

Teanaway Community Forest – Goal 3 Recreation Objectives and Strategies

<p align="center">Goal 3: Maintain and where possible expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection, for activities such as hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, birding and snowmobiling;</p>	
<p>Vision: Provide opportunities for recreational use of Teanaway Community Forest, where uses are developed with advisory committee and stakeholder involvement, managed to be compatible with each other, respectful of private land owners, and compatible with the other goals in this plan.</p>	
<p>Objective 1 Planning – Develop a Recreation Plan for the forest.</p>	<p><i>Strategy a. Develop a site-specific Recreation Plan for the forest that directs recreation and infrastructure development. Include stakeholder and advisory committee input in this process.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Recreation Criteria to be added here...
<p>Objective 2 Trails - Provide and maintain a network of safe, enjoyable, and sustainable recreational trails.</p>	<p><i>Strategy a. Provide designated non-motorized trails for equestrian, hikers, and mountain bikers and other non-motorized users.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Accommodate multiple skill levels with shorter, gentler trails for inexperienced users and longer, rougher trails for more experienced users. Connect non-motorized TCF trails with USFS trails and the regional trail system. Maintain separate use trails, where appropriate, for safety of users and/or enhanced user experience. iii. All trails should emphasize scenic destinations and high-quality experiences. Utilize loops where appropriate. <p><i>Strategy b. Evaluate the existing informal trail network and upgrade, relocate, or decommission trail segments as appropriate to minimize the trail network’s impacts to water, wildlife, and working lands.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Implement projects to restore damaged areas (ie, undesignated trails) and provide educational signage and enforcement as appropriate based on the recreation plan. ii. Focus attention on trails with negative impacts to water quality, that are difficult to maintain, have highly erodible soils, have safety concerns, have steep slopes, and go through sensitive wildlife habitat. <p><i>Strategy c. Maintain and/or develop winter trail opportunities for snowmobiles, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Maintain the existing level of snowmobile opportunities. Where appropriate for the protection of water and wildlife, develop new routes for groomed and marked, and ungroomed marked snowmobile trails, using loops when practical. Facilitate connections to the regional snowmobile trail system. ii. Develop non-motorized groomed and ungroomed marked trails and provide access points to allow connections to the regional snowshoe and cross-country ski trail system. <p><i>Strategy d. Motorcycle Use</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Motorcycle strategy to be added here... <p><i>Strategy e. Develop guidelines and principles for all users of the Teanaway trail system</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.
<p>Objective 3 Facilities - Provide and maintain a network of designated recreation facilities, including campgrounds, day-use areas such as trailheads, picnic areas, river access and interpretive sites.</p>	<p><i>Strategy a. Develop new, renovate existing, and maintain facility locations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provide user accessibility in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). ii. Develop new and renovate existing trailheads with interpretive signs, sanitation facilities, and parking to accommodate recreational access for all recreational users. iii. Establish and maintain trailhead parking to accommodate winter use. iv. Upgrade existing campgrounds to DNR standards for health and safety, improve sanitation and signage. Campgrounds should maintain a rustic experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restore riparian buffers by shifting campsites away from the river; - Develop designated campsites with basic amenities; - Provide water access opportunities. <p><i>Strategy b. Allow for backcountry walk-in/pack-in camping zones away from river corridors, developed campgrounds, county and open roads, and trailheads.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No dispersed camping along county and open roads. ii. Promote wildlife-friendly practices within camping zones utilizing “leave no trace” principles. <p><i>Strategy c. Provide for managed river access and day-use areas along the forks of the Teanaway River, including interpretive and environmental education signage.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Determine level of use and capacity and plan accordingly. ii. Identify and plan for recreation within a high-use river zone. Minimize the impact that river access has to the fish and wildlife habitat and riparian areas by utilizing setbacks and site designs. <p><i>Strategy d. Manage organized events in accordance with DNR recreation rules.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Work with recreation groups and TCF Advisory committee, while coordinating with adjacent land managers, to determine how events are managed including considerations such as safety, capacity, staffing needs, sanitation, access, and where it does not conflict with other goals or uses of the TCF. <p><i>Strategy e. Provide interpretive and education opportunities</i> <i>Strategy f. Provide access for day use and the casual recreational driver.</i></p>
<p>Objective 4 Dispersed Recreation - Provide, manage, and maintain existing dispersed recreation opportunities including but not limited to collecting firewood, mushroom picking, geocaching, orienteering, nature viewing, hunting, and fishing.</p>	<p><i>Strategy a. Manage dispersed recreation in the TCF in accordance with DNR and WDFW recreation rules.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Allow for parking for walk-in hunting and fishing in appropriate locations. Improve these access points to accommodate fishing and hunting parking as site conditions warrant. ii. Firewood gathering by permit only within designated collection areas. No shooting except for hunting-related shooting.
<p>Objective 5 Partnerships - Maintain existing partnerships and encourage new volunteer participation between public agencies, user groups, and citizen volunteers to enhance the connection to the community forest.</p>	<p><i>Strategy a. Partner with volunteer groups and non-profit organizations, community groups, and recreation clubs in the maintenance, education, and restoration activities of the TCF.</i></p> <p><i>Strategy b. Develop partnerships with local communities and adjacent public land managers to provide linkages and common messaging for the network of regional trails.</i></p> <p><i>Strategy c. Support partnerships that connect local schools and youth groups with recreation opportunities and environmental education on TCF lands.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Increase outreach to new potential volunteer populations using technology and media such as social media, blogs, e-newsletters, website, email, and participatory GIS.

<p>Objective 6 Education and Enforcement - Promote an active education and enforcement presence in the TCF utilizing DNR and WDFW recreation rules and our partners.</p>	<p><i>Strategy a. Employ an integrated enforcement strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Utilize education, engineering, and enforcement in recreation management, development, and implementation. ii. Establish a routine presence through agency enforcement officers, DNR recreation staff, and a robust volunteer program. iii. Work with user groups to educate recreationists about their opportunities and how to recreate responsibly. iv. Coordinate activities with Kittitas County, USFS, and local law enforcement personnel. v. Utilize gates, signs, and maps to direct recreationists to appropriate areas. vi. Create routes that can be enforced. vii. Provide a method for users to report infractions to the agency. <p><i>Strategy b. Provide consistent signage educating the public about uses, regulations, fire danger, "leave no trace" principles, private land owners, noxious weeds, and safe wildlife encounters.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Expand signage at entrances, trailheads, and day-use areas, including information and interpretation about the TCF creation and goals. ii. Signs may include site-specific environmental or historical information <p><i>Strategy c. Work with local emergency responders and jurisdictions to develop an emergency access plan for lands in the TCF creating trailhead and campground specific emergency response plans.</i></p>
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