

Teanaway Community Forest



Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

October 9, 2014

3:00 – 8:30 PM

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Brian Crowley	Jim Halstrom	Tom Ring (for Phil Rigdon)
Dale Bambrick	JJ Collins	Urban Eberhart
Deborah Essman	Kitty Craig	Wayne Mohler
Gary Berndt	Mark Charlton	
Gregg Bafundo	Martha Wyckoff	
Jason Ridlon	Mike Reimer	

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Andrea Imler	Jeri Downs	Doug Schindler
Derek Sandison	Reagan Dunn	

Agency and Consultant Staff:

Lisa Dally Wilson – Dally Environmental (DE)	Rick Roeder – DNR
Eric Winford – DNR/WDFW	Diedra Petrina – DE Team and Forterra
Cynthia Wilkerson – WDFW	Larry Leach – DNR
Michael Livingston – WDFW	Doug McClelland – DNR

Staff Action Items		Date Due
Lisa Dally Wilson	Add a short public comment period at the dinner break to future agendas and a second at the end of the meeting	11/13/2014
Agencies	Look into options for meetings during winter weather	11/13/2014
Eric Winford	Send link to AC about USFS standards for trails	10/16/2014
Eric Winford	Post all power point presentations on DNR website	10/16/2014
Lisa Dally Wilson	Email Goal 5 topic list to AC	10/23/2014
Lisa Dally Wilson	Reach out to others to attend AC meetings when the AC will be discussing relevant material (eg., Forest Service)	10/17/2014, TBD
Eric Winford	Send new drafts of Goal 1 & 4 by email to AC	10/23/2014
Eric Winford	Send out November 5 th Public Meeting details to AC	10/16/2014
Agencies	Consider meeting with AC members to develop vision statements – confirm approach at next meeting	11/13/2014
Agencies	Agencies to clarify what level of guidance the AC needs to provide to the agencies on ORV use	11/13/2014

Advisory Committee Action Items		Date Due
Advisory Committee	Review meeting summary, Goal 5 Brainstorm topics, Goal 1 and 4 drafts, other meeting materials for November mtg	11/13/2014

- I. Welcome, Review the Day, Advisory Committee (AC) Business (Lisa Dally Wilson)
 - a) Meeting Summaries
 - The 10/09/2014 summary was approved with one editorial correction.
 - There were some clarifying questions about terminology in the summary; no changes are needed
 - b) General Comments/Questions/Updates
 - Request for examples of Strategic Plan. What level are we aiming for? Both agencies have strategic plans that the AC can look at as examples of potential format for the TCF Strategic Plan; An electronic version of the WDFW example has been emailed to the AC, and the DNR example is on their website
 - There were some concerns amongst the AC about the late time at which the public comment period occurs on the agenda. It was agreed that there will now be 2 public comment periods at the TCFAC meetings: one at the dinner break and the other (a shorter time period) at the end of the AC meeting.
 - There are concerns about winter driving conditions. Agencies are looking into possible alternative meeting options.
 - Calendar meeting requests were sent to the AC to reserve time for a second monthly meeting starting in January. Second meetings are set for the 4th Thursday of each month with a request to hold the 12-8pm time slot.
 - Lisa Dally Wilson is continuing to track potential issues that will need to be addressed as the legislative mandates for the TCF are balanced. We will begin to discuss these “crosswalk” items in December.
 - Public Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th at 5pm in the Grange
 - Lisa Dally Wilson reminded the AC about the communication agreement they signed and their commitment to attend the majority of the meetings.
 - The AC asked the agencies to give an explanation of how they were viewing input they receive as public comment on the DNR website. There has been some concern regarding the specific counting of comments. Mike Livingston and Rick Roeder both spoke to the issue. They explained that the agencies are looking at the public comments for their content more than numbers of comments; they are looking to the comments for physical, legislative, and administrative solutions.
- II. Recreation – Goal 3 –
 - a) Review of Current Draft of Objectives and Strategies

- Eric Winford explained that a vision statement has been added at the top of the Recreation Objectives and Strategies, this was created by pulling AC language and similar elements that were found multiple times throughout the objectives
 1. AC thought vision statement could use revising; suggestion to use comments from the public meeting to develop a recreation vision for the TCF
 2. Another suggested option is to have several AC members work with Eric to create vision statements for each goal and bring them back to the full AC for review.
 - AC asked agencies for some clarification within the strategies
 - AC discussed additions to the recreation strategies in the plan:
 1. Access points – address how they will be designated for specific uses in the plan (eg., trailheads, access for recreational driving)
 2. Enforcement as a strategy – emphasize it is a priority and tie it to Recreation Planning
 3. Add views and destinations for mountain bikers
 4. Remove the language on zones, encourage users to work together.
 5. Add stacked loop trails for horses.
 6. Clarify that there will be facilities developed for trail heads.
 - A brief discussion occurred regarding whether roads could be used for recreation (ie, road to trail conversions). This topic will be covered in more detail in the recreation plan.
- b) Presentation on Recreation Planning Overview by Doug McClelland
- Presentation will be available online
 - Snoqualmie Corridor was used as an example because it has similar attributes as the Teanaway – currently a non-motorized landscape, surrounding landownership, size of the property, importance of public use.
- c) Presentation on ORV Information – Larry Leach
- Presentation will be available online
 - This presentation was put together to help answer questions the AC had from last meeting. There were several composite maps that showed – rivers and creeks with priority fisheries with a road overlay, USFS trailheads in TCF, erosion potential, and communities that may want connections for ORV & USFS trails, and areas that might be considered for potential ORV use based on erosion and water quality concerns.
 1. AC requested that agencies clearly post that these as DRAFT maps because they contained only concepts. Keep it at 30,000 feet.
- d) Advisory Committee Discussion on ORV use

- Suggestion to look at the possibility of closing the USFS trailheads and add a new area that has less environmental consequences instead.
 - Concern that ORVs are appearing as a priority use because there is more detail being presented than for other uses.
 - A number of AC members discussed their viewpoints on ORV use in the TCF. There is no consensus among the AC on this issue.
 - The AC asked for clarification on what guidance the agencies need from the AC on this issue. Do they want the AC to develop guidance or to vote?
 - Suggestions on how to get to a decision
 1. Agencies to clarify what level of guidance the AC needs to provide to the agencies; AC will come back to this conversation after discussion, and clarify.
 2. Use science and maps to help guide the decision on what types of recreation uses are possible in the Teanaway, or develop guidance based on science and maps.
 3. Establish guidelines for specific recreation uses (ORV, other) instead of the AC coming up with a decision on a specific use.
 - A “tread lightly” handout was passed out to AC by Mike Reimer
- III. Grazing and Working Forests (Goal 2) Consideration and Discussion
- a) Presentation on Grazing by Sandy Wyman (rangeland management specialist with BLM)
 - Presentation will be available online
 - Sandy’s contact information 541-416-6886 or swyman@blm.gov
 - Her presentation covered grazing topics such as effects of grazing on plants, herd management and husbandry, grazing tactics to improve rangeland and riparian areas
 - Summary
 1. The Teanaway has some areas that are overgrazed but overall it is in decent condition from a grazing standpoint
 2. Washington is a “fenced state” meaning landowners are responsible for fencing the animals out of their property – this has repercussions for private property owners in the TCF.
 - b) Presentation on Forestry by Larry Leach (Assistant Region Manager with DNR)
 - Presentation will be available online
 - A foresters job is to create a plan to fulfill the landowners desired outcome
 - Presentation looked at overall objectives for nesting, roosting habitat for owls; hydrologic patterns; Defoliation from bud worms
 - Summary
 1. The Teanaway currently has one active spotted owl site

2. Forest Practice Rules provide guidance on how to manage for endangered species
 3. There are examples in Western Washington showing that recreation and forest management activities are compatible
- c) Goal 2b – Working Land – Grazing discussion by AC
 - Agencies need to refine/add performance measures, create benchmarks
 - AC asked if there was going to be some form of a grazing plan.
 - AC requested that the agencies provide clarification on objectives and strategies. Some suggested changes to language were made.
 - Move “ranchers are supported in the TCF” and “Grazing fees that enable the managing agency...” to goal 5 discussion
 - AC would like to know whether the agencies are currently managing to a specific objective, and whether there is current active management.
 - d) Forestry discussion and Goal 2a review/discussion will be moved to next meeting
- IV. Next Steps**
- a) What to expect from agencies next month
 - Goals 1 & 4; integrated changes based on AC comments provided by email by October 23rd
 - Goal 2 & 3; changes next meeting
 - b) Next meeting
 - Breakout session for Goal 5
 - c) Public Meeting
 - Agencies communicate clearly with the AC about what they will be presenting
 - Nothing will be shared at the public meeting that hasn’t had at least 1 review by the AC
 - AC suggests pushing public meeting back; maybe held on a weekend
 - d) Request to add vision statements to all of the Goals. Suggestion that a small group from AC work with agency staff to put together vision statements (consider HB1309, standards, other, define expectations). Provide to AC for review.
- V. Public Comments**
- a) Public Comment received at this meeting is included in the DNR Public Comment Summary. Comments were received from Sean Clarke, Andrew Cromarty, and Matt Gallanar.

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. September 11th Meeting Summary
3. Second Draft of Objectives and Strategies for Goal 3 – Recreation

4. Tread Lightly website links (distributed by Mike Reimer)
5. First Draft of Objectives and Strategies for Goal 2b – Working Lands – Grazing
6. Suggested Open Range Criteria from Tracy Rooney and Richard Low (Distributed by Commissioner Gary Berndt) – filed as public comment
7. First Draft of Objectives and Strategies for Goal 2a – Working Lands - Forestry
8. List of Goal 5 topics for November brainstorm session