
Goal 3 – Recreation, Objective 2 – Trails: Provide and maintain a network of safe, enjoyable, and sustainable recreational trails.

Introduction: The Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee believes that all recreational uses must be accommodated in a fashion that protects the watershed and key wildlife areas from degradation and does not present an obstacle to their restoration.

- USFS Trails (Middle Fork, Yellow Hill, and West Fork)
 - o Assess the three existing USFS trails using the recreation selection criterion to determine the potential impacts of these trails and establish baseline conditions for the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.
 - o Maintain motorcycle access to the three trails that access USFS lands as an interim step until baseline condition of the three trails can be evaluated.
 - o Utilize seasonal closures to minimize impacts to community forest goals during this interim period.
 - o During the recreation planning process, determine if one, two, or all of the trails should be repaired, relocated, or closed based on the trails baseline assessment, watershed impacts and other factors as identified in the recreation/suitability criteria (attachment A).
 - o Work with the TCF Advisory Committee, the public, and in coordination with the USFS to repair, close, and/or relocate the trails.

- New Motorcycle Use
 - o Commence Recreation Planning in 2015 (contingent on funding) to include baseline data collection and assessment addressing all recreational uses in the Forest. During the recreation planning process, use the recreation/suitability criteria (attachment A) to determine if, and if so, where and when new motorcycle use could be supported.
 - o Address displacement concerns expressed by other user groups and incorporate the recreation needs of all user groups, including neighboring land owners in this process.
 - o Work closely with the USFS and TNC to ensure a coordinated approach to cross ownership recreation issues such as trails.
 - o The interim use rules currently in place in the TCF apply until recreation planning is complete.

- Management Considerations for Motorized Use of the TCF
 - o Discussion of motorized recreational use in this section pertains to two wheel motorcycles. All other motorized vehicles (ATVs (all-terrain vehicles), WATVs (wheeled all-terrain vehicles), 4x4s, and all other ORVs (off road vehicles)) are prohibited from trails, closed roads and cross country travel in the TCF.
 - o New motorcycle access, as determined appropriate during recreation planning, will be conditioned on the construction and policing of any potential new trail system, an education and self-policing campaign by WOHVA, and recreation plan compliance by the motorcycle community. Existing authorized motorcycle access is also conditioned on the appropriate use of those trails and the restoration, preservation, and protection of resources within the community forest.

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- Ensure there are sufficient enforcement and education efforts and resources in place to protect resources prior to opening new areas.
 - Recreation Planning Process
 - Recreation Planning Roles: It is anticipated that a subset of TCFAC members will form the primary membership of the Recreation Planning committee.
 - During and prior to the completion of the Recreation Plan, the Agencies will update the full Advisory Committee on the progress and results of the Recreation Planning process for discussion and feedback.

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