forest habitat conditions, rehabilitates unauthorized trails, removes logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat, and puts an end to illegal riding. My greatest concern for the forest are the unauthorized ATV and motorbike trails that destroy habitat and disrupt the animals and birds who make the forest their home. Elk, wolves, spotted owls and fish need protection which should come first--before grazing and recreational activities. The trails and logging roads as well need to be returned to nature. I am unable to attend the meeting June 26th but I want to make my voice for conservation heard. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do this.</p>
06/24/2014	<p>I am writing to express my support for a Teanaway Community Forest that actively restores riparian and older forest habitat conditions, rehabilitates unauthorized trails, removes logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat, and puts an end to illegal riding.</p>
06/23/2014	<p>The wilderness belongs to the creatures, trees and plants that live there. It is not a rural Disneyland to be carved up and scarred for our entertainment. It is an ecosystem, not a future industrial wasteland; it is a place where life and death takes place, not scenery.</p>
06/23/2014	<p>I support a Teanaway Community Forest that actively restores riparian and older forest habitat conditions, rehabilitates unauthorized trails, removes logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat, and puts an end to illegal off-road riding. Thank</p>

	you.
06/23/2014	When I hear of this sort of destruction and blatant disrespect of preserved lands that provide much needed protection for fish and wildlife, as well as the watershed, I feel personally affected and hurt. Then it turns to anger and frustration...that there are people who lack education, concern, respect, and awareness of the world that surrounds them and how, what they do, directly affects life itself for every living thing. Please protect the Teanaway Community forest and find different areas more appropriate for ATVs.
06/23/2014	expressing your support for a Teanaway Community Forest that actively restores riparian and older forest habitat conditions, I support rehabilitation of unauthorized trails, removing logging roads with aquatic impacts or threats to critical elk habitat, and putting an end to illegal riding. Please make a plan to restore the watershed values of the Teanaway. Please do all you can to prohibit unauthorized All Terrain Vehicle use that damages the ecosystem.

➤ **Support a strong community partnership in which the Yakama Nation, residents, business owners, local governments, conservation groups and others provide advice about ongoing land management. (4 Comments)**

07/11/2014	While the committee is reviewing allowed usage in the TCF, they need to look at how the area was used. Its easy to simply look at what is written on paper which provideds legal protection the property owner. For the committee to set aside any personal agenda or group they represent, the committee needs to look at what usage was allowed on the property. I've read that because the property was so large, enforcement was not possible. This is bull and is an excuse for not managing the property. Its easier to turn a blind eye while fully knowing what or how the property is being used than to expend resources and money to enforce policies that are written down. A policy is only good if it can be enforced. By turning a blind eye to use of activities that were not allowed, this told the users and community that it was allowed and okay to continue this use. I strongly urge the committee to not only look at what is written as allowed usage, but to also look at what was allowed by the past owners.
07/08/2014	Dear Advisory Board: Would it be possible to ask the land owners who own property next to or inside the Teanaway Community Forest who do not want people who use the Teanaway Community Forest to trespass on their land to put up "no trespassing signs." As you can read from the letter below I was hiking in the Teanaway Community Forest and mistakenly trespassed onto a landowner's property, which was not marked with any "no trespassing signs. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Douglas Stevens PS Regarding the letter below. Shirley Cromarty did call and acknowledge she did receive my letter and was looking into this matter. I called her back a few weeks ago and she said that her son, Andrew, is still researching to determine who took the camera. Letter sent: 4/23/14 Douglas Stevens 10601 134th Ave. E. Puyallup, WA 98374 Shirley Cromarty PO Box 82362 Kenmore, WA 98028 Dear Mr. Cromarty: On 4/5 I mistakenly trespassed on your property in Teanaway, WA and put up a game camera. When I attempted to retrieve the camera on 4/18 there was a note where the camera was that said "private property" and the camera was gone. I was able to determine whose property this was by taking the GPS location and contacting the Kittitas County Assessor's office. I am writing to find out if you or perhaps the person who has the cameras would be willing to relinquish it. I would be glad to send a check to cover the postage or make any other arrangements that would be convenient for you so I can get my camera back.

	<p>I did not intentionally trespass on your property and I have always been very careful about property rights. I can certainly understand the frustration you must feel when you have such a lovely and secluded area you want for your privacy and someone trespasses on it. The following is how I ended up on your property. On 4/5 I parked my car at the gate where Teanaway Road and the Storm Creek Road intersect. I walked north on Storm Creek Road about half a mile and then veered east and began hiking cross country. After hiking about a mile I found a great place to put up my game camera, which is an intersection between two roads that clearly had had many animals walking on the roads. After I placed the camera I continued to hike cross country and on my return I hiked back to my car the same way I came. During the past two years I have spent close to 21 days hiking and camping in The Teanaway. I do not hunt and only wanted to use the game camera to see what animals I could take pictures of. On 4/18 I returned to pick up the cameras and followed almost exactly the original route I had made. Neither time while I was hiking did I run into any trespassing signs? Before I took this journey I even looked at the Teanaway Community Forest map and this did not, unfortunately, as far as I could see, show your private property. The Kittitas County Assessor map shows you own section 32, T.21n R. 16 E and after reviewing the map I now have a very good idea where your property lies and I can promise you I will no longer trespass on your land. Thank you for taking the time to read this note. I you would be most grateful if you would willing to relinquish the camera to me. I can be reached on my cell phone, (253) 569-9660, the address above, or may be contacted at my email address, douglas.stevens@usis.com. Sincerely, Douglas Stevens Ps Since Mary and Andrew Cromarty own property in the same area I have also written them the same letter.</p>
06/25/2014	<p>It's very important to support agriculture and forest resource uses that provide valid economic value to the land in its current state to help reduce existing and future pressures to seek higher-value uses, such as residential development.</p>

Other (3 Comments)

06/20/2014	Thank you for inviting comments to the Committee.
06/17/2014	why don't you have the meetings on a weekend so more people can attend?
06/17/2014	Wagon Wheel Sandy Ridge POA is a firewise community. Part of the fire wise project involved preparing a 50 foot fire wise perimeter around our community in what is now the TCF. With increased public usage in the TCF and the potential for fire, what plans do you have for maintaining this 50 foot perimeter? Chuck Turbak President WWSRPOA