



Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Summary June 12, 2014

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Derek Sandison
Phil Rigdon
Gary Berndt
Andrea Imler
Kitty Craig
Deborah Essman

Gregg Bafundo
Jeri Downs
Jim Halstrom
JJ Collins
Martha Wyckoff
Urban Eberhart

Doug Schindler
Reagan Dunn
Dale Bambrick
Jason Ridlon

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Mark Charlton
Steve Justham
Wayne Mohler
Brian Crowley

Agency and Consultant Staff:

Lisa Dally Wilson –Dally Environmental
Nhi Irwin – Veda Environmental
Sarah Brace – Veda Environmental

Eric Winford – DNR/WDFW
Michael Livingston – WDFW
Rick Roeder – DNR

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Review of meeting agenda. (Lisa Dally Wilson)
- Committee members did not approved meeting notes from the May 8th meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Eric will send out May 8th notes to AC for review and will be on July agenda for approval.

• **Announcements:**

- Steve Justham has resigned from the AC. There will be a replacement for his seat to represent ORV interest.

- The rules associated with interim management of the forest were released by DNR. The intent of the interim rules are to maintain status quo until the AC develops recommendations. It was clarified that the TCFAC is addressing recommendations for the future management plan for the forest while the interim management is being handled by DNR and DFW. They are two separate processes.
- **Questions:**
 - Question asked regarding the recent announcements about road opening and closures to ORVs, specifically, how House Bill 1632 is being interpreted by the US Forest Service. Initially, the USFS took the understanding that their roads are similar to county roads. After further analysis the USFS has retracted that position and taken the position that ATV's remain illegal on USFS roads.
 - Question about Kittitas County ordinance for ORVs. This also relates to House Bill #1632. County roads can be open to ORVs where speed is 35mph or less if the ORV has had necessary modifications to make ORVs more appropriate for roads. This is not an issue for the Teanaway Community Forest as no roads are 35 MPH. Only applies to Ballard Road.
- **Timeline and TCFAC approach** - Lisa walked the AC through the logic model and the schedule for the next 4 months of work for developing recommendations for the Strategic Management Plan.
- **Suggestions:**
 - Suggestion to have a field trip on Recreational use in the forest. AC members felt it was important to understand what type and where recreational use is currently occurring in the forest before making recommendations. It was also suggested that this occur prior to the July 10th meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Agency will work with AC members to put together a tour. Lisa will do a Doodle poll for scheduling. Eric will send an email asking who would like to participate in organizing and leading and set up a conference call amongst those people.

AC brainstormed on list of possible activities to look at on the field trip:

- Use of river for swimming, kayaking
- Jumping off places for hiking, infrastructure
- Camp grounds
- Hiking and Fishing
- Snowmobiling
- Groomed trails
- Mountain biking
- Motorized recreation use: motorcycling, other
- Horse back riding

- Neighboring recreational use intersects– linkage to Suncadia, Roslyn, over the Cle Elum forest into the Teanaway
 - Border and access management – private in-holding/public land borders
 - Enforcement on recreation
 - ADA accessibility in the forest
 - Where are there conflicts use between groups in the forest
 - Community access – ORV access from private in-holdings
 - Disperse camp site
 - Kayaking and rafting
 - Target shooting?
2. Overview of Homework Responses
- The homework for the AC was to provide a list of the desired outcomes and desired uses in the forest.
 - The list that was provided is a good start to developing the list of objectives for the management plan and from that development of strategies to accomplish those objectives.
 - **Discussion:**
 - Need to consider beyond the 50,000 acres of the Teanaway and include agriculture, recreation as part of the economic analysis.
 - Economics and sustainable management of the forest needs to be part of the discussion.
 - Economics should be considered to ensure there are benefits, but also be mindful of non-economic benefits such as cultural and historical use benefit.
 - Concern that strategies developed for public lands may have impacts to private lands.
 - The issue of roads intersects with all the issues and should be part of the discussion.
 - DFW wanted to clarify that they are looking for recommendations on habitat and not population.
 - **Breakout Group Example:** Lisa walked through an example of developing objectives before the group break out sessions:
 - Example: Watershed protection, fish and wildlife
 - Improvement in baseline conditions – a yardstick for how to measure improvement (normal historic flow).
 - Ample water for agriculture without harming fisheries.
 - Restoring fish to historic populations.
3. Breakout Sessions
- The AC participated in breakout sessions to identify objectives for the following goals:

- Watershed protection /Fisheries Habitat Conservation and Restoration
- Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Restoration
- Grazing
- Forest Management (including forest health and timber production)
- Synthesis of the discussions will be provided before the next meeting.

4. Public Open House

- The public open house will be June 26, 2014 at 5:00 – 8:00 pm at the Teanaway Grange.
- This is 1 of 3 meetings that will be occurring throughout the process.
- The goal for the open house is to:
 - Inform public on the AC process
 - Present the 5 legislative goals
 - Solicit input from the public on their desired outcome for the forest
- It was suggested that the questions for the public should be the same as what was asked of the AC members:
 - What uses do you feel should be accommodated in the forest?
 - What are your desired outcomes for the forest?
- It was suggested that the open house also be used to get input on what current recreational uses are occurring and whether members of the public would be interested in volunteer opportunities in the forest.
- Some members of the AC will be attending the Open House.

ACTION ITEM: Eric will send out an email to the TCFAC asking that those members interested in assisting with the Public Open House respond. He will then schedule a conference call to coordinate efforts.

5. Next Steps

- AC members will follow-up through email with Lisa to ensure comments were captured in the breakout sessions.
- Some point in the future there will be a need for “champions” from the AC to work with the agencies in workgroups to tackle some of the strategies. AC members should think about what workgroups they would be interested in participating.
- Announcements –
 - There is a work party to put together some interpretative kiosks this weekend. It was suggested that notification of these work parties be provided sooner to give people (AC members included) opportunities to participate. It was suggested that a list of projects be posted on the website.
 - Doug McClelland from DNR was introduced to the group. He will be DNR’s recreation resource for the TCFAC process.

Public Comment

- Public comment was received from one member of the public. This comment, along with written comments, is included in the public comment document associated with this month's meeting minutes.

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. Advisory Committee Approach for June – Sept 2014
3. A logic diagram showing the roles of the Advisory Committee and the agencies in this process
4. Synthesis of Homework – Desired Outcomes/Objectives
5. Synthesis of Homework – Uses
6. A list of the Legislative mandates and definition of objectives and strategies that will address those mandates
7. A final draft of Legislative Mandate/Goal 1 Definition (Watershed Protection - revised after the May meeting)
8. Definitions paper for Goal 2 – Working Lands and Goal 4 – Conserve and Restore Fish and Wildlife habitat.
9. Fact Sheet for Working Lands – Goal 2