

# Teanaway Community Forest



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## **Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Summary January 14, 2016**

### **Advisory Committee Attendees:**

Andrea Imler

Gary Berndt

Jeri Downs

Kitty Craig

Martha Wyckoff

Tom Ring (for Phil Rigdon)

Urban Eberhart

Mike Reimer

Doug Schindler

Wayne Mohler

Tom Tebb

Lara Gricar

Kathy Young

Dale Bambrick

John Littel

Scott Gray

Andrew Cromarty

JJ Collins

Deborah Essman

### **Advisory Committee Members Absent:**

Jim Halstrom

### **Agency Staff:**

Eric Winford – DNR/WDFW

Michael Livingston – WDFW

Rick Roeder – DNR

Larry Leach - DNR

William Meyer - WDFW

- 1) **Welcome, Review the Day (Eric)**
- 2) **Teaway Baseline Presentation (William Meyer and Larry Leach)**
  - a) Over the previous year, staff completed numerous surveys, gathered, and synthesized data from various sources in order to provide a baseline for roads, forests, wildlife, and aquatic systems.
  - b) This information is necessary to show the progress of the TCF in meeting the goals of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.
  - c) The presentation, and the baseline report, is posted online.
- 3) **Indian Creek Restoration Project (Scott Nicolai, Yakama Nation Fisheries Resource Program)**
  - i) During the fall of 2015, restoration began on Indian Creek. Hundreds of pieces of woody debris were added to the stream and the floodplain.
  - ii) The presentation is posted online.
- 4) **Future Actions (Larry Leach)**
  - a) Approximately 4 fish barriers will be removed this year from funds received from the Capital Budget.
  - b) Several projects to reduce sediment from roads will be completed this biennium.
  - c) From forest health funds received in the Capital Budget, approximately 500 acres of pre-commercial thinning, and 55 acres of shaded fuel break, will be completed. These projects are intended to improve forest health and reduce the severity of wildfires.
- 5) **Grazing Management (Mike and Rick)**
  - a) The context on the current discussion of grazing management stems from concerns voiced by private citizens, landowners in the Teaway, and partners, including NOAA Fisheries, on damage to riparian areas and how grazing is currently being managed.
  - b) The two agencies have assembled their technical staff to begin drafting options on how to achieve the goals of the TCF in relation to grazing. Staff will be including other partners, including WSU and NOAA Fisheries, in these technical discussions.
  - c) There will be a social aspect to this discussion as well, which will include the Advisory Committee as well as additional partners.
  - d) Additional information will be provided at the March meeting. This is when technical options should be available for review.
- 6) **Legislative Engagement Update (Andrew Imler, WTA)**
  - a) Several members of the Advisory Committee are preparing to go to Olympia to discuss the 2016-2017 Supplemental Budget Request with Legislators.
- 7) **Public Comment**
  - a) Tracy Rooney: Everyone should look at the grazing lease to see how it could be better enforced.