

Teaway Community Forest Advisory Committee

A diverse group of people representing a wide range of interests with a common passion for place.



TEAWAY COMMUNITY FOREST



Common Inspiration

Love of Teanaway

- *"genuine love for the Teanaway"*
- *"I have a life-long association with the Teanaway Valley and care deeply about its future"*
- *"I care deeply for this amazing part of our state...I am intimately familiar with the landscape"*
- *"spectacular natural landscape"*
- *"love of the outdoors (and Teanaway) in general!"*

Desire to Ensure the Future of Teanaway

- *"Restoration of an exceptionally valuable asset of Washington State. Issues of watershed restoration, working forests, outdoor recreation and historic significance."*
- *First Community Forest in state/ model/ we can frame success*
- *Forming the future of recreation trail use and protecting the water basin for our future water users*

Common Vision

- *"I would like to see the Teanaway Valley maintained and enhanced for future generations."*
- *A management plan that allows the Teanaway to live up to its potential/expectations – water quality and quantity, working forest and ranch lands, public recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, economic benefit to the local community*
- *"Restoration of the watershed is paramount."*
- *Balance of competing and potentially conflicting uses and values, primarily conservation on one hand and recreation and economically beneficial uses on the other .*
- *Conservation of critical habitat*
- *Accessible, multi-use public recreation*
- *Sound management – roads, forests, grazing, recreation, restoration*
- *"Bringing together an entire community to protect our environment."*

Common Approach

- *Listening*
- *Respect*
- *Common ground*
- *Understanding*
- *Solutions*
- *Win/win*
- *Everyone has a legitimate point of view or use*
- *Use facts and science to inform debate*
- *Getting out on the ground to learn together and reach a common understanding on particular issues*
- *Voice of reason*
- *Compromise*
- *Team player*
- *Open dialogue/ allow room for differing perspectives*

"My expectation is that this Committee will consist of open minded people with a variety of backgrounds that all love and enjoy the TCF as much as I do. They will also be able to work together to create a plan for managing the TCF that is for the greater good."



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Broad Connections

Yakama Nation

Washington Department of Ecology

Washington Trails Association

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

Mountains to Sound Greenway

Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners

Trout Unlimited

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

Forterra

Washington Off-highway Vehicle Association

Washington Water Trust

Traditional Bowhunters of Washington

Washington Back Country Horsemen

Swauk-Teaway Grange

Friends of the Teaway

Washington State Horticultural Association

Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce

Urban Land Institute

Central Washington University College of Business

Washington Cattlemen's Association

Washington State Farm Bureau

Kittitas County Farm Bureau

Yakima Basin Salmon Recovery Board Citizens Committee

Trust for Public Land

Kittitas Audubon

Yakima Basin Joint Board

City of Yakima

Kennewick Irrigation District

Kittitas Reclamation District

Roza Irrigation District

Sunnyside Division

Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District

Washington State Snowmobile Association

Kittitas County Field and Stream Club

Kiwanis

Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts

Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN)

King County Council

Boone and Crocket Club

Pope and Young Club

Safari Club International

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

The Wilderness Society

Yakima Basin Integrated Plan

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Teanaway Community Forest

Advisory Committee Meeting

March 31, 2014

Presentation by Mike Livingston, WDFW



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Strategic Management Plan

Completed by June 30, 2015

- Strategic, high-level
- Complies with legislation
- Reflects community priorities



Process will involve:



- 10+ advisory committee meetings
- Field trip(s)
- 3+ public open houses
- Agencies lead SEPA

Strategic Management Plan

NO

- Specific actions
- Site level prescriptions

These come later

YES

- Goals
- Objectives
- Strategies

Strategic Mgt Plan

Example 1: Campgrounds

- # of toilets
- # of fire rings
- Specific campsite configuration



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Strategic Mgt Plan

Example 1: Campgrounds



- Siting criteria
 - distance from streams
- Accommodations
 - RV hook ups?
 - tent only areas?
 - walk in areas?



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Strategic Mgt Plan

Example 2: Forest & Streams

- Specific locations for
 - reducing fuels
 - stream restoration



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Strategic Mgt Plan

Example 2: Forest/Streams

- Develop criteria for prioritizing
 - Reduce fuels to protect property
 - Stream restoration



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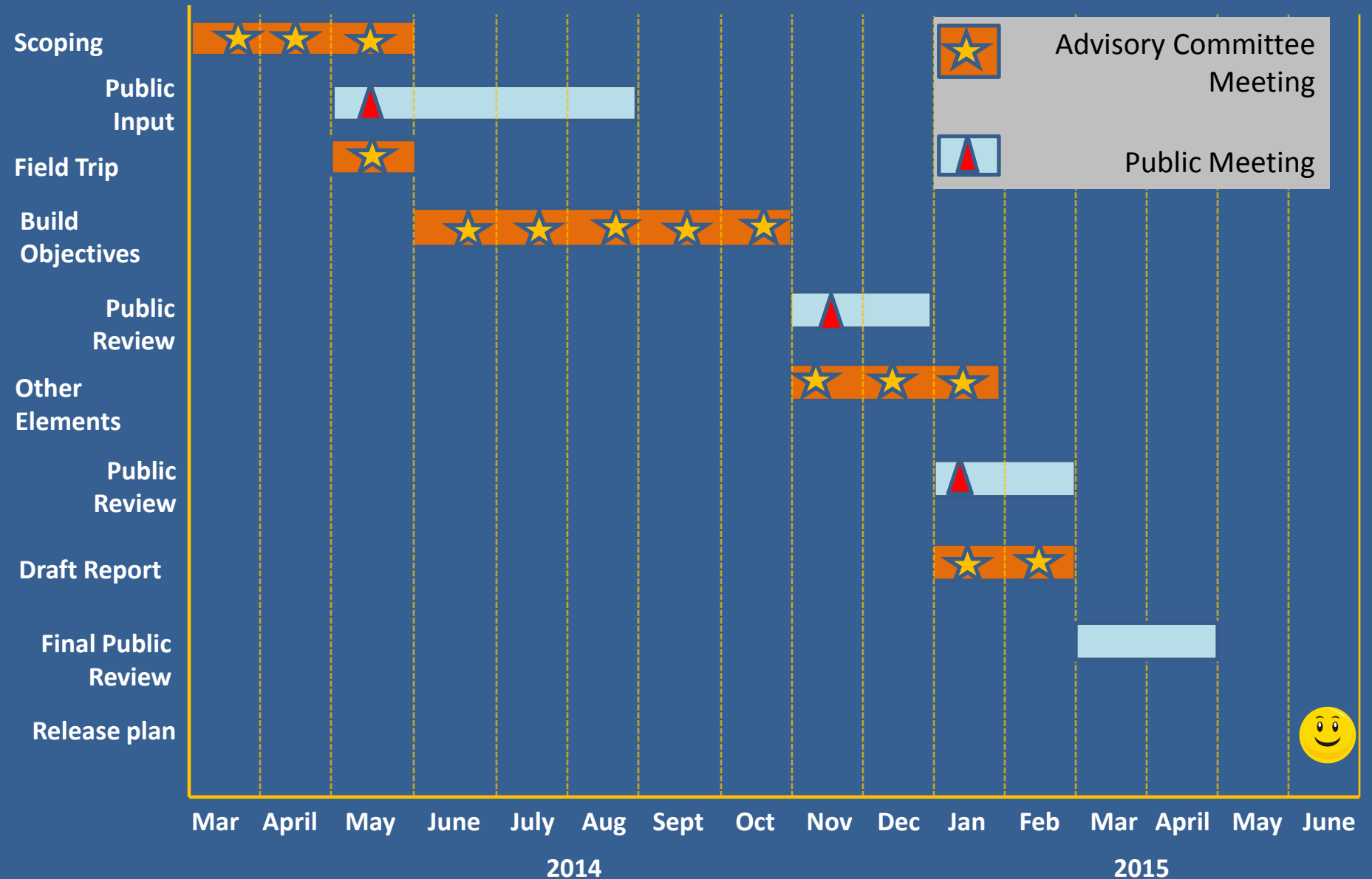


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Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan Timeline



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Interim Management of the Forest

What happens while the management plan is being developed?



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Roads

Existing road problems have been inherited.

These include:

- Potholes and poor road conditions
- Cattle guards and gates needs repair
- Culverts need to be upgraded or replaced



Interim Road Management Plan

- Comply with existing regulations for forest roads (RMAP)
- Repair sections with known issues
- Confirm inventory of stream culverts that block fish passage
- Inspect current road safety conditions for bridges, gates, and other infrastructure



Facilities

Existing facility problems have been inherited.

These include:

- Bathrooms in poor condition
- Fencing in poor condition
- Vandalism at campgrounds
- Picnic tables removed or destroyed





Interim Facility Management

- Maintain existing facilities
- Inventory conditions and needs
- Identify and potentially remove hazard trees in campgrounds
- Install kiosks and informational signs
- Perform noxious weed control

Forest Management

- Evaluate existing conditions
 - LiDAR
- Review/Synthesize existing data



Law Enforcement

- Cultivate a law enforcement presence
- Survey use patterns
- Develop outreach plan, place signs informing users of existing laws



Recreation

- Goal is safe and sustainable use
- Inventory conditions and ID health and safety issues
- Add informational kiosks
- Currently, there is heavy use by groups





Grazing

- Inherited 3 leases
- Working with tenants on implementing grazing practices supportive of future restoration

Baseline

- Building protocols and methodology to monitor effectiveness of restoration projects
- Aquatic species
- Terrestrial species
- Threatened & Endangered species

