

## August 10, 2017 Meeting Notes

### In Attendance

#### Committee Members

Mike Reimer

JJ Collins

Scott Nicolai

Doug Schindler

Darcy Batura

Jeri Downs

John Littel

Andrew Cromarty

Martha Wyckoff

Paul Jewell

Deborah Essman

Wayne Mohler

Dale Bambrick

Tom Tebb

Kathy Young

Jim Halstrom

#### Agency Staff

Doug McClelland

Mike Livingston

Tim Stapleton

Eric Winford

William Meyer

Joe Smith

Patricia Jatzczak

Bruce Botka

Ross Huffman

Laura Cooper

Larry Leach

Stephanie Margheim

Barry Collins

Todd Welker

Glenn Glover

**Welcome and Budget Update:** Still no capital budget passed.

**Suitability Field Trip Comments:** Camp Lake, 29 Pines, Dickey Creek swimming hole

- Interesting conversation at Camp Lake where the creek has incised and moving the road could impact owls, but would allow for restoration of the creek.
- Camp Lake/Rye Creek area that's undercutting affects snowmobilers.
- A few vehicles on the road caused it to become very powdery and dusty.
- The Dickey Creek swimming hole is great, but it's there because of massive erosion upstream.
- Sanitation is an issue, parking is an issue.
- 29 Pines Campground is in the floodplain – consider relocating parts of the campground and include a reservation only section for educational events.
- You can limit recreation by leaving things status quo/small.

### Committee Member Presentations:

- Martha Wyckoff – Brief History of Community Forests
  - Community forests started in the 15-16<sup>th</sup> centuries
  - Vermont, Maine have had community forests
  - Multi-purpose community benefits
    - Mosaic of conservation strategies, partnership benefits, funding sources
- Jeri Downs – Teanaway: Then & Now
  - Preserve the history of the Teanaway

#### TEANAWAY COMMUNITY FOREST RECREATION PLAN

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**USFS Multi-Use Trails Field Trip Comments:** West Fork crossing, West Fork Trail, Yellow Hill Trail, Middle Fork Trail.

- Navigational signage would be great.
- There is varied use – intensity, uses – between trails. Learned about the technical difficulty of the trails as well as the placement of the Middle Fork Trail.
- The trails were designated motorized, but are being used by all single track users. There is an opportunity for a connector to towns and other trails.
- There were discussions about the 4305 road being used as a connector. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will not be allowing any other motorized use on TNC managed lands, except winter grooming for snowmobiles.
- Learned about recreational dams and consequences of recreational dams.
- Conditions of the trails were better than expected.
- The Middle Fork Trail is poorly placed on the valley floor, as the river is dynamic.
- Conversation about forest ecology – wildfires, woody debris, suitable spawning areas.

**Recreation Planning -- Next Steps:** Visions, Concepts, Priorities – September - December

**Staff Updates:** Eric Winford is moving on at the end of August. The committee is grateful for all of the work Eric has done and relationships he's fostered over the last few years.

**Public Comment:**

- Craig Mabie Kittitas County Parks and Rec District 1 -- Towns to Teanaway Corridor update: Public meeting coming up on August 30.
- Ellie Belew presented a letter to the committee -- Supports non-motorized recreation.

**Committee Member Presentations:**

- Andrew Cromarty – Community Forest Neighbors
  - Family came to the Teanaway in the 1950s
  - Polled Teanaway residents
- John Littel – Infrastructure
  - Bridges, signs, structures, facilities
- Dale Bambrick – Trout
  - Ask less of the Teanaway until it has a chance to heal.

**Trails Terminology & Survey Update:**

- DNR has a recreational trails policy and uses USFS trail standards when applicable.
- Primary Management Objective and Secondary/Allowed Uses
- 1500 survey participants so far and will be open until August 24.

**Next Meeting:** September 14, 2017

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