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Teanaway Community Forest

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Community Forest Trust

A tool to protect working forests with a high risk of conversion to non-forest uses, but that have important value to local communities

- Conversion of these forests represent a loss of important social and environmental services, and an erosion of timber and natural resource-based economies.
- DNR provides a tool to partner with local communities to help protect working forestlands.



Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP)

From Economic and Ecological Uncertainty...



...To a Coalition Committed to Collaborative Solutions





YBIP Coalition Members and Supporters

Governments: Yakama Nation, Kittitas County, Yakima County, Benton County, City of Yakima.

Federal Agencies: Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service, Bonneville Power Association, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

State Agencies: Department of Ecology, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources.

Irrigation Districts: Kennewick Irrigation District, Roza Irrigation District, Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District, Yakima – Tieton Irrigation District.

NGOs: American Rivers, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Conservation Northwest, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Forterra, National Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, Trout Unlimited, The Wilderness Society, Washington Environmental Council, Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board, Yakima Basin Storage Alliance.



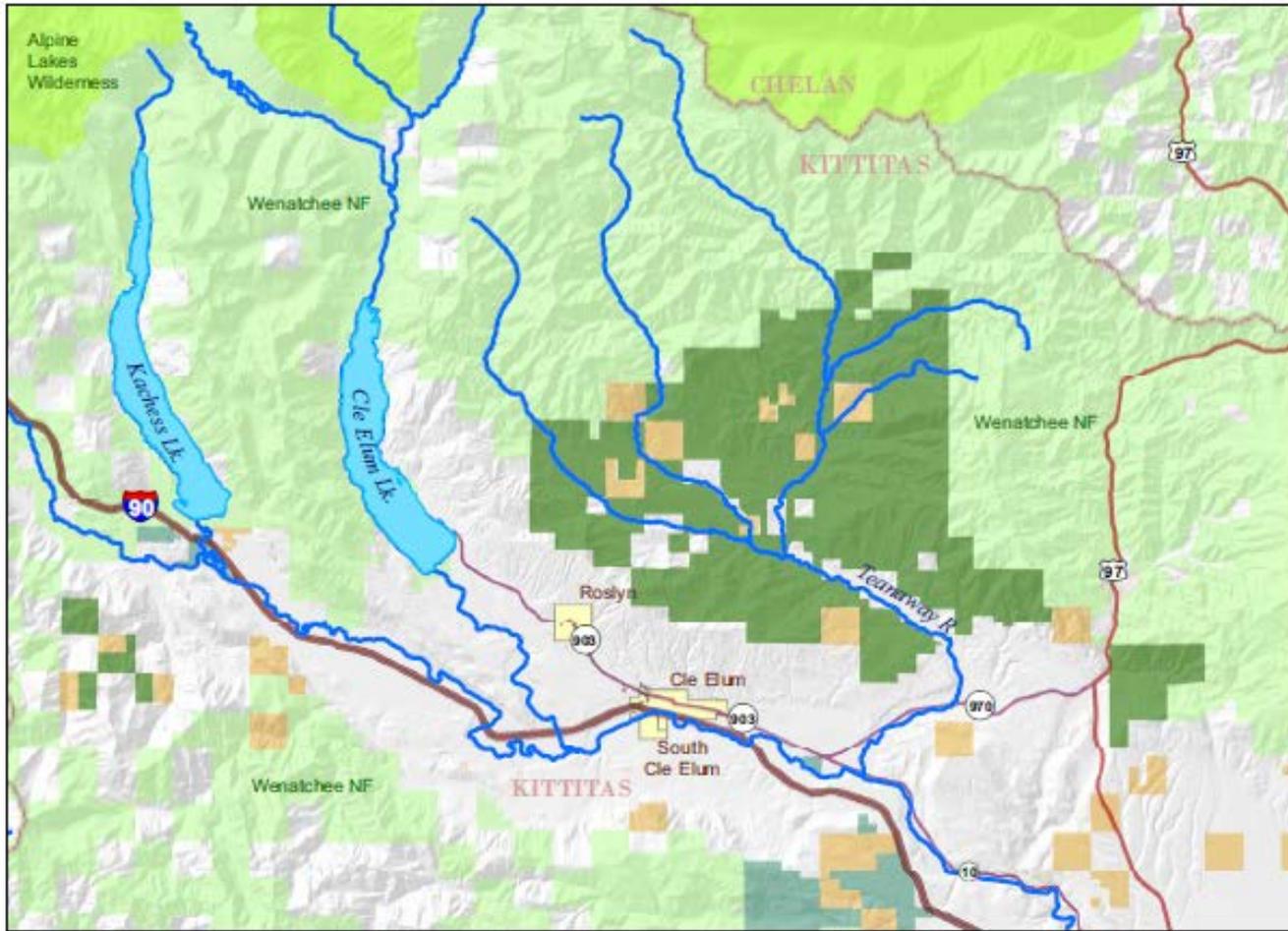
Teanaway

Protecting Conservation, Working Lands, and Community Values

Size: 50,272 acres
 Price: \$1,930/acre
 Purchase Price: \$97 million

Recreation Hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, camping, birding, snowmobiling, and much more.

Conservation Fish (steelhead, spring Chinook, bulltrout) and wildlife (deer, elk, large predators, spotted owls).



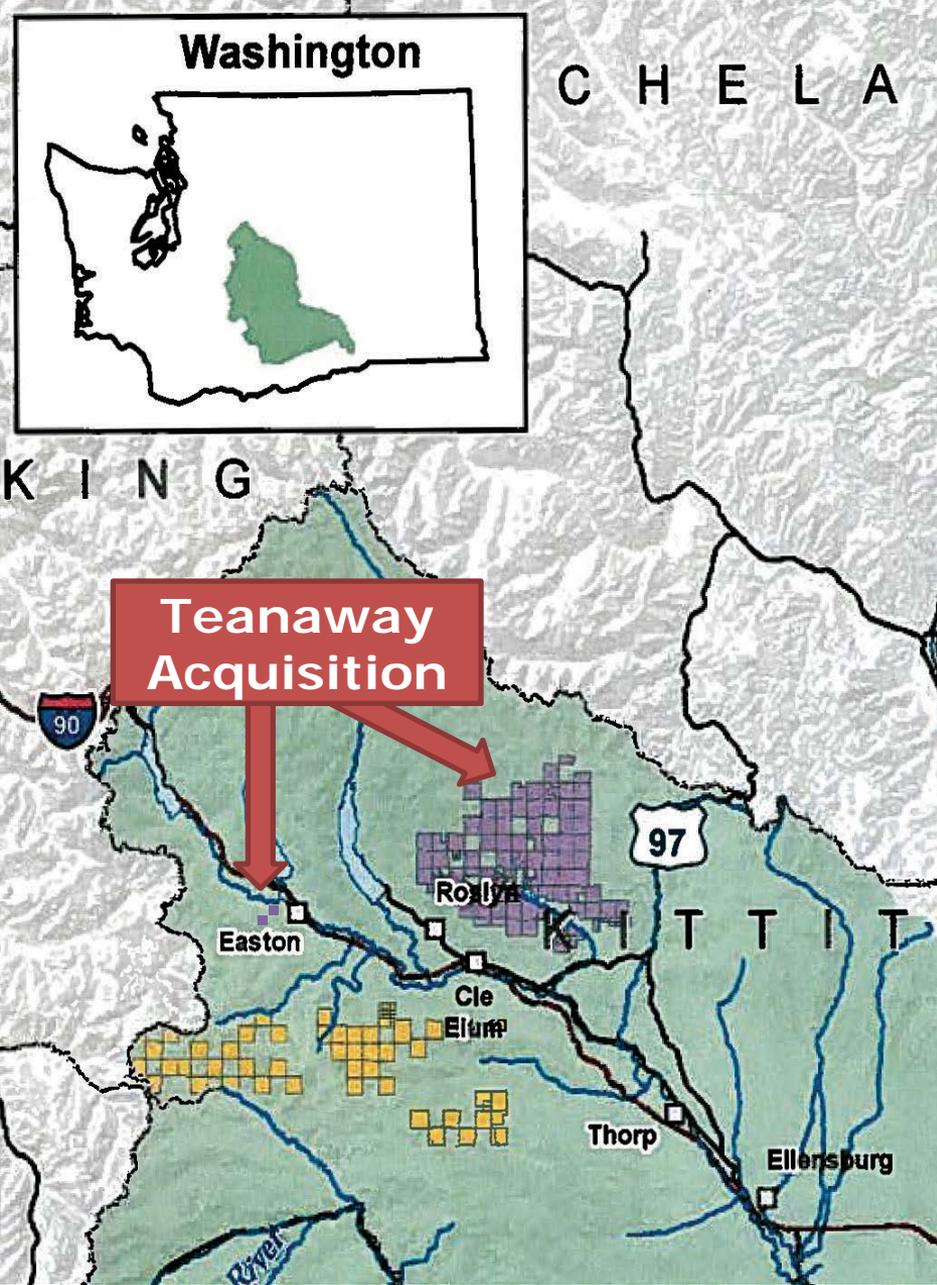
American Forest Holdings LLC	Tribal
Land Management	Other Federal Lands
WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	National Park Service
WA Dept. of Natural Resources	US Forest Service
	USFS Wilderness Areas



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Teanaway Acquisition

- Proposed to be acquired as part of Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan
 - Collaborative effort to increase water storage capacity for agriculture and restore vital watershed habitat for fish
- \$97 million purchase price funded by state legislature and RPR loan.
- Land owned by DNR as a CFT and managed collaboratively with DFW, which will hold a Working Lands and Habitat Restoration Easement.



Protecting Community Values: Teanaway

Acquisition of the Teanaway property as a Community Forest would help achieve several objectives in the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan:

- Conserve and restore vital fish habitat
- Support a strong community partnership
- Protect and enhance the water supply
- Maintain working lands
- Where possible, maintain or expand recreational opportunities





How Teanaway Is Unique

- Key component in advancing YBIP
- Extraordinary value to local community, state
- Great opportunity for fish habitat restoration
- Many popular recreational activities and hotspots
- Extreme forest health issues and wildfire risk
- Management partnership with WDFW
- State funding

The Teanaway would be an ideal first Community Forest because of its diverse uses and special value to Washingtonians.



Yakima River Basin Resource Management

SB 5367

"... the department of natural resources is authorized to purchase land to be held in the community forest trust under RCW 79.155.040 to serve the purposes of the community forest trust including the protection of Yakima river basin ... The purchase must be reviewed and approved by the board of natural resources."



Recommendations

1. Authorize Teanaway transaction
2. Create a legacy by creating **The Teanaway Community Forest**







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