

# Teanaway Community Forest



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## Public Comments Received from 7/11/2014- 8/06/2014 Total Comments: 542

### Goal 1: Protect and enhance the water supply and protect the watershed; Total Comments- 1

7/16/2014	I think the water supply will be at the top of the list along with fish and wildlife. I would like to see hiking and horse trails next. If motor trails can be located in other areas of the Nat'l forest that would be best. They don't mix well with hikers and horses.
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### Goal 4: Conserve and restore vital habitat for fish, including steelhead, spring chinook, and bull trout, and wildlife, including deer, elk, large predators, and spotted owls; and Total Comments - 2

7/15/2014	The Teanaway should be wilderness with no new trails, roads or access of any kind? Why is it that human beings cannot leave nature untouched in at least some areas? Why is it not okay to leave the wilderness to the flora and fauna? If WTA had their way there would be no place left untrammelled by humans?
7/16/2014	Proper management of the Teanaway Community Forest is essential to a successful forest for wildlife, habitat and recreational use.

### Goal 3: Maintain and where possible expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection, for activities such as hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, birding and snowmobiling; Total Comments- 539

7/12/2014	I would like to put my support out there for ORV use in the Teanaway, the ORV'ers I know are all just as respectful as other users.
7/12/2014	I ask you to include offroad motorcycle and ATV users when designating trails.  This is a use of the land that the local community has supported for decades.  The main reason for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a

	<p>working forest.</p> <p>The DNR has a legal requirement to the citizens of the state to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has a proven track record of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized as such.</p>
7/13/2014	<p>Teanaway topography and single-track motorcycle trails are quite different than other riding areas both east and west of the crest. For this reason, and for the ever-declining number of options for areas to ride, I would ask that you consider continuing to support off-road motorcycle use in addition to the other worthwhile uses such as hiking, biking, and equestrian.</p>
7/13/2014	<p>Allow ORV use in the Teanaway!! It's unfair to exclude such a large portion of the LOCAL community from using a so called "community forest". Also, one committee member from the ORV community is BS. There are more sleds, dirtbikes, and quads back there than horseback riders, mt bikers, and hikers.</p>
7/14/2014	<p>I have enjoyed exploring the roads and trails in the Teanaway with my dual sport motorcycle and would like to be able to continue to do this.</p>
7/14/2014	<p>Can anything be done to police the ORV users in the Community Forest? Every time I am there, they are going on trails clearly marked 'no motorized' vehicles.</p>
7/14/2014	<p>Hi</p> <p>I am a Seattle resident that often visits the Teanaway for off road motorcycling, usually spending the weekend with camping and dinning. Please include / expand the options for this activity. It is great to get out of the gloom and visit your area. Thanx</p>
7/15/2014	<p>I do often hike in the Teanaway area, in fact I was hiking Navaho Pass last weekend. More quality trails in the area would be greatly appreciated!</p>
7/15/2014	<p>Would love to have more "stock" allowed trails. We are packgoat enthusiasts and as such use stock trails/horse trails. We have leave no trace ethics as the horse folks do, and I would be happy to send you the pamphlet. Because packgoats do little if anything to hurt trails/forests, they make a great stock animal. I have been hiking for 50 plus years and have been using packgoats for about 20 years. Please let me know if the committee would like us (Evergreen Packgoat Club) to put on a packgoat information talk for them. Would also be happy to be part of your committee if you ever have an opening. I, unfortunately, never saw the news that an advisory committee was being established. Thanks so much.</p>
7/15/2014	<p>I would like to see a mix of trails in the Teanaway Community Forest -- various lengths, various degrees of gain, etc. I like to hike (8-10 miles, 2000-2500' gain typically) and I also like to backpack. I prefer to hike on hiker-only trails, and I will avoid trails that allow motorized users -- I think they destroy the tread, and the noise has no place in the forest. I go to the forest to escape the hectic urban environment -- I hope the Teanaway Community Forest will provide a peaceful respite.</p>
7/15/2014	<p>I currently hike and mountain bike on several multi use trails in the teanaway area, including Miller Peak, Iron Creek, Bear Creek and Esmeralda. I support the development of additional non motorized multi use trails in the Teanaway</p>

	community forest. Thanks for listening.
7/15/2014	Hiking and Mountain Biking have significant potential in the Teanaway! I believe it can be a great catalyst for new business development in the region. The area is definitely one of Washington's lesser known outdoor recreation jewels.
7/15/2014	I love the Teanaway forest! Thank you for all the good work you do out there. One problem I've had is finding my way through the existing road network. Better signage directing users to specific locations would be handy for me. Also, more trails of all kinds! I'm a hiker/backpacker personally, but don't begrudge controlled motorized access.
7/15/2014	I support hiker-only trails, and hope to see a variety of trails that meander by rivers as well as scale peaks.
7/15/2014	<p>Thank you for considering trails in the beautiful Teanaway. As a King County resident, I love the Teanaway for birding. I would like very much to see trails that pass through a variety of bird habitats, including riparian, forest, and meadow. Views to agricultural fields would be lovely as well. Areas of transition from one habitat to another (e.g., meadow to woods) are excellent for birds, and just happen also to among the loveliest spots in the area. The Kittitas Audubon Society may help identify good locations, and can probably best advise whether mixed usage is compatible with protecting habitat for birds and other wildlife. (As a birder, I'd rather have the trail be for foot traffic only. A gentle grade would make an enjoyable birding hike.)</p> <p>I hope these thoughts are useful and wish you well with the project.</p>
7/15/2014	<p>What kind of hiking trails would you like to see in the Teanaway? I enjoy all trails, but I am particularly fond of ones that get to high places near peaks, or passes that lead to peaks</p> <p>When you go hiking, what kind of experience(s) do you like to have? I generally go out for day hikes, scrambles, or snowshoe day trips. Once a summer I do a multi-day backpack trip</p> <p>Do you want multi-use trails in the Teanaway? I don't mind hiking with horses or mountain bikers.</p> <p>Do you want the Teanaway Community Forest to contain motorized trails? No. The trails should be restricted to human or horse powered transport only. No motors.</p>
7/15/2014	<p>My husband and I often hike in the many trail systems in the Teanaway Community Forest. We go there to experience the backcountry, for solace, to be away from people, and to be with nature. During the fall hunting season, we have had to share the trails with hunters which was very disconcerting. We hope that the trails remain open only for foot traffic and not to mountain bikes or ATVs. It is very hard to find a quiet trail these days, ones that you can actually be "alone" in the hills. Please keep Teanaway quiet, for our sake and for those of the native creatures that call the area their home.</p> <p>thank you,</p>

7/15/2014	I like to get to the top of a peak; I like using hiker-only trails but don't mind horses. I don't mind mountain bikes. I abhor any motorized bikes or motorized vehicles on trails. They destroy trails and are noisy. I have hiked in the Teanaway; Iron, Bill's, Mary's Peaks. I plan to do more and would certainly hike in the Teanaway Community Forest.
7/15/2014	I enjoy multiple activities there, including snowmobiling, driving, hiking and mountain biking. Please keep the roads and trails accessible for all.
7/15/2014	Definitely prefer trails that are hiker only. If there must be wheeled vehicles, they should ONLY be NON-Motorized. There are few things worse than having to listen to or smell noisy, stinky dirt bikes or quads when out in the forest.  Prefer day hikes, not ONLY family friendly (i.e., easy) but some easy ones would be great. Love to hike to ridges or lakes.
7/15/2014	I love the Teanaway and would love to have more hiking trails in the area. Currently I hike on old roads in the Teanaway. Long trails that follow one of the rivers would be wonderful.
7/15/2014	The Teanaway Community Forest is an area that I would like to take my infant son hiking when he is old enough. I think that it is important that hiking-only trails be established and maintained in the area. There is also a good opportunity to provide space for mountain biking (on a more limited basis) so that different types of users can enjoy the area. I would focus on developing and maintaining hiking-only trails as a priority with the creation of a more limited set of mountain biking trails where appropriate. In my opinion, horses and off-road motorcycles are less compatible uses of a natural landscape as important as the Teanaway. Thank you.
7/15/2014	Actually there have been trails there for years such as the Teanaway River Trail. These trails have all been multi-use and to suggest that these trails do not exist makes it sound like the WTA is ignoring the existing users to begin with. I am an avid hiker and mountain biker and over the last twenty years I have seen these two groups at odds over mixed use. I have heard the land has been recently protected from commercial use. That is great but please do not change a thing in terms of use. If you want to create new trails for hikers only then that is fine. I feel both groups can and should be able to use these lands as they always have.
7/15/2014	I would like to hike in the Teanaway Community Forest on trails that  1. Are 8-10 miles long on moderate terrain-  2. That go to some kind of destination--a look out-- a lake--a waterfall--an open meadow  3. That are not shared with other trail users other than hikers  4. That travel through varied terrain and forest features--i.e. that have variety--and are different various times of year.  5. Trails that have easy access--i.e. you don't need a 4 wheel travel or have to travel more than 30 minutes on a dirt road.

7/15/2014	Dear Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee,  I like to take day hikes, and I prefer hiking on hiker-only trails. I do not like dirt bikes or other motorized vehicles on the same trails as hikers.
7/15/2014	I like to get to the top of a peak.
7/15/2014	I prefer to take long day hikes that are relatively challenging. I do not mind sharing the trail with horses but I find mechanized vehicles a major disruptor of the quietude I seek when hiking and would therefore like to see them restricted from the hiking trails. I also enjoy hiking on trails that connect with other trails and hiking loops whenever possible.
7/15/2014	I enjoy the current set of Teanaway trails because there are so many possibilities for creating loop hikes. Around Esmerelda Peaks, over Longs Pass and back via Beverly Creek, and on and on. When I'm on a hike I always like to go to a peak, but I don't need an official trail to the top. If the trail approaches a peak and offers a reasonable scramble that is the best kind of hiking day for me.
7/15/2014	I hike the mountains, forests and deserts, on trail and off, and share them with horses. But if there are mountain bikes or motor bikes on those trails, I will never use them. That kind of use is incompatible with hiking.
7/15/2014	I love the Teanaway River valley and already hike there many times every year. I'd love to see more hiking trails in the area, but would be even more keen to see some mountain biking trails. I think that the Evergreen Mountain Bike Club could be involved in designing and building those trails, as they have quite a group of volunteers with that experience, and it would help to bring additional tourism to that side of the mountains, because even though a lot of people both hike and bike, there's quite a crowd of folks who are mostly focused on the biking.
7/15/2014	I love hiking in the Teanaway. I like Ingalls Lake, Navajo Pass, Miller Peak, Koppen Mt, Etc. I feel strongly that we should keep wheeled vehicles of all types out of the Teanaway. I like that Ingalls Way prohibits dogs because of the goats. I have seen dogs in the area and the goats scatter quickly.

7/15/2014	<p>I've been going to the Teanaway for years. My dad took me and brother there when we were kids. I'm now 53. I've been taking my kids there since they were infants. I like a variety of trail types. I like river side trails that are gradual for taking small kids and seniors. I like it when these can be turned into short backpacks that aren't by a road. I also enjoy difficult trails that lead to the often open ridgetops with great views, like the Long's Pass trail, where we can see larches and mt. stuart. I like trails that can be multi-day backpacks, like the one to Ingall's Lake or the Esmerelda Basin trail. I also enjoy the great car camping options along the river, like Beverly Creek campground. I've been mountain biking in the Teanaway, too, and I don't mind multi-use trails for hikers, bicyclists and horses. Some trails, however, are just too heavily used or fragile to allow cyclists. Ingall's Lake, for example. I'm OK with some motorized access, during seasons that won't trash the trail when its wet. Ive shared trails with riders near twisp, and that was fine, but it's also very far away from population centers. I'm worried that the Teanaway is so close to the Seattle/Bellevue areas, and Ellensburg, that it would recieve really heavy motorized use. How about limiting the number of trails? But i think my greatest concern about the motorized vehilces is that they may harass and scare away the wolves who are now resident in the Teanaway area. I would hate it if the wolves left becuae of this. The wolves must be factored into this equation.</p>
7/15/2014	<p>I would prefer only non-motorized access to the Teanaway Community Forest. I do not want to use trails with ATVs or motor cycles or jeeps. Motorized vehicles pollute, are noisy and cause destruction to trails and roads. I want hikers, mountain bikers and horses to use the trails. I like trails that are supportable and take you along the river, up to view points and to the many special geological features in the Teanaway. I would like the trails to be curvy at times and with some banking on corners for better bicycle riding. I would like to see developed trails to points of interest on a map for use. The campground would be more desirable if the road was paved and there were in ground toilets and showers with potable water and picnic tables with specific sites to prevent foliage destruction and erosion. I would enjoy a parking area with trees for shade. I would like to have access to the river for fishing and floating. I want to be able to access the trails from the Teanaway road and from over Cle Elum Ridge from Roslyn and Cle Elum. I want to see the wildlife protected as it is enjoyable to encounter them while on the trail.</p>
7/15/2014	<p>I think that trails for motorized vehicles are important and they need to be well chosen so that impacts from them are the least as far as the creation of erosion problems needs to be addressed so that they can have a place to go that will not create problems in the future</p>
7/15/2014	<p>Please include motorcycle trails in the final plan.</p>
7/15/2014	<p>I enjoy trails that meander along rivers, and that lead to high views, ridges, passes and peaks. I like to get into the forest, to the quiet, into nature, and to the top of non-technical peaks. I like to dayhike, and backpack to spend the night out under the stars. I don't mind hiking with horses although I've seen how much they can ruin and rut trails. I do NOT want to hike with mountain bikers or dirt bikers. I like using hiker-only trails best. I do NOT want the Teanaway Community Forest to contain motorized trails.</p>

7/15/2014	This is a beautiful area that I currently hunt in. I would like to see hiking trails that are accessible for both motorized use as well as non-motorized. I feel that motorized use increases the accessibility of remote areas, as well as brings in substantial funding for development/maintenance.
7/15/2014	I think a multi use trail system would be the best with some for motorized vehicles, some for mnt bikes and hikers, I think these can coexist with some along rivers and some to peak or viewpoints. but I do believe that trails should be loops if at all possible
7/15/2014	I am a hiker who the range of experiences provided in the Teanaway. I love day hikes along a river or to a pass where one can see views of the mountains and valleys. I also like to have access to easy to moderate backpack campsites. I do not mind sharing the trails with non motorized vehicles, however, it is nice to have a few "hiker only" trails for those who can't or don't want to dodge horses and bikes.
7/15/2014	I am strongly in favor of hiking trails in the TCF. I frequently drive from Mercer Island to do day hikes and occasional overnight hikes in the Teanaway area. I have hiked in the Ingalls lake area, Jack Creek, Navaho and Longs Passes, Jungle Creek and Pollalie Ridge. I love the scenery and remote feeling of much of this area. I prefer hiker-only trails but do not have a problem with sharing trails with pack animals. Motorized trails destroy the experience in my opinion and should be separate.
7/15/2014	More trails that do not provide motorized access.
7/15/2014	I enjoy several types of trails, I prefer trails that are limited to hikers (No Bikes). I Like to get to high peaks and at this stage of my life prefer trails that are loops or can be hiked in and out in a day.
7/15/2014	Please provide funding to maintain trails and access to trails in Teanaway.
7/15/2014	I think the trails should be hiker only along rivers and streams and some ridge tops. I don't think trails should be a combination of motorized biker and hiker because of the danger of people getting run over. A trail needs to be user friendly for most who want to use them.
7/15/2014	I am a hiker and love the Teanaway area! I don't mind sharing trails with horses and mountain bikers, but forest trails are NOT a place for motorized recreation. In the winter I love to go snow-shoeing and one of the main things I look for is QUIET -- which snowmobiles certainly are not!
7/15/2014	yes to multi-use non-motorized trails. Winter use too.
7/15/2014	I support hiking trails in the Teanaway Community Forest.
7/15/2014	I thoroughly enjoy visiting and spending time in the Teanaway forests. I am drawn to the vastness of the area and enjoy the variety of terrain in the area. My favorite thing to do in the area and the reason I go most often is to mountain bike. I do not mind sharing the trails with others as it is not a crowded area and all the various user groups (motor bikes, hikers, horse riders, and mountain bikers) all seem to be respectful of one another and get along. I enjoy sharing the wilderness with my family (especially my children who love riding bikes). I hope that in the future plans, mountain biking is not only allowed, but championed, and that future trails are built to be sustainable for multiple users.
7/15/2014	I support hiking trails in the Teanaway Community Forest.

7/15/2014	I prefer trails for hikers only but horses would be acceptable in some areas. I prefer not to mix w/ mountain bikes and REALLY wouldn't want to encounter motor bikes! I like all ranges of hikes: along rivers, up through meadows and up to peaks/ridges for views, etc. I love both day hikes and backpacking- especially backpacking close to lakes.
7/15/2014	I think you should open this area to professionally built hiking and mountain biking trails.
7/15/2014	I enjoy day hikes in the Teanaway area -- it's especially great in the "shoulder seasons" when it's wet on the west side and drier on the east side. I do NOT like to share the trail with motorized vehicles of any kind and I prefer hikers-only trails over sharing with horses and/or mountain bikes.
7/15/2014	<p>I enjoy trails that meander along rivers, as well as challenging hikes and climbs.</p> <p>I want to get to the top of a peak; I like to backpack and spend the night out under the stars.</p> <p>I like using hiker-only trails - NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON TRAILS.</p> <p>I enjoy hiking to Ingalls Lake, Bean Creek Basin, Navajo Peak, Iron Peak</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I like trails that go to water. Lakes, waterfalls, and streams are very nice. I like trails that provide access to climbers paths up to summits. I frequently hike 10 miles in a day. My hiking trips are either day hikes to a summit, lake, view spot, or flower filled meadow at the tree line. Or my trip will be a backpack to a place mentioned in preceding sentence where I camp overnight. Then summit a peak or go to a pass the next day.</p> <p>I don't mind sharing the trail with horses. I don't mind much, sharing the trail with bicycles. I hate motorcycles on the trail.</p> <p>I think the ideal scenario is where there is a family friendly spot on a lake or stream about 1-2 miles in so the city people have a place to go for an afternoon out with the family. The trail should continue on for outdoor people for many miles to the kind of things I've mentioned above.</p> <p>Dogs - 98% of the people on the trail after 3 miles love well behaved, well trained, and friendly safe dogs. There are a small % of people who bring untrained, bad behaving, and dangerous dogs out into the public forest lands. These people should be jailed. It is unfair and LAZY ADMINISTRATING to punish all dog owners for the behavior of 1-2%, the idiots. I would be very much in favor of a law that punished dog owners who bring bad dogs into the public forests. \$1,000-2,000 fines and destruction of the dog should be the penalty for any dog that bites or attacks a person. 98-99% of dogs on the trails are perfectly safe, friendly and loved by virtually everyone. It's pretty easy to spot bad dogs, they have metal spiked choke collars or muzzles on. The owners obviously know what kind of dog they have. Even idiots might leave fido at home if they know an incident will result in the destruction of their dog.</p>

7/16/2014	I would encourage and value the development of designated non-motorized hiking, ski and snowshoe trails in the area for both summer and winter usage. There is much terrain in the area that provides excellent ski touring -- unfortunately use of high speed/high noise snow machines in the area degrades the quality and safety of the ski touring experience. Similarly hiking experiences are degraded in the summer by motorbike usage. Motorized usage by considerate motorized users isn't too bad -- however I have had a number of experiences with motorized users (particularly snow-machine users) where the snow-machine users seemed angry at my presence on skis - I always travel to the edge of packed/groomed trails and treat snow-machine rider in a respectful manner -- however on several instances I have had snow-machine riders buzz me uncomfortably close and one memorable time the rider gunned his motor as he passed, spraying my face with a "rooster tail" of snow. That said 90% of the motorized users I've encountered over the decades have been safe and respectful -- but it would be great to have consistent education efforts to encourage safety and cooperation as well as designated non-motorized trails and areas within the Teanaway community forest
7/16/2014	I like to have hiking trails that are totally for walkers only, no motorized. Would be nice if they would work well in winter for cross country skiing when we have snowy winters.
7/16/2014	Hi! I am a hiker and thus enjoy hiking trails - however I also enjoy having areas set aside for ORV use - specifically, I have a Jeep, and have found that there is a lack of suitable Jeep trails in the PNW. I spent a fair amount of time living in SW Colorado, where there is an abundance of Jeep trails mixed in with hiking trails, and I found that in that area, the two were able to coexist quite nicely. I was sent here via an email from WTA. I'm a big supporter of that organization, but I find that they villainize any and all motorized users of outdoor resources, which I think is totally unfair. Many of us are members of both communities, so I want it to be known that just because I support foot-based usage does NOT mean I oppose other use scenarios.
7/16/2014	I am a hiker and frequently use the trails in the Teanaway region. This area is a mixed-use area that gets a lot of pressure from a variety of recreationists. Obviously, foot traffic leaves the least impact on a trail system so I am biased in favor of hiker-only trails. But if this is to be a "community" forest, then it will need to provide access to horses and motorized traffic as well. I hope the committee will be careful when it comes to allowing these multi-use zones. Horses and ATV's can really tear up a trail system. Those uses will need to be strictly regulated and policed. However, there needs to be a place for these users, as well as campers, if the forest is to be a community forest. The committee needs to consider these various uses and what sort of impact they will have on the landscape and plan accordingly with a lot of follow-up to make sure the rules are being followed.
7/16/2014	As an avid hiker I would greatly appreciate any and all types of trails, but preferably without horses and absolutely without mechanized means of travel.

7/16/2014	<p>Dear Sir or Madam. My wife and I hike in hte Teanaway Community Forest or nearby every year. I hope provision is made for hikers.</p> <p>Please note, off road vehicle use and hiking are not compatible. A few years ago we were on a trail in the Teanaway that allowed motor bikes and my wife nearly got run over by a biker descending too quickly around a blind curve. Luckily I was listening for riders. He could not have stopped in time and the only way to avoid hitting my wife would have been to ride off a very steep portion of trail that which surely would have injured the bker. If I had not pulled my wife off the trail, she would have been hit pretty hard.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Hiking trails are much needed here - it is a beautiful area and has a lot of recreation potential. Specifically, a variety of trails including short, interpretive, family friendly ones as well as longer, more rugged trails accessing the backcountry for overnight and multi-day backpackers would be great. Mountain bike trails would be awesome too and some could be shared/mixed use. I would strongly prefer that any trails/roads open for motorized use be separate from hiking routes.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit input for this decision-making process. i have only been to the Teanaway area once and that was because a friend of mine knew about it and took me there for my birthday. i've actually been looking for trail information online so i can take other friends but all to no avail. Now i know why. I have fond memories (and photos) of the huge smooth white rock and an area of rock with amazing weather-worn (?) holes. It was October and the large patches of larch were golden! i enjoyed the vistas and the quiet and wind-blown scrubby little evergreens growing out of rock crevices. YES, PLEASE DO create trails into this area. i believe horses and hikers could use the same trails but mtn. bikes and people do not mix well in my experience. PLZ NO motorized vehicles for obvious reasons of sound pollution.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I would really love to keep the Teanaway forest as natural as possible. No atv trails. The noise and dust will ruin the magic of the great place. Thank you for your time</p>

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7/16/2014	As an avid hiker I would greatly appreciate any and all types of trails, but preferably without horses and absolutely without mechanized means of travel.
7/16/2014	<p>Dear Sir or Madam. My wife and I hike in hte Teanaway Community Forest or nearby every year. I hope provision is made for hikers.</p> <p>Please note, off road vehicle use and hiking are not compatible. A few years ago we were on a trail in the Teanaway that allowed motor bikes and my wife nearly got run over by a biker descending too quickly around a blind curve. Luckily I was listening for riders. He could not have stopped in time and the only way to avoid hitting my wife would have been to ride off a very steep portion of trail that which surely would have injured the bker. If I had not pulled my wife off the trail, she would have been hit pretty hard.</p>
7/16/2014	Hiking trails are much needed here - it is a beautiful area and has a lot of recreation potential. Specifically, a variety of trails including short, interpretive, family friendly ones as well as longer, more rugged trails accessing the backcountry for overnight and multi-day backpackers would be great. Mountain bike trails would be awesome too and some could be shared/mixed use. I would strongly prefer that any trails/roads open for motorized use be separate from hiking routes.
7/16/2014	Thank you for the opportunity to submit input for this decision-making process. i have only been to the Teanaway area once and that was because a friend of mine knew about it and took me there for my birthday. i've actually been looking for trail information online so i can take other friends but all to no avail. Now i know why. I have fond memories (and photos) of the huge smooth white rock and an area of rock with amazing weather-worn (?) holes. It was October and the large patches of larch were golden! i enjoyed the vistas and the quiet and wind-blown scrubby little evergreens growing out of rock crevices. YES, PLEASE DO create trails into this area. i believe horses and hikers could use the same trails but mtn. bikes and people do not mix well in my experience. PLZ NO motorized vehicles for obvious reasons of sound pollution.
7/16/2014	I would love to utilize this area for 4x4 trails. There are miles of hiking trails, let's even out the usage with more motorized trails in this area.
7/16/2014	Another comment - I would love to attend your meetings but I work full time and cannot get to these during the week days/nights. Is there any chance you can have some on a Saturday night?? Thanks -

7/16/2014	<p>I and my hiking buddies visit Teanaway several times a year for hiking, backpacking and snowshoeing. We enjoy strenuous hikes with views.</p> <p>Favorites are Koppen Mtn, Lake Ingalls/ Headlight Basin, Longs Pass, Navaho Pass.</p> <p>We recognize the right of others to enjoy trail systems, but do not enjoy common use trails. Horses cut up the trails making them muddy in spring, and dusty in summer/fall, but are the least invasive of non-foot traffic. Motorized traffic is much worse: they cut up trails even worse, tend not to respect non-trail areas, and are a major source of noise and air pollution - they should have their own trail system well away from the non-motorized trails. We go to the mountains for peace and tranquility and to get away from traffic, not to expose ourselves to it without the safety of sidewalks</p>
7/16/2014	<p>the years of volunteer sweat equity it has taken to maintain these trails will be wasted if you close off the Forrest to orv use. there are 4 times as many trails for hikers in this state than there are for bikers and taking this away will only encourage illegal use of these public lands as these places to ride are taken away one by one. you make it nearly impossible for a land owner to create a public orv park, take the highway tax money we pay to buy gas for our off road use and put it in a general fund that doesn't fund any of the areas we use, and now you want to close off an area that has been for years, a place to ride safely and legally? what is next? Tahuya? Capitol Forrest? i urge you to consider on the side of keeping it open to ALL folks, hikers and bikers. we share our trails with them even though they do not share their trails with us.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I would enthusiastically support trails in the Teanaway Community Forest</p>
7/16/2014	<p>More mountain bike trails. Please</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I would like dog friendly hiking and overnight backpacking trails. I also enjoy mountain biking, but prefer separate mountain biking trails.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Having enjoyed hikes in the Teanaway area over the years, I would like to see the trails set aside for hikers only. I know that may seem selfish to bikers and horse riders but the pleasure of a quiet and clean environment is the reason to get into the mountains in the first place! Foot traffic is also kinder to the trails requiring less maintenance.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I enjoy trails that meander along rivers and are family-friendly (e.g. short). I prefer to hike on hiker-only trails with no motorized vehicles or bikes allowed. I prefer hikes with a destination (view, water) to enticed my kids along.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I love this forest for hiking, mountain biking and motorbiking. Please invest in the existing trails and expand trail development and access from towns like Rosyln.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I enjoy trails that are longer with less incline but still get you to either an alpine lake or a peak. For example I prefer the new longer approach to mailbox peak than the prior scramble (I would like to preserve my knees). I also enjoy loop trails more than out-and-backs for the variety of scenery. I don't mind hiking with horses but mountaint bikers and dirt bikers are frustrating to hike with. I do not currently use the Teanaway area but would like to!</p>

7/16/2014	I would love to see as much non-motorized trails as possible. Hiking only trails should be the greatest priority, followed by single-track mountain-bike trails
7/16/2014	I like well-marked trails (emphasis here!) that connect with other trails for multi-night backpacking. I'd love hiking and mountain biking trails in the Teanaway. I'd prefer not to hike with horses or motorcycles.
7/16/2014	I have been walking, hiking, backpacking, snow-shoeing in the Teanaway for thirty years. It is obviously not large and wild by comparison to the large wild places near it. It has been logged and settled and built upon and farmed and "developed" and hunted and fished on and used for entertainment, formally and informally, for more than a hundred years. As for Teanaway's future, and ours, I think it would be best, all things considered, if 1) We make no new trails. There are enough trails now for all uses, all seasons. We restrict motor-vehicle-use to a few, low trails, away from water. We allow dogs and horses and, during short seasons, hunting and fishing. 2) We make and maintain roads and parking areas to or near the present trailheads. We close the logging roads. 3) We maintain the present campgrounds, and let some of the informal camps above the river and elsewhere be, for old times' and present times' sake.
7/16/2014	I enjoy hiking to the tops of peaks, where I can get a good view.  I also enjoy backpacking and having trails that I could be out hiking for a few days!
7/16/2014	I enjoy trails that meander along rivers and prefer mountain or lake views - trails that start from trailhead and work upwards. I would not share trail that allows motorized vehicles and prefer separate trails for horses. I have only been on a few hikes in the area but hope to do more
7/16/2014	1. More mountain bike trails. Including long routes.  2. Access to Roslyn (would greatly help support local business)  3. Multi use trails. They do work, are sustainable, and open up a lot if possibilities.
7/16/2014	Horses OK: no mountain bikes or motorised vehicles please, both of which are either too fast and inconsiderate or noisy or both. Thank you.
7/16/2014	Having hiked in the Northwest for over 40 years, the Teanaway area is still one of my favorites. Recent hikes to Deep Lake, Koppen Mtn, Iron Peak remind me why I love backpacking and day hiking this beautiful area. And the road into the area are is always a treat!
7/16/2014	I usually hike with my husband and elementary school daughter, or with a couple of friends. We strongly prefer hiker-only trails; we sometimes use horse/hiker trails, but we do not hike on trails that allow mountain bikes, motorized dirt bikes, or ATVs. We prefer trails that follow rivers (on super hot days), or that allow us to get up on ridges above treeline or to peaks. We especially appreciate trails with backcountry campsites that are situated near trail junctions, with 2-3 day hike options available from the campsite.
7/16/2014	I like hikers only trails. It is important to have trails in that area.

7/16/2014	You have some great trails started! I enjoy how you can connect in loops to other locations. I am willing to share trails with non-motorized users of other types. I do like to hike with my dog when it isn't too hot. I like to find a bit lonely less-used trails, often to ridges. Trail maintenance is important! Thank you for caring about your forest and sharing it!
7/16/2014	Please provide trails in this new forest for all to enjoy from around the state and country.
7/16/2014	The area has great potential for more mountain biking. This is perfect terrain for singletrack mountain bike trails, and there is great need for more bike trails.
7/16/2014	<p>Thanks for providing me with the opportunity to give you some feedback. I just learned about Teanaway Community Forest from WTA (Washington Trails Association). I think this is a great idea.</p> <p>My wife and I live on the Eastside. We do hiking almost every weekend during summer and fall; we also do a couple of backpacks (usually overnights) a year. Teanaway is one of our favorite areas.</p> <p>In general I would love to see more trails suitable for not-too-strenuous day hiking; sweet spot for me is 6-12 miles round trip, 2500 ft or less elevation gain, with some picnic spot at the end. Trails accessible during late fall or earlier in the season would be especially nice. I do not mind hiking with horses or mountain bikes, but I do not go where motorcycles/quads are allowed. I also do not much like fording streams; a bridge, even if it is a simple log with a rail, is always nice.</p> <p>Hope that helps!</p>
7/16/2014	I would very much like to see Teanaway made open to all sorts of off-road activities, hiking, riding and motorsports. My family all enjoy hiking and riding off-road motorcycles, I would strongly encourage you to consider both powered and non-powered off-road activities in this area.
7/16/2014	I would love to see hiking and mountain biking trails established in this area. I have only lived in the area for over a year and just discovered the Teanaway. It is truly a gem and more established trails would be excellent
7/16/2014	No motorized trails, no noise to disturb wildlife or polluting the air. Separate trails for bikes, no crossing streams unless elevated wooden trail over. Let the hiking trails have the most vistas, water features. They are the ones who are going to notice the beauty of the forest.
7/16/2014	I enjoy hiking through meadows, to the tops of mountains, and anywhere with a nice view. The Teanaway Community Forest should offer trails and open them to non-motorized, human-powered recreation such as hiking, mountain biking, and skiing.
7/16/2014	I Really Love Hiking All Styles Of Trails. I Would Enjoy The Ability To Backpack And Overnight When My Schedule Allows. Thanks For Keeping The Trails Alive!

7/16/2014	<p>I support the creation of hiking trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. Designated hiking trails, even when just minimally maintained, do a good job of helping people get out into forestlands without trammelling the landscape. A good hiking trail system shows people the landscape, but controls the flow through popular areas so that they are not destroyed.</p> <p>As a hiker, I like trails that have a mix of attractions. Endless switchbacks, or monotonous forest meandering are not likely to attract me to visit the trails. I don't go hiking just to get a workout. I go hiking to appreciate the landscape, hear forest sounds, feel the fresh air. I like trails that wind past a few points of interest along the way and finish at a scenic end point. I mostly do day hiking, but it is nice to have some options in any trail system that allow for overnight backpacking.</p> <p>I have regularly hiked mixed use trails in Washington and elsewhere. I don't mind hiking on trails with horses, although I don't particularly like hiking on wide bridle-paths. Sharing the trails with mountain bikes is something I don't like to do. Too often, an interesting trail for either of these activities twists and turns, has steep sections and level sections, and visibility becomes a problem. I have nearly been run over several times by people who may well be responsible bikers-- it's just impossible to hear them coming around a sharp corner, and they descend so fast from above on a steep section that it can be hard to get out of the way.</p> <p>I am against motorized trails in the woods. If there are motorized trails in an area, I am extremely unlikely to go there. For me, hearing the sounds of revving engines ruins the experience of the wild land for me. I definitely will not hike on trails that are shared with motorized vehicles out of safety concerns. It is also my experience, unfortunately, that motorized vehicles often do a lot more damage to the landscape than I care to see when I go out hiking. If there are going to be motorized use trails in the forest, I would suggest they be kept well separated from trails for hiking, horseback riding, and/or biking.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>The Teanaway valley is one of the most beautiful places in our state. Let's preserve that beauty by having a system of trails free of motorized activity.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Trails for Mountain bikers and hikers to share.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>My family loves hiking and backpacking in the Teanaway. The trails to Longs Pass, Ingalls, Lake Ann, etc are beloved by all of us. We use them for day hiking and wilderness camping. This is one of our favorite places to hike. I prefer that the trails remain free of horses and mountain bikes. I appreciate the car camping that's available along the river, so close to hiking trails - remind me of the Icicle Creek Road area.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I would like to see hiking, biking and horse trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. I don't like to see motorized trails because they take away from the wilderness experience. Trails that meander along streams and rivers are especially nice, as are those that culminate in a view or a lake.</p>

7/16/2014	I like using well marked trails that are family friendly and that wonder along rivers and go through meadows. I am an older hiker so I like trails that aren't too strenuous. I do NOT like using trails with horses or motor vehicles, although horses are not as bad. Give the motor vehicles their own places to play. I think the motor vehicles are dangerous around walkers. They tear up the trails an pollute the clean air. I enjoy hiking in peace and quiet enjoying the sounds of nature, birds, water, wind in the trees.
7/16/2014	Please build trails to waterfalls.
7/16/2014	The Teanaway is one of my favorite hiking areas in the state. It is unique in its flora and views - almost the dry area of eastern Washington, yet still green. I would like to see more trails to views, more ridge trails. I have hiked Iron and Bear Peaks and the Esmerelda Basin. I would prefer not to share trails with motorized vehicles - these do not seem to be compatible. Even mountain bikes seem to contribute to erosion, but at lease they are quiet. However, both activities may result in increased need for medical rescue, which is a burden on a limited resource.
7/16/2014	I hike with a group from the Auburn Senior Center. We enjoy hikes that are easy to moderate in difficulty with options of 5 to 8 mile round trips. We have not yet hiked in the Teanaway area but it is within our 2 hour one-way driving limit and we are always looking for new trails. We are quite happy sharing with other non-motorized uses.
7/16/2014	Active hiker, backpacker and trail user. Please consider modeling trails/campgrounds after those found in the Capitol State Forest managed by DNR. Although I don't especially enjoy hiking on trails covered in horse manure, there are some trails that are hiker-only as there are trails that are atv's only. A lot of everything for everybody. Nobody is totally happy but the forest is used regularly and provides a nearby get-away for folks that like to be in the woods. For sure, there need to be some campgrounds near a few trailheads. Looking forward to experiencing the Teanaway Community Forest.
7/16/2014	The Teanaway has been my favorite hiking area for 30 years. I would prefer that it be a hiker only area. Definitely no motorized vehicles.

7/16/2014	<p>This is a GREAT area to recreate and I consider myself very fortunate to live in North Bend and able to access this area so easily. I access from Rosslyn and the Teanaway Rd. I mountain bike and trail run and encourage more trails for both user groups.</p> <p>I would like to see more access from the Rosslyn / Cle Elum (multiple entry points spread users out over this very large area).</p> <p>I personally like BIG routes (distance). This may be comprised of lots of smaller routes / loops...but i like going far and having the feeling of traveling large distances.</p> <p>Pizza and beer at the end (Rosslyn)...are the BEST</p> <p>Thanks</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Please know that protecting open spaces, and forests are important to me and my family.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I enjoy hiking, mountain biking and dirt biking. I think that hiking trails should be shared with horses and mountain biking and there should be a separate system of trails for ohv trails. Everyone should have an option to recreate in the teanaway.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I would love to see a variety of trails: family friendly ones, ones that lead to the top of some peaks and views. Multi-user trails would be fine but preferably no motorized vehicles on the trails. I'm excited to get the chance to explore this area further in the future!</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I see a lack of off-road motorcycle trail use. The Upper County has always been a strong supporter of this use and it brings dollars to the local economy.</p> <p>The Teanaway Community Forest intent is to maintain it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations. Off-road vehicle use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>My husband and I like to hike to a payoff - especially a swim in a beautiful lake!</p>

7/16/2014	<p>1-What kind of hiking trails would you like to see in the Teanaway? I enjoy trails that meander along rivers and are family-friendly.</p> <p>2-When you go hiking, what kind of experiences do you like to have? I want to get to the top of a peak and I like to backpack and spend the night out under the stars.</p> <p>3-Do you want multi-use trails in the Teanaway? I like using hiker-only trails.</p> <p>4-Do you want the Teanaway Community Forest to contain motorized trails? NO!</p>
7/16/2014	<p>The teanaway is a beautiful area. Its too bad that I have felt unsafe numerous times due to hunters in areas adjacent to the trails that we're hiking on especially around larch season. That's why I've preferred to go north to the North Cascades for larch season.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Please provide hiker only trail system. No motorized vehicles should be allowed on any of the trails and no hunting.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>My favorite hikes are along rivers and forest</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Please preserve hiking trails, especially those for hikers only. At the least, trails without bikes or motorized vehicles! Thank you.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I prefer family-friendly trails, with an occasional spot to stop and rest, like a log or bench. I like hikers-only trails. I prefer to keep nature trails free from motorized bikes and vehicles. I find they ruin the quiet serenity of nature.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Hi there, I'm excited to hear that a formal trail system might be a possibility in the forest. I'm an avid hiker from the Seattle area, and I'd come to Teanaway more often if there were more trails - it's a little-known gem. I enjoy hikes in the woods, along rivers and streams, that take me to great views or show me natural wonders (waterfalls, old-growth trees, etc.). I usually hike several miles, and love it when there's a trail system that offers several options of places to go and things to see. I enjoy a bit of elevation gain, esp if it takes me to great views.</p> <p>I really dislike motorized vehicle use on hiking trails, so I would not be a fan of that. I don't mind horses or mountain bikes, altho I prefer hiking-only trails (at least a few).</p> <p>I am also an active geocacher and president of the Washington State Geocaching Association, and I hope the Community Forest will continue to support geocaching on its lands, as this family-oriented activity has demonstrated it can bring greater awareness and visitation to park lands. We have support from all the major park systems in Washington (federal, state, county, city) and partner with several park agencies on geocaching activities.</p> <p>I also orienteer, which is how I first was introduced to the Teanaway Valley area.</p> <p>Thanks for soliciting community input, and I look forward to seeing what happens with the TCF!</p>

7/16/2014	<p>What kind of hiking trails would you like to see in the Teanaway?</p> <p>My partner and I enjoy low elevation gain hikes that are dog-friendly. We have two middle-aged pit-mixes dogs that love hiking but don't always do well with lots of elevation gain and rigor. We would love to have another forest area to hike our dogs!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•When you go hiking, what kind of experience(s) do you like to have?</li> </ul> <p>My partner and I LOVE backpacking and camping overnight after several miles of packing in, the more remote the overnight camping areas, the better!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Do you want multi-use trails in the Teanaway?</li> </ul> <p>We definitely prefer Hiker only trails, ATV, Bike and Horse traffic just disrupts the serenity of a quiet hike and typically puts our dogs on edge as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Do you want the Teanaway Community Forest to contain motorized trails?</li> </ul> <p>No. The LESS motorized traffic, the better. Hiker only trails would be best.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I hike almost every weekend in the Teanaway area, always to the summit of a peak. It's one of the most beautiful areas in the State. More trails in this area would be great!!</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I appreciate new trails along rivers, creeks and the ones that go to the top of a ridge with a nice view.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>No trails or very few trails and if trails, keep them away from this important stream and its associated riparian area. We need streams without people. Please.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>The Teanaway valley is one of my favorite areas to hike in all of Washington - diverse scenery, not as many crowds, and plenty of solitude for overnight backpack trips - Ingalls Lake is one overnight we redo every year and it never gets old, and I've spent a bit of time this year exploring Miller Peak, Standup Creek, Navaho Pass/Peak, Earl Peak, and the County Line trail to Freedom Peak - and the entire area is beautiful. The FS roads to these trailheads aren't the best and the some of the recent lesser traveled trails are hard to find, but I wouldn't change a thing because it adds to the adventure and keeps the mainstream "Mt Si" hikers away :) I would however limit use to foot and horse traffic only, motorcycles don't belong on some of these tiny trails - like Miller Peak - I would hate to come around a switchback face to face with a bike, you'd surely get run over! Oh, and I'd love it if my best hiking buddy (a 3 year pitbull mix) could finally join us at Ingalls Lake.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>So glad to hear of more opportunities to hike in the beautiful Teanaway</p>
7/16/2014	<p>The Teanaway Forest is so very special and my hiking group loves to hike there. We are most interested in hikes to viewpoints and to lakes. Improved roads to the trail heads would be great! Thank you for considering public comment and for your efforts in caring for this wonderful wilderness.</p>

7/16/2014	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to see hiking only trails. I like to hike up to ridge tops with great views and spend multiple nights on the trail.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I think public access to nature in any form, but especially highly functioning ecosystems, holds great stress reducing, and otherwise healing functions for individuals and communities. Personally, my fiance and I love hiker-only trails that we can backpack out and spend a secluded night out in natural, and especially old-growth, forests.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>There are many areas in Washington State and the I-90 corridor, specifically, that have motorized trail access. Let's set a good example for the nation and the world and preserve the ever dwindling resource of nature which people can experience as close to natural as possible.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I've always loved the Teanaway as I have explored on my way to Leavenworth or the Stuart range peaks.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I am an aging baby boomer that is not as mobile as I was when we would gather for breakfast on top of a volcano. I hike nearly every weekend and am finding that many of the forest service trails even in low land forests are becoming more and more challenging yet I still yearn for the smell of the forest and a walk through an environment that is not manicured. Those that have diminished mobility and still desire the smell and sound of a gasoline engine have a wide variety of existing paved and unpaved roads and their choice of driving with the top off of their jeep or on a street legal dirt bike. There must be more trails that are friendly to those of us with reduced mobility with due to age, disability or just having young children ( how can you safely carry young children in an ORV?). Many of those mobility scooters have ranges that claim up to 8 or more miles and the USFS excludes them from their definition of a motor vehicle. We must provide a healthy opportunity for our aging population and those with other mobility restrictions to access our forests and public lands.</p> <p>I am very wary of the ORV and WATV community, I have seen the damage that they brought to the outlaw Reiter Foothills area first hand. All ORV and WATV use must be accompanied by strict enforcement of the rules.</p> <p>I am a friend of animals however, I do think that for many trails that separation of the horses and pedestrians should be established. And mountain bikes, well, if they are not out to set land speed records or tricks, I guess they should be allowed on foot trails.</p> <p>The Teanaway Community Forest is in a prime location to satisfy the needs of the increasingly urbanized Puget Sound Basin. I am all in favor of more self propelled opportunities and realistic opportunities for the mobility impaired that truly want to enjoy the forest and the birds and the creeks.</p>

7/16/2014	I like to hike on trails on high ridges, mountains and lakes and do some scrambling. I do not want to share trails with motorcycles. They should have their own trails. I love the drier climate for trails and open areas.
7/16/2014	I like trails with water available, river or lake. Also spend lots of time back packing overnight. Backcountry camps would be great.
7/16/2014	I like trails that lead to a peak or follow a ridge line. I enjoy sleeping under the stars and like a backpack trip to be able to do so. I don't like sharing trails with motorized vehicles; my experience with them is they are noisy and operators speed through the back country without regard for plant and animal life.
7/16/2014	Mostly day hikes to summits and along ridges
7/16/2014	I think that it is important to have trails for all users, however, as a hiker and backpacker, I prefer not to share trails with motorized vehicles of any kind. It is disruptive to both humans and animals and does not promote the type of wilderness experience I love.
7/16/2014	I fully support creating more trails in the Teanaway area! I personally have only been to Bean Peak but the area is absolutely magical. What is so amazing about it is its wildness. Please keep the trails minimal so that its integrity can be maintained. I also don't mind if it's multi-use trails, as it will allow more people to enjoy this wilderness.
7/16/2014	I love getting away for a weekend of backpacking, or front-country camping. The best part is feeling like you're far away from civilization. I support a non-motorized park free from loud dirt bikes, etc. Beautiful lookouts and shaded trails are great. Thanks!
7/16/2014	Just adding my voice to the support for this area. This is my favorite hiking area.
7/16/2014	We love the Teanaway! It is our favorite hiking destination in the state. We have hiked: Koppen Mt, Esmiralda Basin, Navaho Pass, Iron Mt, Lake Ingalls. We love the dry side of the crest, the different flowers, the clear skies, the incredible views of Mt Stuart. We do not want to see motor bikes, but any form of non-motorized recreation is welcome.
7/16/2014	More east side trails means less crowding here in the Methow, so we're in favor of more in the Teanaway.

7/16/2014	<p>I love the Teanaway...I first discovered the area while living in the Tri-Cities, and now as a Seattleite its my go-to location early season to mid summer.</p> <p>Over the years I've seen the pressure build due to the development of the Cle Elum - Roslyn corridor and I don't want what I see happening there to happen in the Teanaway. So two suggestions:</p> <p>1) the network or trails and loops in the area is un-parralleled. We need to support the maintenance and interconnectivity of the trail system, ie head up beverly creek, come back to the same trail head via Bean Creek. I don't mind sharing the trail with horses, but motor vehicles just don't mix. Head up beverly, pop out on the Iron Mt trail</p> <p>2) and I strongly feel this way - CONTROL DISPERSE CAMPING - I've seen as what 'dispersed' camping has done over in Cle Elum and I'm seeing it in the Teanaway. Lots of road side camping, turning creeksides into dirt and huge fire pits, with trash and toilet paper everywhere. I hate it. I would rather see some additional campgrounds with facilities (and areas along the creeks protected) then this 'low impact' camping. And yes, I'd pay for a campsite to preserver the quality of the valley.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I want to encourage you to include mountain biking and hiking trails. I have ridden and hiked this area a lot, and I believe there is plenty of room for multiple uses to be accommodated. Thanks for considering my comment.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I have been hiking in the Teanaway area for more than 35 years. It is a favorite area for both its dramatic relief and unique vegetation on the serpentine barrens. It provides a broad range of recreational opportunities from extremely demanding to suitable for small children or elderly parents. I have climbed many of the major and minor peaks, hiked up the trails in summer and skied down the slopes in late spring. I have painted many views of the Stuart Range and the fall displays of orange larches from Teanaway summits. I particularly love Bean Creek Basin, Lake Ann, Headlight Basin, Navaho Peak, Earl Peak, Standup Creek and more.. We took our daughter hiking there when she was little and she attended horse camp there as an older child. I am thrilled each spring when I find displays of claytonia megarhiza (sp?) and douglasia, which I know to be unique to the barrens. There is no other place like it in the state. I much prefer hiking trails or backcountry skiing where the other users are not motorized, but if compromise is required to secure the future of the terrain, it is worth it.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I'd like to see an assortment of trails throughout the forest.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I am an active member of the WTA and have hike in the Teanaway area . I would like to see a mixed horse /hiker system It would be ideal to have the horse riding community join with the WTA in building a trail system that accomodates both uses.</p> <p>I am dead set against motorized uses of the forest. I am sorry but the racket of one dirt bike or ORV can spoil the experiance of a hundred hikers. I am sure the horse riders don't appreciate the ORVs. If the ORV user insist on their being able to use the forest them give them a patch far away from the hikers and horse riders.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I like hiking to summits and along rivers. I mostly like hiking on hiker-only trails. Horses are ok but not bikes or dogs.</p>

7/16/2014	The Teanaway Community Forest is an amazing place, and has great potential for new hiking trails. Please keep the trails free of motorized vehicles, ORVs damage trails, delicate vegetation, and are a safety hazard to other trail users. The exhaust, dust, and noise that results from their use has a serious impact on non-motorized users. Please keep them out of the Teanaway Community Forest.
7/16/2014	<p>The Teanaway area is one of my favorite places to hike in Washington. I love the junction of desert with mountains. It is also snow free earlier in the season than most places and gets a lot more sun.</p> <p>I would love to see more hiker only trails. Horses and motorcycles really tear up the tread on anything with an incline. Also when there is an obstruction such as windfall or snow the horse just make a destructive detour and trample the vegetation. The terrain in the Teanaway tends to be very delicate and prone to erosion.</p> <p>The following trails should definitely be off limits to horses and motorcycles:</p> <p>Miller Peak, Ironbear Mountain, Iron Peak, and Esmerelda Basin. I'm totally fine with sharing the flat trails with horses.</p>
7/16/2014	My daughter and I are climbers, and we love the Teanaway area! Please prioritize trails that preserve access to the area's unique and magical peaks.
7/16/2014	Trail access is important to me, especially dog-friendly trails. I think hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding trails work best for everyone when they are SEPARATE! I am ok with motorized trails, as long as they are NO WHERE NEAR the hiking, mountain biking, or horseback riding trails (i.e., I don't want to hear any motorized noise while I'm hiking; I'm in the wilderness, and I want to hear the wild!).
7/16/2014	I would like to see existing hiking trails maintained and added to. Please don't add motorized trails.
7/16/2014	We need hiking trails.
7/16/2014	I have been hiking in the Teanaway for 30 years now. I would like to see motorized recreation restricted to roads, as motorcycles damage the trails and contribute to noise and air pollution. I would like to see some x-country ski trails established for winter recreation.
7/16/2014	<p>We love the Teanaway and often spend the night locally in order to take multiple hikes.</p> <p>Please limit motorized trails to those already allowed, we cannot pretend that motorized use is anything but destructive.</p> <p>Depending upon our mood we either want a brisk climb to a spectacular view or a long river meander.</p>
7/16/2014	I truly enjoy the trails in the Teanaway area because o fits beautiful mountains, wildflowers

7/16/2014	<p>The Teanaway is one of my favorite areas to explore, as it so unlike any other river valley in the state, particularly with the many different forks, with such different characteristics, to explore.</p> <p>I hope that you will consider creating a trail network that can provide ample recreational opportunities and enriching experiences.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Regarding hiking. I hike and ride ORV dirt bikes, quads and other vehicles. The TCF should mirror the NFS trail systems, since there are MANY places they intersect, and the NFS policy of multi use trail systems has worked well for hikers and ORV's. I think some trails for hiking and horseback riding only are important, but for the most part, multi use works best. I hike and ride equally.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Trails should be designed with restriction against motorized recreational vehicles. The noise and destructive effect of gouges caused by heavy tread tires would cause severe erosion and root displacement. Heat from petroleum powered engines could lead to fires and contamination. Please design and enforce 'heartbeat only' access to this beautiful area</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I frequently hike in the Cascades and Alpine Lakes Regions. I would like to see more trails developed in the Teanaway Community Forest. I'd prefer hiker-only trails, but also think non-motorized vehicles would be OK. I usually dayhike, but would also like to see some campgrounds.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I am all for a Teanaway trail system. Prefer a multi-option scenario where one can choose a short, medium or long hike.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>My kids are small, so right now I like short family-friendly trails that have an actual destination. In the future I hope to backpack again, so I will want longer trails with good camping options. The most important thing to me is not hiking with motorized users. Horses and mountain bikes are okay.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>It would be great to have some easy mountain bike trails and hiking trail with a destination like a water fall or peak</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Teanaway is a beautiful region! I would love to do more hiking there. I go there a lot in the winter when the snow is stable to enjoy more sunshine! Please keep it beautiful recreational land for hikers, cyclists and their animals. No motorized vehicles, please. The noise is disturbing.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>The Teanaway area is one of my favorite hiking areas. I support a hiking system in Teanaway Community Forest.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I enjoy hiking and scrambling in the Teanaway and strongly encourage the construction and maintenance of hiking trails in the area. Motorized vehicles cause too much trail damage and noise, so they should not be allowed. Horses are also hard on trails, but would be tolerable if they wear bags to catch feces.</p>

7/16/2014	<p>I am a hiker in the Teanaway Community Forest and do not want multi-use trails</p> <p>THank you,</p>
7/16/2014	<p>Yes, I would use a hikers only trail in the Teanaway. I like to hike along trails that meander along rivers and if possible end up at a lake. I like waterfalls as well.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I want trails. I want paved, wheelchair-accessible trails suitable for use by wheelchairs, Segways, roller-blades, skateboards, and scooters. We should have dirt trails alongside these paved trails for mountain bikes, motorized dirt bikes, and equestrians as well. Porta-Potties should be spaced about 1/4 mile apart along the entire length of all trails, with nearby vending machines dispensing Coca-Cola, Mountain Dew, Pepsi, and Aquafina bottled water, as well as an assortment of candy bars, energy bars, disposable razors, and birth-control devices. Would it be possible to rig up a vending machine that squirts out DEET? Like the ones they used to have in mens rooms that dispensed Old Spice for a dime?</p> <p>Be sure to leave LOTS of rocks along all trails so users can build lots of cairns, and hand out free flag tape for all users.</p> <p>Also all trails should be open to off-leash dogs, especially poodles and pit-bulls. Other domestic animals should be also welcome (i.e., Pot-bellied pigs, goats, llamas, and boa constrictors.)</p> <p>Anywhere the trail is next to WATER there should be plenty of firewood so users can build BIG bonfires right next to streams and lakes.</p> <p>I know I'm forgetting something here.... I'll think of it later and get back to you.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I would like to see more equestrian trails or multi-use to include equestrians.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
7/16/2014	<p>As a lifelong trail user, maintainer and builder I definitely support a trail system that is readily accessible and amenable to all kinds of users. There should be trails for hikers, equestrians, motorized users, bicyclers, etc. Trails should be suitable lengths and levels of difficulty for people of all ages and skill levels. The best destinations should be within reach(up to 5 miles one-way) so people of all ages and skill levels can enjoy them. The general public while not necessarily avid backpackers do enjoy getting out into our beautiful mountains so trails should be of length and difficulty that meet their abilities. Trails should be trails not abandoned roads as they are not as pleasant to hike and can be more difficult to maintain. And don't do as the USFS and USNPS are doing, restricting access to public lands by eliminating roads, campgrounds, picnic areas and trails and other facilities that make access to some of our most incredible destinations out of reach of the average person..</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I'd like to see some long bike trail options, with easy access from Roslyn.</p>
7/16/2014	<p>I would be interested in hiking in Teanaway</p>

7/16/2014	Please include ORV use in the TCF. This has been a use of the land by the local community.
7/16/2014	<p>Please include offroad motorcycle trail use.</p> <p>This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported.</p> <p>The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly</p>
7/16/2014	More trails for bikes
7/16/2014	I enjoy trails that are single-use, that is trails exclusively for hiking (instead of having to dodge horses and mountain bikes).
7/16/2014	<p>I would love to see more trail access in the Teanaways. I enjoy trails that get to the top, as well as family friendly. I am not in support of trails being shared with horses or motorized vehicles. Motorized vehicles in particular are very damaging to our trails and have had numerous experiences of almost being run over by careless riders.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
7/16/2014	<p>For some 34 years I have taught forest ecology and natural history at the University of Washington. The Teanaway area has been from a recreational and educational stand point one of the outstanding places in Washington State to take students to learn about eastside systems. Field trips to the peak that is at the junction of the Teanaway Ridge - Wenatchee Mountains (access Iron Creek), the peak that is at junction of trails 1225 and 1383 (access Johnson Creek), Iron Peak, and Yellow Hill have been the study transects for field trips led by Agee, Brubaker, Edmonds, Gara, Hinckley, and West for over 1000 students. Please recognize the educational quality of this area. Having a system where the disturbance regimes, abiotic and biotic stresses, vegetation and wildlife reflect the potentials of this diverse eastside area is critical. Lessening that potential must be avoided.</p> <p>That said, it is important to work with the USFS as well as other land owners so that a diverse set of recreational opportunities can exist. With a comprehensive area review, pressures on other areas bordering the Teanaway Community Forest may be achieved. Obviously very different populations of recreational users are drawn to the Teanaway system - balancing and distributing these will be the artful outcome of your careful work. There may be cultural, ecological, and historical reasons would certain uses in certain areas should be prohibited. Identifying these will be an important task.</p>
7/16/2014	I want to get to the top of a peak; I like to backpack and spend the night out under the stars. Wilderness.
7/16/2014	Would like areas to open to continue to allow mushroom gathering on a recreational/personal use basis without having to obtain permits. would also like fishing to continue to be allowed and defined public areas to access the waters for fishing

7/16/2014	<p>1. More mt. bike trails</p> <p>2. More access / entry from Roslyn and Cle Elum</p> <p>3. More trails for bikes</p> <p>4. More long routes</p>
7/16/2014	I would like trails to be dog friendly, allow dogs on all trails. Most dog owners are are very curteous and control their dogs and we all just want to be able to spend time out in the wilderness with their dog.
7/16/2014	Although I, and my family, are avid hikers and bicycle enthusiasts, we also love riding trails on our off-road motorcycles. We're looking forward to going places and seeing things on the TCF on our motorcycles. In fairness to everyone, including those otherwise unable to hike the trails, I encourage the committee to designate the trails for multiple use, including motorized use.
7/16/2014	more bike trails, please.
7/16/2014	More legal mountain biking trails, please. Multi-user trails are OK, too.
7/16/2014	I'm excited about the prospect of more recreational opportunities in the Teanaway, my favorite part of the state. I would enjoy more hiker-only trails. I think that motorized recreational vehicles and bicycles should also have trails, but they should be separate for safety and also to preserve a wilderness experience for hikers.
7/16/2014	<p>More mounatin bike trails</p> <p>Easy Access from Rosland</p> <p>Downhill mountain bike trails</p> <p>Multi use trails</p>
7/16/2014	Every hiking trail is a treasure. Hope you can make this happen!
7/16/2014	Please focus on hiking trails for the Teanaway Community Forest. Mountain biking is more appropriate in designated areas such as the Stevens Pass ski area mountain biking complex. Motorized transportation belongs best on forest service roads rather than trails.
7/16/2014	It is imperative that Mountain bike access be included in any planning for the new community forest. This is not a wilderness and exclusion of such an economically important user group would be a serious mistake. Making this the exclusive domain for hikers is selfish and shortsighted. This is state land and should benefit all tax paying user groups.

7/16/2014	<p>Proper management of the Teanaway Community Forest is essential to a successful forest for wildlife, habitat and recreational use. I enjoy numerous hiking trails in the Cascade region and any new trails should keep key components in mind. It's nice to have a nature experience while on the trail, keeping in mind the views and topography offered by the location. It's great to have destinations to trails, usually with views of the region, mountains and/or water. Multi-use trails are always a challenge. While it's nice to include all recreational activities, hiking, camping, mountain bikes, motorcycles and horses, they seldom mix well. Creating areas for winter sports would also be great, for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Again, separating any snowmobile activity away from human powered activities. I suggest designated areas for each activity to be managed separately with minimal cross-over. Lake Ingalls is my favorite area within the Teanaway valley but would like to explore more of the region.</p>
7/16/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What kind of hiking trails would you like to see in the Teanaway? (Example: I enjoy trails that meander along rivers and are family-friendly.)</li> </ul> <p>I like trails that go along various terrain; forest to ridgelines to meadows. A lot of diversity. I do not have kids so I try to stay away from kid friendly hikes, but that doesn't mean I will avoid a hike altogether if it is safe for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•When you go hiking, what kind of experience(s) do you like to have? (Examples: I want to get to the top of a peak; I like to backpack and spend the night out under the stars.)</li> </ul> <p>The best feeling is accomplishing a hard hike at the top of a peak! The views are the most rewarding for me. Also hikes that end at a lake are great too!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Do you want multi-use trails in the Teanaway? (Examples: I don't mind hiking with horses or mountain bikers; I like using hiker-only trails.)</li> </ul> <p>I prefer hiker-only trails, but if the others are considerate I do not mind horses/mountain bikes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Do you want the Teanaway Community Forest to contain motorized trails? If so, would you be ok hiking on trails with motorized users such as dirt bikes?</li> </ul> <p>The hike I did said there could be dirt bikes, but I didn't run into any. I am okay with that as long as there are guidelines for the vehicles. I tend to hike for the tranquil, meditative experience so the noise of the dirt bikes could be annoying. But like I said earlier, I was lucky I did not run into any bikes so I have no issue right now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•If you currently use the Teanaway Community Forest, mention where you go and what you like to do there. (Example: I enjoy hiking to Cheese Rock because there are great views)</li> </ul> <p>I've only done one hike in the forest and loved it! It was the Iron Bear hike to Teanaway Ridge. Beautiful! Would love to do other hikes in the area, just might not be as often since I live close to the Narrows Bridges!</p>

7/17/2014	<p>Hello.</p> <p>I support trails in the Teanaway area. I enjoy hiking and suggest maintaining existing trails, as well adding some which run to rushing water as well as woods and lookouts.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>Re: support of offroad motorcycle use - This has proven to be a compatible use of forest land that large community of people respect and support. It also supports the local businesses and economy by bringing people locally and from around the state to the area. I encourage the committee to continue to allow off road motorcycle use as part of the multi use priorities of this land so it can be enjoyed by everyone.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I enjoy a wide range of hiking from wooded paths to ascending to beautiful vistas.</p> <p>I do not mind sharing paths with pack animals, i.e. horses but do not want to see any motorized vehicles in the Teanaway. Bikes and hikers should be separated because of the concern for the speed of bikes and the potential for injury to hikers.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I support building hiking trails in the Teanaway. I prefer meandering trails w/views and water involvement. I prefer NO motorized vehicles, bikes or horses - only people trails!</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I am excited that there are plans underway to increase the availability of hiking trails in the Teanaway. It is my favorite place to hike. The reason the Teanaway is a favorite is because of the unobstructed views most trails in the area offer.</p> <p>The hotter weather and the type of vegetation, being different from the west side of the mountains, is very appealing to me.</p> <p>I personally like to backpack the area or hike to a destination with views.</p> <p>Family-friendly hikes should be available also.</p> <p>I don't mind sharing the trail with horses but am not sure about sharing with mountain bikes as I have never hiked a trail that was shared with mountain bikers before.</p> <p>I definitely would NOT hike a trail that had motorized users. Most people hike to get away from the noise of the city and having to listen to motor generated noise as well as being worried about getting run over isn't what hiking is all about.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I love hiking and backpacking in the Teanaway. I hate seeing motorized vehicles in the area and would keep them to a minimum. I also would try to keep dogs off of the trails!</p>
7/17/2014	<p>What are you guys thinking!!! Letting Motorcycles into this pristine area. Have you not gone up to the Taneam and the Manastash areas and tried to ride or walk those trails that they have torn all to hell. Doubt you will see any of them out doing trail repair after they ruin the trails. They already have an huge area to ride in over there that they have ruined and don't need to come over here and thrash this one as well.</p>

7/17/2014	I enjoy backpacking and gwtting to the top of a peak. I do not enjoy sharing trails with horses and motor cycles, although horses I can tolerate, but I will not hike where motor cycles have access.
7/17/2014	Please emphasize non-motorized use over dangerous, polluting and loud motorized vehicles.
7/17/2014	<p>I enjoy trails that start along streams and end up on ridges.</p> <p>Please no motorized vehicles.</p> <p>Keep horse trails and hiker trails separate, please.I'm not against pack animals but flies become an issue. Erosion is also an issue so obviously that is a factor.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I'm thrilled for the opportunity to establish a multi-use trail system in such a beautiful area as the Teanaway. It's extremely important that we do the best we can to development the forest in a way that gives many users options to recreate here.</p> <p>To that end, I'd like to see hiking, mountain biking, equestrian and motorized trails developed. I do value the solitude and silence that wilderness provides, so while I don't mind sharing some trails with other users, I would prefer to have options of trails built exclusively for hiking and equestrian use, independent of mountain bikers and ORVs or ATVs.</p> <p>I love to hike to views, and the Teanaway has amazing scenery, so it would be nice to keep current and establish new hiking trails that wander along ridgelines and head to peaks, though I'd rather not have these trails be too developed. I value a relatively rugged trail -- the trail leading from Navaho Pass to the peak is ideal for me. Perhaps hardest to balance, but something I'd like to maintain if possible, is the possibility for cross-country travel. In other words, I don't want to see the Teanaway turn into a relatively tamed wilderness with a dense network of large class 4 and 5 trails extending all the way into the high country and remote areas. It's important that we include that sense of exploration that comes with class 1 trails or boothpaths in some areas of the Community Forest.</p> <p>I have enjoyed past visits to the Teanaway, including most recently Navaho Pass to Navaho Peak. While I didn't take advantage of it, it was nice to see the front- and backcountry camping options were available. I have plans to revisit the area for a longer trip (an overnight) to explore even more. I hope that the Advisory Committee's input on the development of the area serves to improve this unique part of Washington state.</p>
7/17/2014	I would like to see hikers only trails on mountain pathways that lead to summit of various peaks to enjoy the views.

7/17/2014	<p>Dear Teanaway CFA Committee:</p> <p>I am delighted to see more hiking opportunities become available and would especially like trails that DON'T include motorized vehicles- the noise and stink really detracts from my outdoor appreciation. I'm good with horses and bikes, I don't favor dogs on trails either but that is I guess a futile wish, everyone brings them anyway and they run off leash and bark and disturb things but oh well.</p> <p>I currently drive through that area on the way to the end of the road and the trails there to Iron Peak etc. I like trails that lead to a high point, trails that loop around, trails through big trees, trails that connect to other trails for longer overnight loops...I guess I appreciate all sorts of trails!</p> <p>Good Luck with this project!</p>
7/17/2014	Please keep the Teanaways multi use (Hike and ORV)
7/17/2014	No motorized vehicles please, and only interpretive access to peaks!
7/17/2014	<p>I've not spent time in the Teanaway Community Forest but I would love to. I enjoy trails that have elevation gain and offer a good workout but that also meander along waterways, ridges, and exceptional views. I love to both day hike and backpack. For the latter, some longer loops (30+ miles) would be great. I prefer to use hiker only trails and have other users on their own trail system. I am opposed to motorized users sharing with hikers/backpackers. Too much chance for dangerous encounters and diminishes the outdoors experience for hikers (slow paces, mind freedom, quit, calm...).</p>
7/17/2014	<p>Hello, I am a Washington resident who enjoys hiking and visiting the Teanaway area. I respect it's beauty and appreciate the generosity of the residents who permanently live in the area. I would like to share what is most enjoyable about the hiking trails in the region such as Esmerelda Basin and Navaho Pass.</p> <p>I love trails that are challenging and varied; following a creek bed, passing through a wildflower meadow and climbing to a memorable view. Personally, I don't mind hiking on trails that horses are also allowed on, however I do feel mountain biking should be on separate trails as the impact and experience are very different and could negatively effect each other. Even more so, I find motorized vehicles on trails, or even within significant earshot, greatly change the hiking experience. Myself, and almost every hiker I know, avoid trails with motorized vehicles. Not because there is anything wrong with that way of enjoying the outdoors, but because the noise is too much of a negative impact on the hiking experience. This, as well as trail maintenance and cleanliness, are the most important issues to consider with a new trail, in my opinion. Thank you for taking the time to review the public's voice in this process. Sincerely, Aaron Zuege</p>

7/17/2014	<p>I enjoy trails that meander along rivers and are family-friendly as well as more challenging.</p> <p>Any peaks it would be great to have trails to it.</p> <p>I like to backpack and spend the night out under the stars.</p> <p>I don't mind hiking with horses or mountain bikers; I like using hiker-only trails.</p> <p>I don't want ANY motor trails in any time of year.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I enjoy hiking on the Forest Service trails accessed from the Teanaway area - Esmerelda, Beverly, Bean, etc. Road access to these wonderful trails should be maintained. Additional hiking trails in the Teanaway Community Forest would be fantastic, especially if they could connect the campground areas to the FS trail network. I oppose ORV, ATV, and motorcycle use of this area. The presence of these machines destroys the experience for hikers, is dangerous to equestrians, and causes unacceptable resource damage.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I don't mind hiking with mountain bikes &amp; horses, in response to your question. I do mind hiking where dirt bikes, atvs &amp; jeeps are allowed on the trails, however. I find that the places they are allowed on the trails, like south Cle Elum Ridge &amp; Peoh Point, that there are so many of them, the trails are dangerous for me to take my kids on, and we can't hike it, at all. Traditionally, the Teanaway area has NOT been open to motorized vehicles--I feel like it is the only place I can go to experience true wilderness. If ORV was allowed, it would wreck that area, for that experience of 'wilderness' for me. I think the trail system as is, is fine. Perhaps some better signage, developed trailheads? I would love to see some of the vandalism stopped up at Cheese Rock. And, the unauthorized use of dirt bikes up there, too.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>Would love to see some trails long used by horses, preserved for horses. Riding on the trail is a living part of American history and culture. It would be a sad day to see it's end.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I think it is important to preserve spaces for activities that have low impact such as hiking. Trails that are near water are my favorite.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>I would like to see a variety of hiker trails developed. Easy ones along the streams with moderate and difficult ones where appropriate. Hikers, horses and bicycles are fine together. Motorcycles should have their own trails designed the way they like them. Bicycles may also benefit from trails designed for their use.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>Congratulations on a great initiative in one of my favorite areas. Today I support development of high-country trails, and I look forward as I age to hiking lowland trails. I suggest using current funds to develop trail systems in the more remote portions of the forest to prevent haphazard trails from being built, including separate mountain biking trails. Include rudimentary loop trails closer to public road access, and develop more comprehensive lowland trails as future funding provides enforcement against bad behavior.</p>

7/17/2014	<p>The Teanaway melts out early and is a great early season destination for hiking and backpacking. I particularly enjoyed the steep trail up Navaho Peak when I was training for a Rainier summit climb. I enjoy variety, and that trail had a wide variety of things that I look for - it started along a river, it had wild-flowers and lots of birds, it had views, there was great camping, there was a nice summit, there were great places to watch the sun set, and there was a network of trails that supported a quick weekend over-night to a longer multi-day backpacking trip.</p> <p>I don't mind hiking on trails with horses and mountain bikers, but I'd prefer hiker-only trails. I am less excited to hike on a trail that allows motorized use because of the noise, the potential for rapid trail destruction, and because I perceive motorized users to be less respectful of leave-no-trace ethics.</p>
7/17/2014	<p>Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee:</p> <p>I have been hiking and snowshoeing in what is now the Community Forest (CF) for 15 years. This area is prime hiking, snowshoeing, XC skiing and horseback riding country. There are old roads and routes that can be used and the sandstone rock formations are fabulous. The areas that we hike include the West Fork, Middle Fork, Indian Creek, Middle Creek, Dickey Creek and First Creek.</p> <p>I am definitely in favor of the development of hiking and horseback riding trails in the area. While I do not ride horses, I believe that hikers and horse riders can easily share the trails. I do believe that mountain biking should be allowed in the forest; however I prefer not to share trails with them because of safety issues. Mountain bikers speeding downhill cause a hazard for hikers, horses and their riders.</p> <p>I think that trails developed in the CF can satisfy all hiker types. The terrain has possibilities for easy to moderate trails and varying distances. There is great potential to combine different trails and old roads to make loops.</p> <p>I am against motorized use in the CF. The landowners have kept the area closed to motorized vehicles and I believe it should remain that way. Motorized use in forests is frequently in conflict with resource management practices, environmental values and other types of recreational uses. Here is a quote from the Wilderness Society:</p> <p>"Off-road vehicle users make up a small portion of visitors to federal public lands. In 2005, at a House Resources subcommittee hearing, Forest Service Chief Bosworth reported that 95 percent of visitors to National Forests and Grasslands per year do not use off-road vehicles (211 million visitors with only roughly 12 million on off-road vehicles). Although these machines are less popular than other forms of recreation, their speed, power, and ability to go long distances, coupled with poor management, have caused widespread damage to National Forests, Bureau of Land Management, National Parks, and Wildlife Refuges."</p> <p>The Community Forest Management Plan has 5 goals. The main goal is to protect the watershed. No other goal should take precedence over protecting the watershed. The recreational goal says, "Maintain and where possible expand recreational</p>

opportunities consistent with watershed protection.”

I believe the use of ORVs is incompatible with protection of the watershed. Research has shown that ORV use causes soil damage and erosion, damage to the natural features, air and water pollution, destruction of native vegetation and the spread of non-native weeds. ORVs, because of their mobility, cause damage to a large amount of land. With all the rivers and creeks in the CF, damage to the watershed would be inevitable.

ORVs cause a disruption to wildlife. Their noise and speed can disturb the feeding, breeding and general well-being of wildlife and cause animals to avoid the area.

From a hiker/horse rider point of view, an ORV is noisy and ruins the quiet for non-motorized visitors. Many of the trails they make, especially the ATV trails, are unsightly. They make it difficult for a hiker or horse rider to use and they are usually exceedingly steep. An ORV rider is a danger to the safety of others. I hike the national forest trails in the Teanaway that are open to motorcycles and encounter the same problems; rutted and steep trails, the disruption of the peace and quiet that I seek when hiking and sometimes scrambling out of the way of a rider, having nearly been knocked down a time or two.

I have read the online comments made by ORV users and I'd like to respond to some of those comments. Motorcycle and ATV trails do exist in the CF and many of them have been in existence for a long time. However, the fact remains that motorized use in the CF has not been allowed under the previous landowners and is not allowed at this time. The people that are riding in the CF are doing so illegally. There were 70 people that made comments saying ORV access should be kept open in the Teanaway. It is not open now, so how can it be kept open? All of these people are saying, in a public forum, that they are breaking the law by riding in the CF. Others say they help maintain the trails in the CF; again, breaking the law. I have seen videos online showing people riding in the Teanaway. The fact that people are willing to make comments and post videos about being in an area illegally makes me wonder what kind of stewards of the land they are.

I read several comments that you don't hear of ORV riders trying to prevent others from coming. That may be true, but when the ORV is top dog, creating noise, tearing up trails, etc. hikers tend to stay away.

Some have commented that hikers and horses have plenty of trails while ORV riders are not getting their fair share. I looked at the trail guide for the Cle Elum Ranger District. There are 105 trails listed, 49 are open to motorized use and 56 are non-motorized. That is 47% motorized and 53% non-motorized. This looks like a fairly even distribution to me and these percentages don't include the 35 4x4 & ATV trails listed in the guide.

In conclusion I urge the committee to continue to exclude motorized vehicle use in the Teanaway Community Forest.

7/17/2014	I enjoy moderate level rails that get me to the high country without it being a full scale climb. My hikes are used for peaceful reflection as well as the enjoyment of physical activity. Sharing the trail with motorized vehicles or bikes is not something I enjoy. I will avoid those multi-use trails. Some of my favorite areas are in the Esmeralda basin. I also enjoy birding, so trails that meander along open mixed riparian habitat would be wonderful.
7/17/2014	I would love new hiking trails in the Teanaway. I would rather have the trails be just for hikers and have other trails designated for horses and bikes.
7/17/2014	I really enjoy this area and would love to see more hikes in this area.
7/17/2014	<p>I am writing in regards to the Teanaway Community Forest ORV issue. I am a 72 year old taxpaying citizen/resident of Ronald, Washington who enjoys snowmobiling and ORVing on the neighboring trails. I live in the Roslyn Ridge Community and represent about 150 home owners and am affectionately considered the "self appointed mayor" . Although I can not speak for all of my fellow neighbors, I can speak for those who own and enjoy their snowmobiles and ORV's which I can say would be about half of the local residents.</p> <p>Over the ages I have seen this issue many times and each time it seems like we lose a little of our rights as taxpaying citizens. The right thing to do is to share this beautiful section of land with everyone concerned. In other words let's use some of it for off road trails and some of it for hikers and cross country skiers. It is ALL OF US WASHINGTON CITIZENS that paid for this land with our tax's, so it just seems fair that we should all get the benefits of using this property.</p> <p>When I was a young man I used to be able to hike all around the great Northwest and the Teanaway valley in particular. As I get older I find it harder and harder to hike in the wilderness. I now own a side be side UTV and am able to explore the trails in my back yard of my cabin up on Roslyn Ridge, what a great joy it is. Please do not take this joy away from me and my fellow neighbors. THANK YOU.</p>

7/21/2014	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a mt. bike rider of 25 years, it is my hope that the Teanaway Community Forest can be maintained and grown to continue offering many generations of users a great experience. Having enjoyed these trails myself since the early nineties, it is a gem to have such opportunities that are so centrally located. The Teanaway adds to the great networks of trails along the I-90 corridor, and brings us the variety recreation while increasing our awareness of the different ecosystems we have in Washington.</p> <p>I'm proud as a bicyclist to work alongside and ultimately secure the future enjoyment of the trails with hikers, equestrians and motorcyclists. I'd love to see great upkeep of the trail surfaces that we have now, and hopefully add new trailhead options, trail features, and even some "destination" mt. bike routes.</p> <p>Many thanks for the great riding thus far!</p>
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7/21/2014	I know that living in eastern Washington this would be an excellent opportunity to enjoy both biking and the great outdoors that the Teanaway Community Forest would have to offer. Thank you for considering letting mountain bikers enjoy this forest.
7/21/2014	I'm a hiker, mountain biker, and trail runner. I'd like to ensure that the Teanaway Community Forest ensures shared use of any future usage of these green spaces. I have no problem supporting shared usage of the trails with horses or other non-motorized users. I do not feel that people should be allowed to use a public forest for motorized use where they create noise, pollution and increase the amount of damage and erosion of trail systems. I've also made financial donations to trail systems that reflect these shared, non-motorized use for hikers, bikers and equestrians. Thanks for your consideration.
7/21/2014	Attn : Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee  my son is amountain biker and has been in love with it for nearly 20 years. He and his friends are avid bikers in love the outdoors and contribute to the care of those environments and the creation of new ones. This activity is a tremendous healthy activity and the more people who can get involved and have wonderful places to go and enjoy it are treated to wonderful outdoors good friends and long term commitments to their health. Anywhere Washington State could contribute to these values is essential to do so. Northwestern especially Washington state has a high level of commitment to health and protecting and using the environment. This is an absolutely excellent place and opportunity to support those values. Chelan is a essay Le to the whole state for many sport activities this is certainly one to be added to the options.
7/21/2014	My family and I live on Seattle's eastside, but get away to the Cle Elum area regularly. We would love to participate in forest stewardship and mountain biking trails in the Teanaway forest.
7/21/2014	I love mountain biking in Teanaway in the summer time. It is my favorite mountain biking spot in all of Washington. I ride in the area July-September.
7/21/2014	I am a native Washingtonian and avid mountain biker in North Bend, WA. I am a firm believer of preserving natural resources by being active stewards within them, rather than driving past them. I have mountain biked Grand Ridge in Issaquah likely 250 times or more, and the trees and trails are the same as they were the first time I rode them. I truly believe my experiences there (and those of my friends and fellow bikers) will only help solidify the forest' long-term success and likelihood my two daughters will be able to enjoy it the way I have. With Cle Elum growing as it is, I think it would be wise to introduce the surrounding forest with a plan to help bring people to the forest while hardly making a dent due to their presence, and I think cycling is a good way to accomplish just that.
7/21/2014	I am extremely excited about the prospect of having mtn bike friendly single track trail access in Teanaway. I favor long distance rides and would be happy to make the drive and spend income in the area to be able to ride there!
7/21/2014	I would love to see this area protected and developed for mountain biking. I'm from Boise and I so miss the mountain biking trails there. Western WA needs this.

7/21/2014	I would like to submit my support of mountain bike trails in the Teanaway.
7/21/2014	Please keep this area open to mountain bikers!! It's a beautiful and amazing resource for us!!
7/21/2014	I would like to see mountain biker access in West Fork and Roslyn.
7/21/2014	I had twice gone to summer camp at the Flying Horseshoe. Now I'm 58 and would love to hike on trails with horse traffic. No mt bikes on same trails please and no motor vehicles in hearing shot.
7/21/2014	<p>Please include offroad motorcycle trail use.</p> <p>This is a use of the land that the local community has always supported.</p> <p>The primary purpose for creating the Teanaway Community Forest is to preserve it as a working forest. The DNR has a legal requirement to allow multiple uses of the land when it does not compromise their trust management obligations, ORV use has historically proven to be one of the most compatible uses within working forests and as such should be prioritized accordingly.</p>
7/21/2014	I am concerned about the proposal to increase mountain bike trails in the Teanaway Forest. This area has long been loved by horses and their humans, and the Washington State Mountain bike community does not seem to respect horses. Mountain bikes and horses equally tear up trails, but the horse community is out repairing. The bike community only wants to build.
7/21/2014	I am a mountain biker who would like to see more available trails. I can share trails with multiple users, but prefer not to. In particular, sharing trails with motorized vehicles is not my preference. When space is available, I like dedicated trails. Horses also do significant trail damage as well as leave behind evidence of their presence.
7/21/2014	I am a mountain biker who desires more available trails. I frequently travel long distances to ride so more trails near Seattle would be great! I typically frequent local restaurants wherever I ride and will on occasion camp or stay in local hotels. I would like to see a mix of long and short trails that require a mix of skill levels. I ride mostly cross country and appreciate manageable climbs with photo worthy views at the top.
7/21/2014	Please consider capitol state forest in Olympia as a great template for multiple use groups and access. I mountain bike and camp and would love more trail access in eastern WA
7/21/2014	I love riding mountain bicycles in the mountains. There are a few places we can do this, although most of them are shared area's with moto's. Moto trails and mtb trails are different! it would be more enjoyable if some of the mtb trails we had were separate from moto trails. With the addition of the Teanaway area for mtb recreation, I will travel to the area and spend my money and time playing in the woods and re stocking in the local communities.
7/21/2014	The Teanaway is a wonderful area for multi-use trails. It should support all of the unmotorized forms of travel.

7/21/2014	The Teanaway Valley is among my favorite places in Washington, a precious area of spectacular beauty. One of my treasured outdoor activities is mountain biking so I'd appreciate your consideration of riding trails as you develop use options for the new community forest. The mountain biking community is ambitious, resourceful, well organized and a great partner in protecting and enhancing the great outdoors. We mountain bikers take care of our resources. Just ask around. Mountain biking trails will make the Teanaway Community Forest a better place.
7/21/2014	Please consider allowing access to, and development of, the Teanaway area for a variety of mountain biking opportunities. From cross country trails to jump lines, this area would be a valuable resource for year-round activities for people on both the east and west side of the Cascades.
7/21/2014	As a Seattle resident and long-time mountain biker, I see massive opportunity for a trail system in Teanaway and would love to see expanded access for cyclists that are looking for expanded riding options. The Washington cycling community is starved for large trail networks, and any park or forest that chooses to react to the attention of this community will be rewarded with excited attention and an influx of trail volunteers ready to help make the trail network a sustainable reality. One area where Teanaway holds unparalleled potential is in access to campgrounds for overnight cycling trips, which will again draw expanded interest from around the state of Washington and beyond. I am strongly in support of a Teanaway network of cycling trails and believe that Teanaway stands to fill a massive void in the Washington cycling community.
7/21/2014	East of the mountains, family friendly, epic viewpoint mountain biking is something my Renton family and I would love to see!
7/21/2014	I am a longtime resident of Washington State. I am a mountain biker and take several trips with my family and friends to different locations to ride. We frequent Bellingham and Bend, OR and would love to have another trail system closer to the Seattle Area. I believe your region would see a noticeable increase in revenue that would be seen in increased hotel/motel/restaurant business.

7/21/2014	<p>My family and I routinely ride cross country mountain bike trails near our home on the west side of the Cascades. Access to a significant cross country trail system as close as the Teanaway area would be a hugely wonderful thing. I am already thinking of how to blend mountain biking and a fall larch colors trip...</p> <p>Obviously, each of us would like trails dedicated to our favorite form of use. However, it seems that is rarely a possibility. The trails near my home are mostly trails shared by mountain bikers, equestrians, and walkers/runners. Over a period of years, it seems pretty much everyone (with very rare exceptions) has sorted out how to be friendly, safe, and supportive. Ideally, however, we'd have access without having to compete for the trails with motorized vehicles. It is simply not clear to me how to make motorized use really compatible with these other forms of use.</p> <p>Both long and short routes would be desirable.</p> <p>Personally, I am more likely to seek nice lodging than camp. But having both options would be nice.</p>
7/21/2014	Yes we need mt biking trails here
7/21/2014	I'm new to mountain biking, but enjoy the sport so much I travel around washington trying the single track and spending my tourist dollars in WA state. I would like to see more single track with mountain bike access in Teanaway, with camping available because of the long drive from Seattle, I want to spend the weekend.
7/21/2014	More mt. biking please
7/21/2014	<p>Excited to hear about the Teanaway Community Forest! We camp and hike (or snowshoe) in the Teanaway area a dozen or so times each year, so I've driven through the Community Forest area many times (North Fork Teanaway Rd, Jack Creek Rd), and we have staid overnight at the 29 Pines campground several times.</p> <p>I'm hoping that existing roads that provide access to trailheads will continue to be maintained, and I would love to see a few new hiking trails, e.g. connecting the North Fork Teanaway to the Red Top Lookout.</p> <p>I'm fine with multi-use trails in summer, but am less keen on sharing trails with snowmobiles in winter.</p>
7/21/2014	<p>I would love to see mt. biking and hiking trails in the Teanaway. It is the perfect place for long cross country trails and trails for all skill levels. We often travel to the east side to ride in drier weather. Having a campground as well would be nice. There are great trail systems and great campgrounds but no place has the two together.</p> <p>I hope the Committee is able to visit places like Bend, OR, Capitol Forest in Olympia, Sage Hills in Wenatchee and Duthie Hill to see what can be done.</p> <p>Bikers, hikers and horses can co-exist peacefully. I ride with a bell on my bike so hikers can hear me coming. Motorized vehicles need trails too but they should have their own.</p> <p>By the way...I'm a 57 year old grandma. Mt. biking has gone main stream.</p>

7/21/2014	<p>I recently bought land in Roslyn and am building a house there because of the amazing mountain bike trails in the area. I've used Roslyn/Cle Elum areas most but hope to discover more trails over the ridge into the Teanaway. I like long cross country trails with beautiful views and some technical spots. I don't mind sharing some trails with motorized vehicles but they tend to make the dirt pretty powdery in the dry summer so it would be nice to have some non-motorized trails as well.</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
7/21/2014	<p>Very interested in long scenic rides in the Cle Elum area!</p>
7/21/2014	<p>I have been a resident of Cle Elum for 10 years. For the time I have lived here I have enjoyed trail running and mountain biking from my home on Cle Elum Ridge, and I have ridden many of the trails in and around the Teanaway valley.</p> <p>I have found the mountain biking community, both here in Upper Kittitas Valley and riders that travel here from other parts of the state and beyond, to be made up primarily of respectful and responsible stewards of the beautiful forest accessible to them, and I am pleased to be a part of that community.</p> <p>I am anxious to see a robust mountain biking trail system developed in the Teanaway Community Forest, and I am certain that everyone - not just mountain bikers - would benefit from this.</p> <p>The Teanaway Community Forest has the potential for some of the best cross-country mountain biking trails in WA and the PNW. Locals riders would benefit from this, of course, but these trails would certainly attract riders from further away - people who would bring revenue to our community businesses in Cle Elum, Roslyn, Ronald, etc.</p> <p>Specifically, a mix of long (10 or 20 miles) single track cross country trails with shorter, beginner- and family-friendly trails should be considered. The longer trails could comprise shorter segments...a network. Consider a variety of destinations, varying elevations, and difficulty. Since I live here, I don't consider camping, but that option would certainly be attractive to others who travel here.</p> <p>Because summer months are so dry here, trails accessible to motor vehicles can get rutted and deep with soft dirt dust, making it difficult, if not impossible to negotiate by a mountain bike. I understand this area will be shared by outdoor lovers of all kinds - there is a lot of acreage to share. Please consider at least some of the mountain biking network of trails to be off-limits to motorized vehicles. I think this would be very important. Horses tend to have less of an impact on the trails, in my experiences, but that depends on the level of riding traffic.</p> <p>A well maintained network of single track mountain biking trails in the Teanaway would be a huge asset to many - riders, their families and to our community.</p>

7/21/2014	I was like to see an increase in sustainable non-motorized trails for mountain biking. I would also like to see re-routes of steep erosion prone sections of trails, and a bike specific area that is built specifically for the needs of bikers (and it could be signed that bikers have right away) but it is also be open to hikers (similar to Duthie; Bend, OR). A small bike skills park near a trailhead or campground would be beneficial for young or new mountain bikers. The Teanaway has the potential to provide a wilderness experience to mountain bikers in an area with less precipitation that allows for a longer riding season.
7/21/2014	I'd love to see a variety of use trails in the area. As a hiker and mountain biker, I know where I can go for a ton of hikes, but unfortunately mountain bike trails are more limited, especially if you want longer all day type rides. I'd love to see a good variety of mountain bike trails in the Teanaway. Easy trails that I can enjoy with my wife and future children, to some more technical all day trails that I can enjoy for a weekend of camping with my friends.
7/21/2014	Hello, as a mountain biker I am very excited to hear about the possibility of a great new area in which to mountain bike. I would be interested in long stretches of singletrack as well as shorter trails. I myself would probably drive in for the day and return home in the evening but the idea of a campsite nearby is also something I would be interested in. I'm not at all familiar with the Teanaway Community Forest so I do not have names of specific places that I would like to see trails to but more trails to scenic areas is always best. I would not mind sharing trails with hikers or equestrians as most of the trails in the Seattle area are open to all three. I haven't ridden any trails shared with motor vehicles like ATV's or motorcycles, I would be curious to visit a trail that shares in this way to see if it works or not. My initial thought is this seems dangerous as the motor vehicles move much faster and are noisy enough that their operator can not hear bikers, hikers and equestrians.
7/21/2014	It would be great if there were readily accessible mountain bike trails in the Teanaway. I take groups of kids and young adults biking 2-3 times per month and would love to have 5-25 mile loops and out and back trails that were free of motorized use to create a safer biking experience without excess dust and noise caused by motorized vehicles. These young people respond very positively to an outdoor biking experience versus hiking.

7/21/2014	<p>Hi:</p> <p>I am a mountatin biker, and a resident of Issaquah. My wife and I and our family of four kids greatly enjoy mountain biking. We have biked in the Cle-Elum area before and would be very excited and enthusiastic about more trails being built in the area.</p> <p>We especially enjoy XC trails and like shorter day/family friendly rides and also enjoy longer epic level trails. The Teanaway area because of its wonderful terrain and climate, and accessibility to the greater Seattle area is a fantastic place to develop more outdoor recreation and trails - especially for mountain biking.</p> <p>Our family would be very interested in visiting the area more often. We occassionally stay overnight, and often eat out and buy supplies during our visits, and definitilely like supporting the local economy.</p> <p>We are a middle class family and small business owners, love outdoor recreation in Eastern WA., and practice respect and care for the environment and the wilderness.</p> <p>Please consider making mountain bike trails a top priority for any new trail building in the Teanaway area.</p> <p>Best regards,</p>
7/21/2014	<p>As a Seattle resident, I'm always on the lookout for great single track trails in Washington. The Teanaway community forest would be a nationally known destination for great mountain biking. Trails in the area would increase tourism and commerce in the Cle Elum and Teanaway communities, just like it did in Oakridge, OR.</p> <p>Thanks for making sure to consider mountain biking activities in your plan for the Teanaway Community Forest!</p>
7/21/2014	<p>I'm a mountain biker and would love more access to trails in the Cle Elum area. It would be wonderful to have riding available on the dry side of the cascades. Additionally, it would be great to have more of the open, alpine trails that the area could provide.</p>
7/21/2014	<p>The CleElum/Roslyn/Hwy97 corridor has long been my preferred location for all of my outdoor. As an avid hiker, skier, AND mountain bike rider, the Teanaway area is vital and well managed for all of those activities. Fostering a voice for mountain biking and multi-trail use is of vital importance in maintaining access and trail stewardship. I plan to retire in CleElum or Roslyn but for now, spend many weekends of the summer camping there. I am committed to helping to ensure that all recreation opportunities are provided and Evergreen MTB alliance is a great partner for the mountain biking community.</p>

7/21/2014	Please designate this area for mountain bike use for the current generation and for our children. Mountain biking is a healthy, clean, low impact way to enjoy the gems that our state has to offer.
7/21/2014	<p>I am an avid mountain biker and hiker who spends a majority of my income persuading these hobbies. I normally spend about 100 days out of the year on a trail in some form of outdoors activity. I have travel to the Teanaway area a couple time to use the trail and compete in mountain bike races. Beginner and intermediate option are a big plus for me also because it allows option for rides with my wife.</p> <p>I enjoy long trails that have rewarding views. Being able to ride in a different ecosystem from the far western Washington is a big draw for me. In fact I will be visiting Leavenworth this fall( if it doesn't burn down) for a week of Riding and hiking. I am highly inclined to camp if facilities are available.</p> <p>I dislike sharing the trails with motorized vehicles, I find that they do large amounts of damage to the trails and the noise is disturbing. My personal preference is to not encounter horses on the trail also, the waste and trail damage from them is extremely offensive to me. As a frequent trail work volunteer I get to encounter first hand the damage they can cause to a trail as well as the damages that poorly designed trail cause.</p> <p>A major draw for me is a trail system that embraces all users and has outlets and opportunities for all users to test their limits. Designated biker and horse trails are a major selling point for me when it comes to selecting where I am going for a vacation.</p>
7/21/2014	Mountain Biking is a great way to get more people outdoors. I strongly recommend that we allow mountain biking in Teanaway Community Forest.
7/21/2014	Please consider mountain biking trails in your plan for the Teanaway Community Forest. Mountain biking is a very popular and easily accessible outdoor activity and more places are needed in Washington to enjoy this sport. Opening up trails to mountain bikes would benefit a far greater number of people than other activities such as motorized use or horses. Mountain biking has far less impact on the trails and environment than either of these other activities.
7/21/2014	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to voice my strong support for mt. biking in the Teanaway forest. Have a resource like this that stays relatively dry (or at least drier than many of the trails on the West side of the pass) would be an tremendous resource. It would also be a nice destination for a family ride so it would be nice to have some more introductory trails.</p>
7/21/2014	The teanaway is very important to me and I love hiking and exploring there. I love to backpack and every year stay up at Navaho Pass. There is no place I'm happier than the top of a mountain. When I was up there a few weeks ago, I was thinking about how it seems to get prettier every year; the awe-inspring Stuart range so close, countless peaks in the distance. I am always dispondent when I am on one the trials open to motorcycles; they and horses erode trails so quickly compared to hikers. One of the best things about the Teanaway is it opens up weeks before the rest of the mountains; I spend a lot of time there in June when I'm eager to hike but everything is

	too snowy. I am so grateful to have the teanaway!
7/21/2014	There aren't many options for mountain biking in the Cle Elum area. Would love to see the state make this land available for this type of recreation.
7/21/2014	Though I can and BC ski, climb, hike, and trail run almost anywhere, there are few opportunities to ride motorcycles. The trail systems in this area (like most) were created by motorcycles. Please consider providing opportunities for motorcycles in the TCF. Thank you.
7/21/2014	<p>Advisory Committee,</p> <p>Please consider respectful forest users and avid mountain bikers such as myself when deciding on the value of opening up recreation opportunities such as the Teanaway lands for our recreation. Mountain biking is my main form of exercise (hiking is rather difficult due to knee injuries I sustained while in the military). My family and I live the outdoors and consider mountain biking a natural extension of the intended use of public lands. Most bikers I have come across are respectful of each other and the property we are afforded to pedal through. Sometimes the best way to save forest lands are to allow people to enjoy them under human power.</p> <p>Very Respectfully,</p>
7/21/2014	Make it to the top! Looking out over a valley is amazing to have lunch on. A good day hike to the top with the option of over night camping would be ever so awesome. And using a mountain bike or your own two legs would be preferred. No motor vehicles please. Growing the trails around the Teanaway Forest would be great! I would love to explore out in that region more. Thank you!
7/21/2014	I would like to see the Teanaway be used and maintained for mountain bike use.
7/21/2014	Please include single track Mountain Bike Trails and non-motorized trails in general in the plan.
7/21/2014	Hi. I'd just like to say how great it would be to have extended scenic mountain biking opportunities on the dry side of the mountains, accessible to Seattle. Camping access would certainly be welcome, too, but the riding opportunities especially.
7/21/2014	My friends and I ride mountain bikes out of the Seattle area although we have traveled to the Cle Elum area south of I-90. We would be very interested to ride at the Teanaway Community Forest area. We would prefer not to ride with motorized vehicles but sharing the trails would not keep us from riding. We would like to have access to camping facilities so that we could ride over the weekend.

7/21/2014	<p>Access to long cross country riding in a scenic area on the dry side is EXTREMELY important to me. I like to ride my MTB year round.</p> <p>Options for shorter rides that are family and beginner friendly are attractive as well - it's great exercise for people and helps foster the growth of the MTB community (economy, trail building, maintenance, involvement, etc.).</p> <p>Specific destinations that I'd LOVE to access on my bike include, but are not limited to Cheese Rock, Teanaway River, North Fork trailheads.</p> <p>I have ridden in Roslyn, but the trails are limited and not well maintained over the last ~5 years.</p> <p>I am willing to share trails with ANYONE (motorcycle, hiker, horse, etc.), but MUCH prefer to have non-motorized access for environmental reasons.</p> <p>Access to camping would enable more "weekend" trips with groups of friends and family ... we'd be more likely to visit local stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc. if in the area longer with access to camping. Otherwise, it makes sense to drive back to Seattle, given the proximity, vs. paying for lodging (though I foresee paying for lodging 1 of 3 trips for amenities and a more comfortable experience).</p> <p>Thank you for all your hard work. I love the Pacific Northwest and am so pleased to see MTB trail access taken seriously. MTB riding has been a huge passion of mine for over 15 years. I'm a Biotech executive during the week and a happy "child" riding my MTB on the weekends. Washington is the state I've chosen to call home for the last 3.5 years (and hopefully forever!) because of the trail support (e.g. Evergreen) and MTB culture. Thanks for listening!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
7/21/2014	<p>Mountain biking in WA is a great way for kids to develop active and safe lifestyles. Please consider creating or allowing the creation of Mountain bike trails in the Teanaway Forest area.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
7/21/2014	<p>I am both a mountain biker, a motorcyclist, and a hiker so I have experienced the Teanaway area from three different perspectives. I would be cautious about any major changes to usage designations since the balance of trail interactions currently is quite reasonable. ATVs seem to have the greatest impact on trail quality and I would hope that their allocation is not pushed into areas currently limited to other uses. Moto access is adequate and the hiking trails currently off limits to the mountain bikes generally would not be rideable for the majority of riders. This is a gem of an area within an easy drive from Seattle and my adventures here have been memorable.</p>

7/22/2014	This would be a perfect area to develop and maintain mountain bike trails for all levels of riders. The biking community is a strong, committed group of people who are dedicated to preserving the integrity of the land and making it more accessible to recreational users.
7/22/2014	More mountain bike trails please
7/22/2014	My wife and I support mountain bike trail development and camping availability in the Teanaway area.
7/22/2014	I love hiking and have a special spot for Teanaway as that is where my husband and I first went camping together. I would be thrilled to see a more developed trail system (not shared with horses). We enjoy camping and hiking to the tops of peaks, seeing larches in the fall and viewing wildlife. Please consider an official trail system!
7/22/2014	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'd like to submit a comment on behalf of mountain bikers and a local business, Outdoor Research. Outdoor Research has been manufacturing outdoor accessories and apparel in Seattle, WA for over 30 years. While our primary focus is on more mountain oriented sports (climbing, back country skiing, etc.) our customers are huge mountain bikers. As such, Outdoor Research supports and welcomes projects that expand recreational opportunities. Beyond access for human powder recreation, family friends camping amenities would also be welcomed and allow Seattle visitors to enjoy an entire weekend in the beautiful Teanaway community, rather than just visiting for the day.</p> <p>We look forward to hearing more as things progress.</p> <p>Best,</p>
7/22/2014	Please understand that High Speed Mountain Bikes on any trail threatens all of the other trail users for their speed and stealth. It is a Special Interest Group stealing Public Trails and driving other users away for Thrill Seeking!!

7/22/2014	<p>To whom it may concern: As a person whose livelihood depends on access to well-preserved outdoor spaces -- I work in the outdoor industry -- I know outdoor recreation generates \$22.5 billion in consumer spending per year in Washington State. It also generates \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenue. Those numbers alone say the Teanaway Community Forest should be targeted for non-motorized, human-powered recreation -- namely mountain biking. Mountain bikers patronize restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, gear shops, hotels and other businesses near the trails they ride, which is why many ski resorts are adding mountain bike facilities for the summer months; They know they can make money year-round by catering to mountain bikers.</p> <p>You can find more info on the dollar value of outdoor recreation here:  <a href="http://outdoorindustry.org/images/ore_reports/WA-washington-outdoorrecreationconomy-oia.pdf">http://outdoorindustry.org/images/ore_reports/WA-washington-outdoorrecreationconomy-oia.pdf</a></p> <p>As a mountain biker myself, I can't overstate how excited I am about the possibility of miles and miles of singletrack near Roslyn, Cle Elum and Salmon La Sac, towns I already visit for the backpacking. I can guarantee I'd be there multiple times a year if long cross-country rides and short, family friendly trails were built. And I know I'm not alone. Not by a long shot. Suncadia had also better be prepared for a massive influx of mountain bikers on multi-thousand dollar bikes!</p> <p>But sharing the trails with motorized vehicles would severely limit the number of people who'd take advantage of the trails, and negate any revenue generated for the community. Motorized vehicles would also eliminate the natural experience, marring the trails and air quality, and scaring away wildlife. Keep the trails for non-motorized use only.</p> <p>Primitive camping areas built near the trails would also be fantastic. Go for it!</p> <p>Thanks, and please make the right decision!</p>
7/22/2014	<p>The introduction or continuation of mtn biking (and bikers) on ANY public lands is unreasonable and unjustified.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>Hello - I am a resident of Roslyn and I am hopeful that we can establish a connection between the Roslyn Urban forest and the Teanaway Community Forest. I also hope the forest remains largely non-motorized.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>Multi-use trails quickly become the exclusive use of the mountain biker as other traditional users are driven off the trail due to safety concerns and quality of life issues. Bikes are very damaging to the environment as they build trails illegally, chopping down trees to build jumps and whoo-de-doos. They are not controllable, nor are the problems they cause enforceable due to lack of Rangers/policing officers. They do damage and are gone before they are caught.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>Please keep mountain bikes off trails. Mountain bikes tear up trails, scare off wildlife, and are a danger to both hikers and the mountain bikers themselves. At a minimum bikers are extremely intrusive on the hiking experience.</p>

7/22/2014	Trails are wonderful ways to experience and enjoy nature. Please: Keep mountain bikes off any unpaved surfaces. If the trails are paved; great. They can be multi-use--pedestrians and mtn bikers. If they are unpaved, the mtn bikers are welcome but <b>MUST NOT BRING THEIR BIKES</b> . This is a fair, compatible trail use policy that does not discriminate. Feet and hoofs get along fine; wheels cause problems so keep them OFF unpaved trails.
7/22/2014	Please ban or severely limit mountain biking
7/22/2014	Hi - I hope more mountain bike trails will be built in Teanaway. Having access to long cross country riding in a scenic area on the dry side is important to me. It would be great to have multiple levels of trails marked for beginner, intermediate & advanced riders. Ideally biking trails would be one-directional (all bikers ride in the same direction to avoid run-ins) and kept separate from walking/hiking, horse and ATV trails.
7/22/2014	Mountain bike trails that do not share space with motorized vehicles.
7/22/2014	As an avid mountain biker, I seek opportunities to ride varying terrain, and enjoy the opportunity to ride in different locales and at different altitudes. I enjoy the different forest types I encounter besides what I usually experience in the western Washington area. My primary interest is in trail riding with technical climbing and descending. I enjoy backcountry rides through remote areas. I've been on two several day long trips to Bend, OR in the past 3 years, but would come to Teanaway instead with more frequency if a larger amount of trail riding was available. I would most likely seek hotel accommodations, and patronize the local restaurants and grocery stores while there, as I do when I travel to Bend on mountain biking trips. I do come out most years and ride the Esmerelda/DeRoux loop, which is a good example of the kind of riding I enjoy. I am not averse to sharing the trails with other, non-motorized user groups, but I strongly believe that user groups earn their place on the trails at least in part by their contributions to trail building and maintenance. If a trail is built by mountain bikers for mountain bikers, then mountain bikers should have priority and/or the right of way on the trail. I believe there should be no motorized vehicles on the trails in question, and that holds true for the newer electric mountain bikes. I am open to the idea of combining camping opportunities with mountain biking, especially if hotel accommodations were some distance away (over graded dirt roads) from the trails.
7/22/2014	I am an avid orienteering enthusiast. The Teanaway Valley has been a very important venue for map and compass navigation events for many years, and I would like to see that continue. I have also very much enjoyed mountain biking, trail running, and hiking in the Teanaway area, and I think these are important opportunities to maintain. I would love to see the development of new single-track trails for at least bike and foot use. Having done a fair amount of trail work myself, I know that developing horse trails takes a fair bit more work, as laying down cladding under the tread surface is quite labor intensive. However, I have always been happy to see equestrians enjoying the area, too, and I have never felt that the presence of horses created any conflict with bikers or users on foot. I would support managing this area primarily as a recreation resource, with development of trails done in a way that is sensitive to wildlife habitat needs, but not in such a way that wildlife habitat needs trump recreation. I think recreation should come first here, as there are plenty of less accessible places where a greater emphasis on wildlife and plant communities makes

	sense.
7/22/2014	<p>our family would love additional trails to ride, and for those of us on the west side, a campground close makes staying and riding a couple of days a more attractive addition.</p> <p>Trails of several levels clearly marked similar to evergreen mountain bikes, green blue black helps riders of all levels find the best trails for them and helps improve safety for all. Motorized vehicles and bikes/hikers can be trouble on the same trails, but as long as trails were noted with specific activity shouldn't be a problem. another option is one way loops for safe travel in same direction.</p>
7/22/2014	I would like to see trails for mountain biking in the Teanaway Community Forest.

<p>7/22/2014</p>	<p>Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: <a href="http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtb10.htm">http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtb10.htm</a> . It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking....</p> <p>A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <a href="http://mjvande.nfshost.com/scb7.htm">http://mjvande.nfshost.com/scb7.htm</a> ). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.</p> <p>Those were all experimental studies. Two other studies (by White et al and by Jeff Marion) used a survey design, which is inherently incapable of answering that question (comparing hiking with mountain biking). I only mention them because mountain bikers often cite them, but scientifically, they are worthless.</p> <p>Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?</p> <p>To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: <a href="http://vimeo.com/48784297">http://vimeo.com/48784297</a>.</p> <p>In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: <a href="http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtb_dangerous.htm">http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtb_dangerous.htm</a> .</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtbfaq.htm">http://mjvande.nfshost.com/mtbfaq.htm</a> .</p>
<p>7/22/2014</p>	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm a Seattle resident and avid mountain biker. I would LOVE to see additional development of the mountain bike trails in the Teanaway area. In the ~1.5 years since I moved to Seattle, I have hiked in that area many times, and done a single ride there which was excellent. Having access to purpose-built MTB trails on the dry side of the mountains, only 1.5 hours from Seattle would be a tremendous asset, and one that I would anticipate taking advantage of frequently. My strong preference would be for trails that are not shared with horses or motorized vehicles, as both of these cause significantly more damage to trails than bicycles. In sum, I would strongly advocating expanding the allocation of dedicated MTB/hiking trails in this area.</p>

7/22/2014	<p>Incorporating cross country singletrack into the Teanaway Community Forest Lands would drastically increase the recreational opportunity of this area and economy of Cle Elum, Roslyn, and Ronald. Incorporating the mountain biking community will help ensure multi use trails are built sustainably and well maintained into the future. The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance and its many local chapters are very dedicated to maintaining trails and stewardship ethics. I am unaware of other user groups that are as organized and committed to trail establishment and maintenance.</p> <p>I strongly I encourage the advisory board to consider non-motorized usage of this area as well. I have no problem sharing trails with responsible dirt bike riders, however, I am unaware of moto clubs or groups that organize trail maintenance parties to help out. I notice the destruction by motorcycles on many local trails that I ride with no follow up maintenance whatsoever. It is my opinion that allowing motorcycles will lead to degradation of trails, and therefore less use by hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. Not to mention noise pollution and the disruption to wildlife.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>Evergreen Mountain Bike Club told me that the Advisory Committee is considering adding more mountain bike trails in the Teanaway region. Great! I'm a cross-country type ride, but love just about all types of trails. I'd love more long trails, and would especially like some that have designated backcountry campsite areas close to water. More and more of my friends are interested in bikepacking - taking our camping gear out on our mountain bikes - and the Teanaway is a perfect area for this.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>I support including mountain bike trails in the Teanaway Community Forest use discussions. Our State has a growing community of mountain bike enthusiasts and we are becoming a destination for bikers from other areas. We should continue to look at trail use and share trails with other activities such as motorized vehicles and horse riding. Shared use has proven to work in many areas and helps to ensure that mountain bikes are not excluded from these recreation areas. We also need more trails on the east side of the State that are accessible from the west side during wet weather.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>I personally don't have a problem sharing the trails with mtn. bikes, HOWEVER, I think there needs to be more notice given to all mtn. bikers and mtn. bike clubs that horses do have the right of way, and that mtn. bikers need to get off their bikes when coming upon horses and let the horses pass. We all have to share these trails, but I think many mtn. bikers don't know what can happen when a horse is startled by a mtn. bike hurtling, soundlessly, toward them. The horse perceives it as a predator. The person riding and/or the mtn. bikers can be seriously hurt by an out of control, terrified, 1000+ pound animal. I think we horse riders need to attend meetings of mtn. bike clubs and get the word out so that we can all safely share these trails.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>Any and all trails need to be open to all non-motorized users including mt bikes. I am in the 1% demographic. Live in Seattle. Highly educated. Drive a 80k car. Own several homes. Fly first class. Drink expensive wine annnndddddd I am a MT BIKE FREAK !! I mt bike every chance I get. You cut me out, you cut my money out. Of course not all mt bikers have the cash I have - but on average mt bikers derive from a higher economic class than hikers. Mt bikers have more disposable income than hikers. Mt bikers are of a similar eco class to downhill skiers. We spend, and we spend especially</p>

	where we are welcome.
7/22/2014	I have enjoyed camping and mountain biking in theTeanaway area and am looking forward to sharing these rides with my daughter when she is a bit older. I have fond memories from some of my first long rides in this area and would hate to see reduced access for mountain bikes. I personally have never had any issues with sharing of trails between hikers, bikers, horses or even motorcycles, and believe an access plan should consider all user groups and include plenty of options for camping as well.
7/22/2014	Please provide an opportunity to enjoy mountain biking in the Teanaway Forest!!!
7/22/2014	To allow design of fun trails, and to be sustainable and appreciated (to prevent them from being damaged), please prevent use by motorized vehicles - which make the trails rutted and unusable by mtn bikes and even hikers. It would also be good to limit horses from trails that are intended for human power only, as heavy horses also tend to widen and damage trails to the extent that they are no longer appreciated or even useable by mtn bikers and hikers. Hikers and mtn bikers will maintain what they like, and they will not invest future time into maintaining these if multi-use means fixing damage from atv's, motorbikes or horses. Some other public areas allow shooting in some areas, but if this is allowed in Teanaway it will scare and annoy other users, who help to keep the area safe and patrolled with extra eyes to prevent unlawful things from happening. Thanks for allowing people to use and appreciate these public lands and to keep them appreciated for a long time time to come.
7/22/2014	Please allow Evergreen to help develop and steward the new trails at Teanaway - to help this land be more appreciated as a resource to the local community and as a way to in tourism from the Seattle metro area and beyond to further support the local economy.
7/22/2014	Open up this public land to all citizens of the state, including ORV's.
7/22/2014	my family enjoys backpacking without dodging gigantic piles of horse shit...so maybe some trails dedicated for hikers and some for horses? Trails along rivers and to lakes are nice, but if hiking trails are designed it would be nice to see some loops thrown in there so that the hike out can provide some different scenery.
7/22/2014	Please allow mountain bikes! Working with groups like the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, active volunteers have proven successful in implementing well-built trails that offer excellent recreation for all trail users. They build to a higher standard and they maintain what they build. Trails that are restricted to other uses are simply not as well done.

7/22/2014	I am very happy to see that there are XC trails being built on the dry side of Washington, although not an XC rider myself, it is good to see more legally sanctioned trails go in on the dry side. I do think that shorter, mellower rides for families should go in, to introduce the to mountain biking. We (our family) access quite a lot of the teanaway including Cle Elum, Ronald, Roslyn, Salmon La Sac, and Red Mountain. I would be more obligated to see horses on the trail than motorcyclists because they travel at a much higher speed than horses or bikers. I would rather see a mountain bike specific trails go in because, from my experience there are quite a few horse trails in the teanaway today. The oh downsides I see to horses is the excretions and that they are easily startled. I would also like to see some LEGAL free ride trails go in to the teanaway, like duthie hill. We ( our family) utilize many campgrounds in the teanaway including Salmon La Sac and many more.
7/22/2014	As residents of the Seattle area, our family often heads East to enjoy the dryer climate and outdoor recreational opportunities along I-90. We enjoy mountain biking and would love to see the further development of long distance cross country riding trails, as well as shorter trail options. We camp annually near Cle Elum/Roslyn area and would like to see more access there. In my opinion it is easy for mountain bikers, hikers and horseback riders to share trials respectfully. Motorized vehicles should have separate trails due to speed and noise. Thank you for the opportunity to share comments.
7/22/2014	Hello,  As an avid mountain biker and overall lover of outdoor recreation, access to long cross country riding is important to me.  I am familiar with the Teanaway River area and believe that much of the area has been jeopardized by motorized vehicles - cutting new trails, rutting out existing trails, etc.  When I travel to the area, I likely visit just for the day but prefer the option of staying in a campground.
7/22/2014	Maintaining access to public lands for people to recreate is important to me and many others. The Teanaway area is great for a variety of use, great views, sustainable.
7/22/2014	I am puzzled why ORV's haven't been included in the overall plan of user groups for TCF. ORV groups historically have helped maintain and develop many of these trails. My family and I enjoy recreating and camping in this area, to be denied this privilege would be very concerning.
7/22/2014	I definitely think the trails should be multi-use, bike, horse, and moto. The moto and horse folks do all of the trail clearing from blowdowns.
7/22/2014	Will there be trails open to ORV's and Dual Sport Motorcycles...?

7/22/2014	I live in Burlington, Wa. and would like you to know that my group often travels to Utah to mountain bike. Moab found out that Fruitland, Colorado was building more trails and attracting bikers away from Moab, so with DNR cooperation, new trails have been installed and being worked on to keep folks in Moab, as bikers spend thousands of dollars in the local community. Please consider that those trails will attract riders who can financially support Cle Elum and other communities around there, even Ellensburg.
7/22/2014	<p>We are very excited about riding and sharing the trails in the Teanaway area. The area offers many well groomed trails for the long distance rider and when its wet on the west side it's only an hour to get there. We would like to help out the motorized community with keeping up on he trail system as well as the horseback riders. I have no problem sharing the trail especially with those who built and maintain them. This area is so nice to come to especially because it is so close to the west side. It's nice to have another place to share and ride with so many places not being accessible. I don't understand why we can't all share the area. I've always found the motorized and equestrian riders friendly and helpful where ever we are riding. It seems if anyone is stingy with our public lands it's the hiking groups, I don't know why. 99% of all interested outdoor people that participate in this area and others are very passionate about recreating in the forested area's. I hope the Teanaway area can be shared by all that want to enjoy it. There are so many paces being closed up because of the 1% and that just doesn't pencil out. Most of us appreciate and participate in keeping up our valuable resources.</p> <p>Thanks for asking.</p>
7/22/2014	I went to school in Ellensburg and used to ride many trails in the surrounding area around CleElum. I vote for more access to trails for mt. bike recreation.
7/22/2014	<p>Please consider when developing the long-term plan for the Teanaway Community Forest including mountain bike trails - long (&gt;20 miles) unidirectional xc trails that can be shared with motor vehicles, and shorter family friendly trails that are dedicated to cyclists and hikers where children and beginners can ride without concern of meeting horses or motorcycles.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
7/22/2014	Please allow the mountain bike community to develop trails and a management plan for stewardship of this area. I travel through the Cle Elum area weekly and would enjoy the area and it's natural beauty often. Having designated overnight camping areas in select places would allow a great deal of people to enjoy the area. Thank you for your efforts to preserve the wild areas in Washington State.
7/22/2014	Please support mountain biking in the Teanaway. I would like to see long cross country trails, with car camping available for multi day trips.
7/22/2014	I pass through this area and would love to see mountain bike trails built. Evergreen does an amazing job building trail and maintaining for all kinds of multi uses. This will bring tourists in to the area bringing money to the local communities.

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7/22/2014	I would like to see sustainable mountain bike trail developed in the Teanaway Forest.
7/22/2014	Keep it open
7/22/2014	<p>I am writing to express my comments on trail use in the Teanaway Community Forest. I am a Mountain Biker, a Horse Rider, and a Hiker. I find that all 3 of these users types can share most of trails. Long touring-style single track mountain bike trails, in the 15 mile loop distance range, are what I am most interested in in the Teanaway Community Forest. When I am trail riding on a horse, I found the Mountain Bikers that I have encountered to be almost excessively polite. I rarely encounter mountain bikes when I am hiking.</p> <p>I have encountered many polite motorcycle riders when I have been trail riding on my horse, or hiking, or on my mountain bike and I thank them and wish them the best. But unless there is a practical way to control the noise, there are areas where very few motorized vehicles such as snowmobiles or motorcycles can fill acres with engine roar. Please make noise control be a top consideration of how to use the Teanaway Community Forest. My father, age 82, still rides his quiet little motor scooter in the Capital Forest near Olympia, and I am happy to share nearly areas and trails when I am mountain biking with that kind of quiet motorized vehicle.</p> <p>It is good to have some trails for dedicated use. A very small portion of the rougher and / or shorter existing trails, to some especially scenic places, should be reserved for hikers. But Mountain Bikers and horse riders should usually have the option to establish parallel trails to those destinations. Similarly, if some of my "downhill" mountain biking comrades establish new high speed descending trails, then mountain bikers should be given the right of way over hikers on those, and it would be prudent to keep horses out of those places for their own good.</p> <p>Of the three uses I do of trails, my horse riding does the most damage to trails, especially when the trails are damp. I am thankful to the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington for their trail work on equestrian routes. I do trail work with the WTA and with Evergreen MTB Alliance and other mountain bike groups. But motorized off road vehicles have far greater reach, as they can do many times more miles, and hence many times more terrain damage than any horse rider can in the same time. Those user types who are willing to steward trails proportionately to the impact that they have should be given a greater consideration on how trails are used.</p>

7/22/2014	I am a Seattle resident and avid mountain biker who is in the process of moving to Leavenworth, and my vote would be to have trail head access as in or around Cle Elum. I would prefer to have at least one trail that is specifically for mtn bikes. There are endless miles of trail already existing that are horse/motorcycle friendly, and while I enjoy those trails also, it does effect the trail in a way that decreases the experience for mountain bikes. I am opposed to any "freeride" style or parks in this area, and see slender singletrack being the most beneficial, and the most rewarding for the most users in this area. Thanks for considering my input. I would love to give specifics based on my exploration of this area. Feel free to contact me also. Thanks,
7/22/2014	Would be interested in the area, especially if camping options were available for weekend trips.
7/22/2014	Thanks, I have hiked and ridden MB in that area and it is beautiful! Seen a few horses and motorcycles on the trails, and I think we can all share the same area together. Maybe designate specific trails for each group, and keep that area open for everyone! Thanks again.
7/22/2014	Thanks, I have ridden in that area and it is beautiful!
7/22/2014	Riding trails at Teanaway are very important to me and my family.
7/22/2014	It would be great if there was some family friendly trails devoted to Mtn biking only. Something similar to Duthie would be wonderful considering the Teanaway is a nice short drive from the city.  Thank you!
7/22/2014	To whom it may concern,  As an avid mountain biker and a contributor to the forest pass and discover pass community I find that additional Bike friendly use trails are essential to maintaining community and exploration of vast areas of our wonderful state. I would hope that consideration is taken by the board to move forward with trail development of the Teanaway Community Forest area. Thank you for continued Positive relationships between forestry and recreation across the state
7/22/2014	I strongly support the development of mountain biking trails, especially those that are family-friendly or long cross country single track. I would prefer that the single track not be shared with motorized vehicles both for safety and maintenance of trail quality.
7/22/2014	Please provide mountain bike trails and multi use trails for non motorized access.  Thanks
7/22/2014	As a mountain biker I would like to see increased opportunities to ride in the Teanaway area. Thank you.

7/22/2014	Please allocate resources to build more mtn biking and hiking trails in this region. This region is quite outstanding and I have only began to scratch the surface of this wilderness with my parents' newly purchased property in Roslyn. This is exciting news that a board has been put together to prioritize not only maintaining but improving the areas resources. I don't think you should allow motorized vehicles in this country as horsebacking through this area would be the ideal mean to cover vast distance. The ultimate would be to create a hut/yurt camping system within this country.
7/22/2014	Please include mountain biking trails in your planning. We are much lower impact than horses and historically are much more involved in trail building and maintenance. Thanks for your consideration
7/22/2014	I think adding mountain bike access to the teanaway forest area would be great. Evergreen Mountain bike alliance and it's members are great trail stewards, and the access to these trails would be great.
7/22/2014	It would be great to have some long cross country mountain bike rides on the dry side of the mountains and yet close to Seattle. Thank you for considering mountain bike trails as part of the plans.
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7/22/2014	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>I have been traveling to the West Fork of the Teanaway for over 15 years. I would visit even more if there were more purpose built mountain bike trails to ride. I would recommend an "Epic" cross country loop for intermediate and advanced riders (similar to Comfortably Numb in Whistler) and a system of shorter trails with a few family friendly trails (similar to the Lost Lake Trails in Whistler). To prevent user conflicts I would recommend a few short hiker only trails to make it safe for families to enjoy the Teanaway without fear of a motorcycle, horse or cyclist. As for camping, I fear for inexperienced campers in such a dry climate. One spark from a campfire could take the whole forest. I would recommend folks staying in Cle Elum and Roslyn. If the new system could connect to the Rat Pack section of trails In Cle Elum you could ride from your hotel/motel in Cle Elum, climb up and over the ridge, enjoy the Teanaway and finish the day descending Rat Pack to a cold beverage at Stella's. That would definitely be worth the drive from Seattle.</p>
7/22/2014	This area seems prime for mountain bike use development. It provides good early season dry riding terrain, is exceptionally beautiful and within a reasonable reach for even a day trip for me living in Seattle. (Leavenworth is one of my favorite riding areas but remains a little far for out-and-back in a day.) Moreover, coupling better riding opportunities in this area with current favorites like Rat Pac will entice more destination bike trips. Finally, enhancing the riding opportunities in this area would benefit the local communities' economies, as I and others would inevitably frequent businesses during our biking adventures (grocery stores/gas/restaurants-pubs/coffee shops/bike shops and lodging) in towns like Cle Elum and Roslyn. Thank you for considering,

7/22/2014	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I want to express my support for mountain biking in the Teanaway Community Forest. We have been riding here since the 90's. We have started in Roslyn/Cle Elum, climbed up the ridge, and rode the trails in the Teanaway, and climbed back up the ridge for a big day. We have also started rides in the Teanaway side, and went farther north in the valley. Every year, around the end of May, we attend a campout at the Teanaway campground, where over 30 mountain bikers convene for a weekend of trial riding, usually not repeating trails. We have always been surprised to see motorized vehicles, even though many signs indicate no motorized use. I want to express my interest to see the area continue with non-motorized use, especially the single track trails. I have ridden at too many Off Road Vehicle areas, where the motorized singletrack gets quadded out from the quads and the jeeps venturing on those trails. Please keep the Teanaway Community Forest lands as beautiful as they are now, by only allowing non-motorized use.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>I pass through this area and would love to see mountain bike trails built. Evergreen does an amazing job building trail and maintaining for all kinds of multi uses. This will bring tourists in to the area bringing money to the local communities.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>I would love to have a location where we my family could go and combine our two favorite sports, mountain biking and orienteering.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>Hi,I am a dedicated 49 yr old mountain biker, who spends on average \$75.00 for every weekend day mountain biking trip I make. Love to be able to spend that in the Teanaway area at local establishments after riding challenging cross country trails of 15-20 miles in length (round trip). Thanks!</p>
7/22/2014	<p>Hi. As an avid hiker and mt biker I see incredible potential for a mt bike-specific trail network in the Teanaway. It would give me a reason to stay in local resorts instead of driving home! Please consider trails for family, beginners, serious cross-country to high country, and fun park rides (like Duthie Park in Issaquah) near town. Mt biking is has low impact on the environment but high value to a healthy public. Look at other areas in Oregon (Bend, Oakridge) that gives new life to underutilized second growth forestland while making it a regional economic boon. But there currently are no mt bike-specific trails in the area, with most access limited to old motor bike routes that are bad. For mt bikes it's all about trail design to create a unique mountain experience. Sharing with horses and motor bikes is not a good idea because those users tear up the trails.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>Keep horses out, they loosen the soils and cause excessive erosion.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>As a mountain biker, I don't mind sharing with motorized users. It's the horses that tear up the trails!</p>
7/22/2014	<p>I have enjoyed a few hikes in the area this year and find it an incredibly beautiful area to hike. I enjoy hiking where there are views of the surrounding mountains and also those along rivers and streams or to lakes. I hope there will be areas reserved just for hikers. Hikers and bikers or motorized vehicles on the same trail or in the same vicinity just don't work. It is not safe as well as being unpleasant for hikers how come for the beauty and the peace of the forest.</p>
7/22/2014	<p>This is such a beautiful area. I am hoping there will be many trails reserved for hikers only. Hikers and bikers or motor vehicles just do not mix well. For the safety of all this is most important.</p>

7/22/2014	I would love to have single-track mountain biking trails in the Teanaway. Don't object to sharing with horses, but do worry about the safety of horseback riders if their mounts are frightened by bikes. Should have the option of "horse-hiker" only trails, as well as mountain bike. Prefer not to share with motorcyclists. Camping in the area would be a bonus.
7/22/2014	Don't forget about tourism.Us Canadians are always looking for new trails to ride.especially epic trails.
7/22/2014	Mountain bikers are among the most responsible trail users and stewards. Access to trails is important to us in Washington and would bring me to the area from Tacoma.
7/22/2014	I introduced mountain biking to my 10 and 12 year old boys 3 years ago at Duthie Park in Sammamish. It has now become a twice a week family outing that provides exercise and outdoor recreation. My kids absolutely look love the sport and have become avid outdoor enthusiasts as a result. I have watched how popular Duthie has become through the efforts if Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance and if the same thing could be replicated in Teanaway, it would be a tremendous resource for the community and instill a love for outdoor recreation for generations to come.
7/22/2014	<p>The TCF is a once in a lifetime opportunity to provide outdoor access to a wide range of users and with so much space there is room for all to enjoy without crowding other users. As a mtb rider who was there just last week it is important to point out how much work the mtb community does in keeping the trails usable and safe. As a visitor riding with regulars we stopped to perform ongoing trail maintenance anywhere along the route necessary. Experience riding in other areas as well as my own has demonstrated that this is a normal task undertaken by the mtb community where ever they have access.</p> <p>Right now there are quite a number of epic trails that are great for long rides by experienced riders but there should also be family friendly shorter, easier trails available as well. This applies for other users as well such as hikers, runners and horses. Speaking of other users I believe that motorcycle users should be allowed access as they were the pioneering trail builders but for safety's sake have their own area with its own trails.</p> <p>For local riders access from Cle Elum might be very nice but as a visitor one of the highlights was being able to camp and stay a few days and the campground off WF Teanaway Rd. was a great location. The continued availability of camp spots with basic amenities is important for all users. Thank you.</p>
7/22/2014	I learned to mountain bike in the Teanaway area doing countless rides from both Roslyn and Cle Elum and it is still one of my most favorite places to ride. Please keep the access to this area open so I can bring my children there and teach them how to ride off road.
7/22/2014	Teanaway is a beautiful are and I would love the ability to come ride some long single track trails on my mountain bike. Sharing with other trail users isn't a problem a long as the trails are designed for it. Just no motorized vehicles please.

7/22/2014	I am very interested in seeing mountain bike cross country trails developed in this new community asset. as a future user, I would be open to sharing the trails with horses and hikers. Please consider mountain bike use of the area as you develop your plans.
7/22/2014	Hi, I'm a member of the Mountaineers and an avid mt. biker. I fully support mt. bike access to the area. Thanks,
7/22/2014	I would love to see mountain bike access in Teanaway. I would also appreciate camping sites that are both accessible by vehicle at or near trail heads and back-country camping sites that are only accessible by trail.  Thanks!
7/23/2014	I would like hiking trails for hikers only that meet up with some of the other trails in the area.
7/23/2014	This would be a great place to ride and a campground would be cool. I'm an XC rider so that's the kind of trails I would like to see.
7/23/2014	I like hiking trails that follow rivers or reach beautiful viewpoints. I prefer trails for hikers only with separate trails for bijkers. I'd rather not have motorized vehicles on trails.
7/23/2014	Yes. we need more equestrian trails in this area.
7/23/2014	Hello! I'd love to see non-motorized hiking and mountain biking trails. I believe that horses cause substantial damage to the trails; therefore, I would vote no to horses. Thanks! Can't wait to see what you guys do!
7/23/2014	I live in Seattle but regularly travel to Kittitas County to recreate. I am an avid mountain biker and enjoy mountain biking on the West side of the Cascades. But this side of the mountain is often wet so I find myself driving all the way to Wenatchee looking for try trails. Having trails closer in the Teanaway would be great. Ideally, some biker and hiker only trails would be built. The biker specific trails in places like Tiger Mountain and Duthie Hill are far superior for mountain biking than trails designed for motorcycles and horses. Motorcycles tear up the terrain way more than bikes, as do horses. I have ridden trails in the Teanaway and they are normally very torn up by early Summer. We need some biker specific trails on the East side and this is a great opportunity to build some. Thanks.
7/23/2014	Well planned hiking trails are a bonus for almost everyone! Hiking gets families out of the house and into nature, gets kids out from in front of the television and computer and fosters healthy habits. Aside from clothing, it's virtually FREE! Washington needs more hiking trails; we need to protect our land before some developer grabs it up. Thank you.
7/23/2014	The prospect of having Teanaway Community Forest available to access by means of mountain biking would be a spectacular pull for myself and my peers from all over the region. I already find myself visiting all areas of our wonderful state to hike, camp and climb. What the real draw me is is mountain biking. The Evergreen Mountain Biking Alliance has done a masterful job of maintaining trails, working hand-in-hand with local and federal jurisdictions for offer save and fun trails for all riders. Please place a wonderful mountain bike trail system in place at Teanaway that could help shape

	future generations love and appreciation of the great outdoors. Thanks!
7/23/2014	It would be great to add more trails in the tealaway. Please consider! This would give us hikers more opportunity to explore this beautiful area.
7/23/2014	Given the Forest's proximity to an ever-growing population, I hope that the Committee prioritizes hiking trails. The majority of the trails should be hiker/trail runner only, as that is the growing trend. Thank you for your work!
7/23/2014	Please keep these lands open to all users for our families. This is a perfect forest for long term continued use for mountain biking, motorcycles and equestrian use. All user groups have a right to enjoy such a wonderful piece of land and it is time to start putting all of our efforts into insuring all can continue to enjoy them, versus fighting over exclusive use for only the group that an individual happens to enjoy. All user groups are valid and full of responsible citizens that deserve access. Thank you!
7/23/2014	Good day committee members, I'm a horse rider and a member of BCHW. and enjoy the beautiful trails we currently have my husband and I would love more trails to ride for non motorized bikes and horses that have camping options would be wonderful we respect and follow the no trace guidelines. Thank you for your consideration in allowing more trails to be open.
7/23/2014	What is really lacking in our beautiful county is some beginner to low-intermediate mountain biking singletrack. I would love to see some shorter loops put in that could be starting points for beginners and those less enthusiastic about technical terrain. Even having a couple trails that are mountain bike specific (no motorized vehicles at least) would help tremendously. Thank you for your work in helping develop this beautiful area!
7/23/2014	<p>This is a great idea! I'm a local rider in Ellensburg and I work at the ReCycle shop. The biking community has exploded in the past year. We have a private Facebook group for Ellensburg riders called "Ellensburg Mountain bike Alliance" and we have over 200 members! The shop also has group ride on Wednesdays that have over 15 participants that come on a regular basis. And I have people coming in on a regular basis asking for local trails in the area, "where can I ride" and "do you have a map" I hear these questions almost daily. We even made a few of our own maps because we were getting the question so often!</p> <p>We need sustainable trails for all levels and a wide variety of mileage. Currently we do not have any great beginner trails in the area. It would be nice to have something that is a low grade and wider single track to get newer riders out. As well as something that is longer for experienced riders. And average hour long ride is typical around 8 miles. So some loop in the 14+ would be very appealing. I'm very excited for the new project. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments. THANKS!!!</p>

<p>7/23/2014</p>	<p>I completely support both short and long loop cross-country mountain bike riding in the Teanaway.</p> <p>I would like to see a variety of trails, whether higher and shaded for summer / fall access, or open and sunny for winter access.</p> <p>These are trails, particularly if they are near a campground(s), I would love to share with my family.</p> <p>All of the existing trail areas should be accessible to mountain bikes, although there may be a few too steep for early inclusion in the process.</p> <p>I support continued access to this area for all users: dirt bikes, horses, and hikers. (Although I have to admit that I've never been all that fond of wide trails, whether for hiking for abreast or for ATVs.)</p> <p>Finally, I would prefer trail access near campgrounds, particularly if there are short loops my kids can do while we're in the camp site.</p>
<p>7/23/2014</p>	<p>I visited the Teanaway region for the first time last summer and I was thrilled at the trail access. I rode the Esmeralda Peak trail. It was fantastic. I was happy to see so many other people out riding and hiking. I hope to get back to the area in August. I live in Seattle and visit the Central Cascades several times a month in the summer. Please consider mountain-bike-only trails in your development plans. They have less impact than motorcycles, trucks, and horses. My ideal rides are all-day affairs that take me to vista points that showcase the Cascades. I hope that more of them become available, and those we have access to now stay open.</p>
<p>7/23/2014</p>	<p>Hi all! Thank you for the chance to provide input! My partner and I have only recently discovered the Teanaway area, and have had some fantastic trips in the Ingalls and Bean Peak areas. We really enjoy both the views (stunning) and scenery (the wildflowers and open forests are fantastic). We would very much like to see hiking trails in the Community Forest, and would prefer hiker-only trails for backpacking access into the backcountry. While I certainly understand that the Community Forest will try to provide opportunities for a variety of users, we would not hike in the Forest if we had to share the trail with motorized vehicles (perhaps some areas can be set aside for hiking-only access). Thanks again!</p>
<p>7/23/2014</p>	<p>I believe shared use of trails in the Teanaway Community forest should NOT be limited to just hikers and backpackers. There is already an abundance of trails in the Teanaway that is limited to only hikers. The wilderness areas are already off limits to all motorized vehicles. I rode my horse to Gallagher Head Lake just this past weekend and was met by many jeeps and ORV's and most had chainsaw and fire extinguishers mounted on their rigs. All were very courteous and friendly. Many hikers and backpackers forget who do the majority of trail maintenance in these hard economic times. I have yet to see a hiker pack out a saddle bag of garbage as we do every time I leave an area where hikers have been. There are already plenty of roads in the Community Forest that would be ideal for ORV Use similar to those in the Umptanum area. We normally ride the Umptanum/Observatory area in the Spring sharing it with OVR's and have never had a problem. Not everyone is physically capable of hiking into the backcountry but anyone should have the opportunity to visit.</p>

7/23/2014	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a long time camper and outdoor person in the Seattle area, I would love to see mountain biking available in the Teanaway area. (I ride for scenery, and don't mind sharing with horses, the motorized vehicles; 'not' because of the air and noise. Mountain bikers also tend to be great trail builders and good stewards. They also spend money in the communities that surround the trail areas. Please make this area available to the mountain bikes.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
7/23/2014	<p>I as a Scout have loves the un-improved campsite below cheese rock and hiking from there up to it. What I mean by unimproved is that there is no running water there is no flush toilets and that there are some pit toilets for use but otherwise is un-improved and at a reasonable cost to the users. I would also like to continue to have the ability to hike from Roslyn to Teanaway over the hill. I look forward to being able to use the roads for other uses as well as hiking.</p>
7/23/2014	<p>I am a hiker and mountain biker who lives near Seattle. I try to visit Teanaway several times a year for day trips. I love the trails, the views, and the exposed rock destinations. My favorite areas are Roslyn, Cle Elum Ridge, and the West Fork Teanaway hills. I always take a saw to clear downed trees to keep the trails open. I have no problem with horses sharing the trails as some are already used by cattle. I believe motorized vehicles should have some access but not for all the trails.</p>
7/23/2014	<p>This should truly be a community forest. Trails for hiking, horses, snowmobiles, motorcycles and camping should be executed so that the least conflict among users happens. But when conflict happens one user group should not lose out on using the forest, the trail systems should be set up for positive experiences and let all Washingtonians use it. Motorized users need to have a place to ride with their families and not be pushed into only a few tiny areas that see too much activity. Let's spread the 50,000 acres of activity wealth around. Thanks.</p>
7/23/2014	<p>I took my 6 year old daughter backpacking along the Bean Creek trail a few weeks ago. The trail was tough and we had a hard time finding a flat place to pitch our tent. So I'd definitely be interested in a few family friendly backpacking options in the Teanaways. I have little interest in motorized trails. But don't really have issues with otherwise mixed use trails. We went in Sunday and saw 6 people and 2 horses and 3 dogs on the trail. We saw no one in the Bean Creek basin Sunday night and no one at all on Monday on our way out. It was a beautiful experience to get that kind of wilderness solitude so close to Seattle.</p>
7/23/2014	<p>Please make sure that the Teanaway Community Forest is open without fee for hiking, cross-country running, orienteering, and mountain biking.</p> <p>Also, the Teanaway Community Forest should be available for small to medium (100-500 participants) running, adventure racing, and orienteering competitions as long as the organizers handle providing sufficient sanitation (porta-potties) and managing parking. The Teanaway Community Forest is ideal for orienteering and adventure racing, and has been used for those purposes for many years now.</p>
7/23/2014	<p>I love mountain biking</p>

7/23/2014	I am a Washington resident that uses trails for hiking and would be excited to see Teanaway further developed with hiking trails through a variety of environments (forest, rivers, lakes & peaks). I would be more likely to use these trails if motor vehicle use were not allowed on or near hiking trails. Motor vehicle use should be limited by higher fees and restricted access to areas frequently used by hikers to preserve the tranquility of the environment for animals, hunters, and hikers.
7/23/2014	<p>I would like to express and request that the Teanaway area that was recently purchased be accessible to all that funded the purchase. This would be we the people of the state of Washington. There is more than water to be considered here. The people who not only funded the purchase of this land also fund the pay checks of who watches over it. We the people also volunteer without pay (I do every year) and help build trails and bridges in our forests so ORV's, hikers and horses can go threw the forests on a well planned and thought out trail system. There are and will always be the 1% ers that get off the trail and abuse the well attended trail systems. We make up for them by good stewardship correcting there errors, that's part of it. In the pavement world we write them tickets and even throw them in jail. The Teanaway area as we know already has a wonderful trail system that has been in place and being used for over 40 years. Most of these trails have been built and maintained by the motorcycle group followed by the equestrians and the mountain bike folks. The hiking group it seems mostly benefit from there efforts. What's ironic is the hiking / voting majority really haven't contributed and mostly don't when it comes up to stepping up and volunteering for most anything. This area has so much potential for a multi-use and has the volunteers to support it. The ORV group is a passionate bunch as with all the other recreational clubs and individuals that want to be able to utilize this 50,000 acre's. Please when putting a plan together include all of us who want to enjoy and maintain our public lands. We are committed and have shown in several other area's that we can all work together to have a win, win sharing in what we all worked so hard to obtain. The Teanaway is nicely located and accessible to many locals and people looking to get out of the rain from the west side. The travelers coming from afar bring a little bump to the slow economy of the small towns surrounding the Teanaway which adds to opening this area up to ORV's , equestrians, hikers and mt.bikers. Please when you vote too build your site plan to include not only those who have financially invested and bought this property but also for those who will actually come and to enjoy it. Together we are Better.</p> <p>Thankyou</p>
7/23/2014	I am very excited about the possibility of mountain biking in this area. The number of mountain bikers is increasing and given the large amount of miles we can cover, we have a disproportionately low number of miles available to us. I am seeing full trailheads at all areas where mountain bike trails are being added, and lot of kids of all ages on the trails, as well as entire families. Thank you.
7/23/2014	Would love trails along the river, no bikes or motors.
7/23/2014	Please support the Teanaway forest for mtn. bike use. The mtn. bike community are good trail stewards and will abide by all access conditions.

7/23/2014	One of my favorite close eastside riding areas. This area is so close to being a mtn. biking mecca that people plan trips to come ride from all over the world. A little better TH access, publicity...just wait.
7/23/2014	We like to get to the top of Iron Peak, Earl, Bean, Miller, Ingalls Lake, etc. I like using hiker-only trails because the bikes are alarming, but we are fine with sharing because maybe the trails will be better maintained. We like to go to the Teanaway in the spring (and fall) when it is wet and snowed in west of the mountains.
7/23/2014	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>I am a long time user of the Teanaway River area for recreation. Specifically camping, hiking, and mountain biking. I fully support the opportunity for these activities to continue and expand in the TCF.</p> <p>I am not opposed to multi-user trails although I acknowledge the desire for different style trails for different user groups. If it is part of the management plan I would hope that land managers will include some of the Swauk sandstone formation (Cheese Rock) into the trail system. Swimming areas access to bikes would also be desirable.</p> <p>One last thought is about difficulty of trails. Although I like trails similar to Rat Pack in Cle Elum or Esmerelda Basin, I am aware that these are too difficult for many users. I would love to see valley bottom rolling trails similar in difficulty to the Methow Community trail which runs from Mazama to Winthrop in Okanogan County.</p> <p>Thanks for listening.</p>
7/23/2014	I enjoy hiking but also ride horses so multiuser trails would be wonderful. Having a place to be able to set up a camp would be great also.
7/23/2014	Would love to see new multi-use trails put in. I enjoy horseback riding and hiking, and if nice trails were put in place, I believe a lot of people would travel to see this area. It's beautiful and I love to visit whenever I can.
7/23/2014	I like to see shared use trails among non-motorized users. Motorcycles should have their own trails, safer for every. Hikers, cyclists and horses can all get along.
7/23/2014	It would be absolutely incredible to have mountain bike riding in the Teanaway area. I would prefer not to share trails with motorized vehicles as they tend to make things very loose and dirty very quickly. Plus, they're loud and not that tuned in with nature. Polluting it really. And horses leave an awful mess. I'd love to see some long, easier rides as well as some big hilly challenging ones. For me, it's not important that it's family friendly. And camping in the area isn't really necessary since it's close to Seattle.
7/23/2014	I love hiking in the Teanaway forest!
7/23/2014	My wife and I visit Cle Elum 1-2 times per year. I really enjoy mt biking in the Teanaway and other areas around Kittitas county.
7/23/2014	I'd like to see more hiking trails in the Teanaway. I'd also like to see improved fish habitat.

7/23/2014	Mountain bike trails are a great way to get in to nature and a healthy way to boot. Access to this area is so convenient and a great place to visit. I personally like primitive camping when I got to an area for more then a day. One of the things that I would like to see is nested loops as far as trails go. Beginners can go on a shorter loop with more epic rides for the more adventurous. Please consider more mountain bike specific trails as you develop the use plan for this community forest.
7/23/2014	Over the past 20 years, the Teanaway area has provided me some of the best recreational experiences in Washington State and maintaining access to this area is extremely important to me. The area offers world class mountain biking, dirt biking, hiking, climbing and fishing opportunities; all within a few hours of Seattle. Last week, my buddy and I left Seattle after work on a Friday and were fishing on the Teanaway in less time than it would have taken us to get up the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie. We fished for four hours, landed over a dozen rainbow trout each and still made it home to Seattle before midnight. There are very few places in the United States that this would be possible. Living in the Northwest is like living in destination resort for many people and maintaining recreational access to the Teanaway is a huge part of that. The ability to explore beautiful river valleys right up to the high alpine in the shadow of Mt. Stuart, whether it be by dirt bike, pedal bike or foot is what makes the Northwest great. Please keep the Teanaway open to all kinds of recreational access. Diverse environments warrant diverse access. Thanks for your consideration.
7/23/2014	The Teanaway is inspiringly beautiful. We need to experience its beauty as an antidote to our way over-stressed, technologically driven lives. Trails for walkers, hikers, and horseback riders provide away for people refresh, to hit the reset button. We desperately need nature. And new generations wont have an opportunity to fall in love with nature if there is limited access.
7/24/2014	I love the idea of providing mountain bike trails in this area. I'm sure my family and I would spend time there - probably 4 or 5 times a year.
7/24/2014	It would be great to have some riding options in the winter months. Also, have you considered bike in and hike in camping options. I don't know of many trails that allow bikes and allow camping. It would be amazing to do some bike-packing. Thanks for all of your work and keep up the great work!
7/24/2014	The hiking trails in the Teanaway area are some of the best to be had and are particularly important to my wife and I. We have backpacked most areas more than once including the Bean Creek Trail system, Chatter Creek, Esmeralda Basin, and Navajo Pass - Stafford Creek Trail. These trails lead up through picturesque, often sparsely wooded high mountain areas with great wild flowers, view of the Enchantment mountain range, fresh blue elder berries in late summer, and a chance to unwind and soak up this wild and beautiful country. While horses are OK, we would hate to see motorized vehicles for the sake of the trail systems, the fragile plant life, wildlife critters, and for our own sensibilities. This area should be governed and protected in order to give others the chance to hike in, explore, and experience this mostly untouched wilderness.
7/24/2014	The Teanaway is where we hike in the spring and fall to get away from the snow, wet and gloom of the Cascades. It is an antidepressant, anti-mold, and a jewel (especially balsam root). And for all this, it makes stopping in Cle Elum for a pre hike sweet and latte and a post hike beer or ice-cream a well deserved treat!

7/24/2014	<p>Hello Teanaway Advisory Committee;</p> <p>I'm writing in to express my support for more mtn biking access in the Teanaway. Having access to long rides in a dry climate is very important to myself and my family who live on the "wet" side of Washington and value places to go camping and biking in the beautiful forests of Eastern WA.</p> <p>While I love having single track limited to mtn bikes only I know that space is precious and am willing to share the trails with other user groups. If it's possible to split up user groups I think having hiker/horse, biker/moto and hiker/biker trails are the next best thing. Keeping some separation creates less conflict, but typically the user groups can get along in the backcountry as they are more spread out.</p> <p>Family oriented trails; flat, short, scenic loops; are highly encouraged. We frequent the West Fork, Cle Elum and Roslyn areas as well as enjoy biking to the Cheese Rock and Teanaway River. Camping in the Teanaway would make weekend visits that much more enjoyable.</p> <p>Thank you for the hard work on this committee.</p>
7/24/2014	<p>Trail suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some for day hiking - maximum length 4 miles.</li> <li>2. Loops - include 3 to 4 long trails that are loops so we can drop a car at one end, then start at the other end and spend 2 days traveling the loop. With several loops, there is variety.</li> <li>3. Connections - link the trail system with existing trails in the Roslyn, Cleelum, Teanaway area.</li> <li>4. Camp sites - include several camp sites for overnight camping large enough for groups of 5 - 6 hikers. Locate them at logical destinations for extended hikes.</li> <li>5. Signage and maps - include a good trail signage program and on line maps.</li> </ol>

7/24/2014	<p>Dear Advisory Committee,</p> <p>I am writing to provide my comments concerning recreation management in the Teanaway Community Forest, which I understand is among the items the Committee has been tasked. I am an avid mountain biker and hiker in central Washington, and would urge you to consider opportunities for these forms of recreation as the highest among priorities for these lands. While I understand you will receive comments from various other user groups, I think it is important to recognize the benefits that can be realized through these activities. Individuals' physical and mental health are improved while cycling through nature. Social and community bonds are built through group hikes/rides, trail planning and maintenance, education, etc. To the extent that the trails are used by different groups, I would ask that trails open to hikers and cyclists not be open motorized vehicles and horses, simply to minimize trail damage and increase the level of safety to all users of the forest.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I think the Teanaway is one of the most beautiful areas in Washington, and I look forward to learning what decisions are made with respect to the community forest.</p>
7/24/2014	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>I am a Seattle area mountain biker. The greater Teanaway drainages are a very important area to me, and to the folks I ride with. We make the short pilgrimage over the Cascades often to ride the great trails of the Teanaway, camp in the area, swim in the lakes and rivers, and visit the great communities of Roslyn and Cle Elum. The need for bike trails in the TCF is crucial for access to the West and North Forks of the Teanaway. The potential for lower elevation trails on the TCF would be great for multi-use recreation, especially during the spring fall seasons, when snow blankets the upper elevations. Many of us prefer to camp in the area during our trips there, so I would advocate as many legal campgrounds and dispersed, primitive camping as possible. This encourages families and groups to stay and enjoy the forests, without the need to drive to and from every day.</p> <p>The other clear benefit to added trail opportunities in the forest is the economic boost to Cle Elum and Roslyn. We customarily stop to eat, fuel up, and stock up on food and supplies for our adventures. Please consider the multiple positive affects of mountain bike friendly trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. Thank you.</p>

7/24/2014	<p>I would love to see a trail system for hikers and horseback riders developed in the Teanaway Community Forest. I have done some hiking out of the West Fork Teanaway Campground to Cheese Rock and other interesting rock formations with Eva Tyler who has submitted a comprehensive comment listing the reasons that hiking trails in the TCF should be kept or remain free of motorized vehicle and mountain bike access. Both of these need separate areas in which to recreate as the erosion caused by them on hikers' trails make the trails very unpleasant and difficult to use, especially in steep areas. This certainly isn't compatible with protection of the watershed. Mountain bikers careening down a trail make it dangerous for hikers and horseback riders who may not hear them coming in time to get out of the way. Noise from motorized vehicles is certainly disruptive not only to hikers, but also to any wildlife residing in the forest.</p> <p>As a member of WTA, Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club (SVTC), The Mountaineers, and other hiking groups, I appreciate this opportunity to comment on proposed uses of the TCF. Wise stewardship that prohibits motorized recreation vehicles (ORVs, dirt bikes, motorcycles) will keep this area from further degradation and erosion causing pollution of the West Fork Teanaway River, thus protecting the watershed.</p>
7/24/2014	<p>I am excited about the possibility of cross-country singletrack for mountain bikes in the area. I love to ride in the teanaway, Roslyn, Cle Elem area.</p>
7/24/2014	<p>Its a reality check when mother nature comes through and completely alters the land as she is currently doing with the unfortunate devastation of the Carlton complex fire and others. Where there is a forest there will be a fire, that's nature in the works. One day the Teanaway will be renewed with a fire as well and it will take years and years to come back. My point is that the requests to have the area enjoyed by horses, bikers, ORV's and hikers will not compromise the water or do damage to the area like what mother nature can and will do in a couple if days. Everyone that would like to use the area for there recreation mostly are hard working contributors to the local economy. Not only that there are many of us who volunteer to help plan, build and maintain a usable trail system that would be a win, win for everyone. We can't completely weed out the abusers but we can certainly stay ahead of them and educate others to be better stewards of the property we paid for. The DNR represents and works for we the people and it is very clear that all parties should equally share and work together putting a plan together so everyone can enjoy this area. All of us chiming in here are obviously passionate about our recreation and the potential usage of the Teanaway purchase. Please be equal in sharing with all interested parties so each and everyone of use can use the area.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
7/24/2014	<p>I am a Mountain biker, EMBA member and a long time rider at the Teanaway Community Forest in Cle Elum. It's one of my destination rides that is close enough to where I live that I can go there often. Less than an hour away from where I live in Maple Valley.</p> <p>I have gone for the day and have camped there as well on a Camp/Bike weekend getaway with friends</p>

	<p>The trails there offer everything from grunting climbs, technical sections to beginner’s trails in the valley but I would like to see more options for these as I have kids that are getting into bike with me (ages 7 &amp; 10) I love exploring the beauty of the area with them. With the kids I would want to limit encounters with horses and motorbikes for safety.</p> <p>I have an active role in the EMBA. This year I have taken part in trail maintenance, building beginner trails and planting trees alongside the King County Parks team and the EMBA. I bring the kids and it gives the pride and ownership of the area creating next generation a wilderness stewards.</p> <p>For me and my Family, riding at Teanaway is a great way to get the kids away from the video games, getting exercise, into nature, bonding with family and friends and creating memories.</p> <p>Please keep the Teanaway area open to Mountain biking.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
7/24/2014	I think Teanaway MTB is needed. Trails keep us healthy , create community, bring in revenue, and are fun!
7/24/2014	<p>I am an avid mountain biker and ride most every weekend. We are always searching for rides. What we look for when choosing a destination are long crosscounty loops and a variability of terrain/difficulty. The Teanaway provides a great opportunity to ride on the dry side of the Cascades with tons of terrain and long XC trails. I support your efforts and would love to encourage development and preservation of the trail system.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>
7/24/2014	There are tons of trails for hikers, but only a few for mountain bikers. Whatever you can do to solve this injustice would be much appreciated.
7/24/2014	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE keep the Teanaway Forest open to Motorcycles. They only use existing trails, don't cause damage and help clear large debris from the trail network. Please keep them open to motorcycles.
7/24/2014	I think it would be great to have some family friendly trails that also accommodate overnight stays. This would set this area apart. I also prefer to have hiker only trails.
7/24/2014	I love hiking any trails- along rivers, up peaks, over passes, through meadows both day and over night. I don't mind sharing with horses, though they can sure damage trails, or bikes but I do avoid motorized vehicles. I have and love motorcycles but feel they belong in the city or maybe some restricted areas. Can't stand the noise and exhaust in the backcountry. The Teanaway is so beautiful and I have hiked several trails including Ingalls Lake and climbing Mt. Stuart. I look forward to many more wilderness experiences there.

7/24/2014	<p>Dear Committee,</p> <p>Thank you for considering the recreational options for the Teanaway area and for the opportunity to include mountain biking trails expansion. I believe a healthy combination of "epic" (long backcountry) rides coupled with some options for shorter trails for families with children would be ideal. The latter could easily be in the flatter areas near rivers and campgrounds.</p> <p>Thanks a lot,</p>
7/24/2014	I'd love to hike some trails in the TCF!
7/24/2014	Please do not allow ORV use in the Teanaway!
7/24/2014	I have been Mt biking this area since 1999. It is a great area and could have huge potential. A couple more user built trails would be great.
7/24/2014	Please consider allowing responsible use of mountain bikes in the Teamaway area. It's a wonderful outdoor activity.
7/24/2014	I ride in the Teanaway area quite a bit and love it. I'd like to see more horse camp options and bigger trailer parking spots as well. Not just for one or two trailers, but a whole field with opportunity. I think everyone should be able to enjoy the area, but would definitely like different trails for different hobbies....quads, bikes, horses, just to keep it safe and enjoyable.
7/24/2014	I am all for mountain biking trails in the Teanaway Forest. This would be an ideal spit for longer ignoble track trails on the east side of the mountains and would draw a considerable amount of out of town riders to the site. Please help make this site accessible to non-internal combustion recreational it's.
7/24/2014	I prefer day hikes that allow me to ascend to peaks with beautiful vistas. I also like trails that follow creeks and have waterfalls.I would not want to share the trail with motorized vehicles but mountain bikes and horses would be tolerable.
7/24/2014	I love this area and am excited to hike, trail run and mountain bike!
7/24/2014	I would like to see Teanaway hiking trails should continue to accommodate horses and hikers, and exclude noisy, polluting, and dangerous ATVs & motorcycles. I enjoy all types of trails, but my most favorite are ridge hikes with expanding, beautiful views. Trails that are interconnected to allow loops are also fantastic! Why not have a continued new experience the entire hike, rather than have to retrace your steps on the way back! Thank you allowing me to comment. -Jason , Everett, WA and landowner in the Teanaway Valley (the fenced lot right across from the old Teanaway Outpost)
7/24/2014	<p>I'm am a mtn biker from Tacoma. I travel both sides of the state exploring new and varied locations to ride. I used to ride dirt bikes around the Cle Elum/Teanaway areas many, many times years ago and know how beautiful it is. I know that a mixed use of the area will be the best chance of getting that terrain opened up to the public. Many locations where I ride they incorporate hiking, horses and mtn bikes into the mix on the same trails. Motorized vehicles have separate trails or are not permitted on mixed use trails because they tear up the trails and render them unusable to others. Capitol Forest is a good example of the separate trail system. Good signage really helps too.</p> <p>As your name says, Teanaway Community Forest... let us use our public lands and reap the economic benefit that we can provide.</p>

	Thanks you,
7/24/2014	Please include trails for motorized use, motorcycle and snowmobile. As a family we share the forest and trails with all other users but it seems we will be the first to lose our say in the way we want to recreate. There is plenty of trails for hikers, bikers and horseback but the trails from motorize use shrink every years. Please hear our voices for some trails to call home. We pay for registration and with our gas taxes but are not being represented in the public park/forest systems. We would like beginning to advanced rider trails. Usually the advanced trails we only see animals no hikers or horseback riders so there is plenty of room for all of us. Thank you.
7/24/2014	As a Mt. Biker and a hiker hear are my thoughts. I am not against motor bikes ( use to ride myself and may still like to) Of the four types of users I would lean towards having separate trails for all. If I was to combine any it would be for hikers and bikers to share and horses and motor bikes to share. This is based on my view on which groups create the most trail damage, of course there are potential conflics amongst all groups. There should be a variety of length and degree of difficulty. I for see this area being both a day use and multi day use area. Close enough to Seattle for day trips and far enough away to create that sense I got out of town. The area has a lot to offer from hiking, rafting the Yakima, golfing etc. It is an area I am actually looking at moving too. As the sport of Mt. biking grows it is critical that sustainable trails are created for this user group otherwise users will find or build there own. When it comes to camping, that does go hand in hand with any outdoor recreation weather its state campgrounds or private.
7/24/2014	Yes, hiking trails, ski trails, and bicycle trails, NO MOTORS and dogs on leashes.!! thank you
7/25/2014	I love the Teanaway, so am excited to hear of the efforts. I like hiking day and overnight backpacking, destination type trails are usually the type I pick (ie peak, lakes, vistas). I prefer minimal impact on the land, meaning little to no amenities other than a trailhead bathroom, decent parking and trailhead signage. I prefer no motorized vehicles trails, unless it is on existing forest service/logging roads. As a mountain biker I completely support mtn bike trails, but think they should be separate from hiking and horses, unless the area is very open and sight distance is greater than normal hiking trails. In my option horses and motorize vehicles should be on the same trails, not with hikers. They both destroy the trails.
7/25/2014	I would love beginner friendly trails that are motor vehicle free for day use.
7/25/2014	I would like to see non moterized recreation areas; focusing on hiking trails.
7/25/2014	Would love multi-use trails but especially equestrian trails. Thank you

7/25/2014	<p>We are a family of four and we love to go camping at Teanaway Community Forest. it's by far the best place we have been to: so accessible to Seattle and fairly wild/untouched. We bring our bikes with us and our children and their friends go riding every day. it's so much better than sitting in front of the TV or computer playing video games. We all enjoy riding cross country in a scenic area. We would love to see this area develop more and cater to families and individuals on bikes. It's hard to find another place close to seattle that offers bike riding for long stretches in the forest in the shade. We would like to see better printed information about hikes and rides available in the area and we are willing to donate money to see this are develop with bikers in mind. We hope that motorized vehicles will be kept away from this area. There are plenty of places that they can go but bikers are limited in their recreational use. We love staying at the campgrounds and look forward to our weekends at Teanaway forest. please let us know if you need our help (financial or other) and we would love to participate in any discussions affecting this lovely area</p>
7/25/2014	<p>I would like to see more mountain bike specific trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. It is beneficial to have world class mountain biking in this area because this area has a much longer riding season than areas on the west side of the mountain. In about an hour a person can be riding beautiful dry trails in the early spring when the rest of western Washington is still under water. It is also an area where we could build many miles of cross country trails allowing users to link trails together to create shorter family friendly loops or long all-day epic rides. Having camping near by would just add to the value of these trails because it would allow for the possibility to have weekend camping and riding trips and make the trip over the mountains more worth while. I personally love to camp and ride my bike so I feel I would use these trails more often if I could stay overnight. I would still come for one day trips, but having the option to camp would be a lot better and allow me to come out and use the area more often.</p> <p>I am agreeable to sharing the trails with hikers and horseback riders if there was some way to make sure that the other users chip in to maintain the trails and facilities in the area. Mountain bikers believe in sustainable trails and volunteer countless hours to building and maintaining the trails that we like to ride. Horsemen are notorious for bringing their horses out and enjoying the trails that mountain bikers built and they don't lend a had when it comes to repairing the damage caused by their animals. They also leave "droppings" all over the trail for mountain bikers to deal with. I wouldn't mind sharing with horsemen and women, but it would also be nice to have some mountain bike specific trails. I do not want to share trails with motorized vehicles because they do the most damage to the trails. I like to hear the peace and quiet when I am in the forest and I feel that allowing motorized use would bring the sounds of the city into the forest and ruin the quiet tranquility of being in the forest.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to my opinion.</p>
7/25/2014	<p>I would like a shared use trail system within the Teanaway Community Forest, with signage added for motorcycle riders to be aware of places where hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers may be utilizing the trails.</p>

7/25/2014	Please ensure that any part of GMU 335 (Teaway) is not restricted from hunting as a result of this change. We frequently spend quite a bit of the summer hiking on the existing trail system within the Teaway, and would like to see these trails retained. Availability of camping to hunters should also be retained.
7/25/2014	Mountain bike use on public lands should be reduced or eliminated as they are categorically incompatible with natural resource preservation. It was a mistake to ever have permitted these mechanical vehicles on dirt roads, and their use should be limited there to and certainly not increased or enhanced toward bike-only, bike-priority or so called "flow" trails. They just do not belong in our regional, state and national parks.
7/25/2014	Yes I would like to see more trails in the Teaway. It is great hiking and horseback riding country.
7/25/2014	Please provide trails that are accessible for hikers and horses but no motorized vehicles.
7/25/2014	my family and I have been visiting the Teaway area for years. we have enjoyed all the outdoor activities available there from camping, hiking and motorcycle riding. we support the efforts of the ORV committee to keep this area open for all to enjoy.
7/25/2014	I am part of a hiking group with a median age of 75, and an age range of 64 to 85. All of us have been avid, strong hikers, but now we have slowed down and cut back. I would like trails to a destination--a lake, a view, etc.--of no more than 6 miles RT and no more than 800 ft. of elevation gain.
7/26/2014	Thanks for taking comments. Browsing comments so far it is clear that "all" user groups are very interested in access to this prime forest land. A complete ban on any one set of users seems to be inappropriate. A couple of examples where land is managed in a way to allow motorized use as well as multiple forms of non-motorized (hiking, Mtn Biking, Horse) are the Capitol Forest in Olympia, and the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. They have made attempts to provide trails that allow for different users to utilize different trails/roads, and have taken steps to reduce the impact of motorized use (e.g. requirement for 4-stroke equipment only) and closing certain trails during critical times of the year when damage could be the greatest. In addition, the forest managers have partnered with specific user groups with the result of the groups investing greatly in both areas to maintain and preserve the trails and repair any damage caused. I have only hiked in this region, but it is a beautiful area with great access from both sides of the Cascades. After studying the area further, a mountain bike trip there is in my near future! I encourage you to look at ways to maximize the allowance for all users, subject to appropriate limitations to preserve the beauty and the watershed.
7/26/2014	New hiking trails. The land is developed presently to satisfy needs of many with varied interests and the areas are sufficient and user friendly.. Thanks.
7/26/2014	As a home and land owner in the upper county I appreciate the recreational opportunities the Teaway Community Forest has to offer. Moreover, I understand the conflicting interest in determining future access to the forest. It would be my input to have limited motorized access (jeeps and snow machines) with plenty of access for non motorized vehicles (hiking, horses...).

7/26/2014	<p>There is room for everyone in the Teanaway, but please designate areas for motorized vehicles separate from hiking, bicycles and horse use. There have been near collisions with hikers and motorcyclists on narrow mixed-use trails.</p> <p>The Indian creek valley and the area accessed from the West Fork camp ground are great places for cross country ski and snow shoe trails. Would love to see those developed</p>
7/26/2014	<p>Please very much give strong consideration to mtn bike opportunities in the Teanaway. I have no problem with sharing mtn bike routes with hikers or ORV enthusiasts. Thank you.</p>
7/26/2014	<p>Mountain biking should be included in plans for the community forest. While mountain bike exclusive trails would be nice it is probably unrealistic to do so. Shared use trails need to be built in a fashion that trail bike and equestrian use do not negatively impact the trail for other users. This happens all too often on older, established trails elsewhere.</p>
7/26/2014	<p>If possible. I would like to see Mt. bike trails for all levels of riders. Long, scenic trails and shorter, family oriented trails. Lots of hikeing trail as well, and camp sites.</p>
7/26/2014	<p>Since retiring 3 years ago, I travel and look for places to ride my mountain bike. I am always looking for rides that provide access to our incredible back country.</p> <p>One of the areas that have limited riding opportunity is east of the Cascades. It would be great to have Teanaway forest access and to see it developed with multi-use trails as well as specific use trails.</p> <p>I pull my travel trailer with me and disperse camp where I need to but camping in a well designed campground would be great.</p>
7/26/2014	<p>The Teanaway provides access to some of the greatest hiking in WA state. But, competition with motor bikes on the trails is very unpleasant and this resource should isolate mechanical from human-powered activities.</p> <p>Also, this drainage provides fantastic habitat for a large variety of breeding birds. Maintaining such a diversity of habitat should be a priority for the Community Forest.</p> <p>Especially nice are the Teanaway and 29 Pines campgrounds. Although rustic, they offer opportunities for families not available in the commercial campgrounds with great forest and open spaces. Please keep our Community Forest the special place it is.</p>
7/27/2014	<p>I am writing in support of hiking trails in the Teanaway. I especially hope that there will be trails to viewspots and high-points with expansive views. I believe that hiker-only trails are most important, but that multi-use trails that include horses are positive. I do not favor shared mountain bike and hiker trails due to user conflicts and challenge of maintaining bike trails. I oppose motorized trails.</p>

7/27/2014	I have been riding mountain bikes in the Teanaway every year, for the last 10-15 years. We are excited for the opportunity for more singletrack trails, and possibly signage for those that are not familiar with the terrain. I do not think motorized vehicles have a place in this gorgeous valley. There are a few we always see poaching the area, in spite of the "no motorized vehicle" signs, which have been slowly disappearing, by the way. The trails will get trashed if more motorized users roost out the soft, sandy trails. Please consider keeping it NON-MOTORIZED.
7/28/2014	I would really love to have more trails in the Teanaway area.
7/28/2014	Camping & bikes are a natural together. Campsites adjacent to the rivers is perfect. Locate the campsites away from easy vehicle style camping. Better that gear be hiked or biked to camp. Pack up and move camp for multi day use. Motorized vehicles out of the question, Horses very limited, if at all. Shooting sports target practice prohibited.
7/28/2014	Would like to see trails designed for multi-use, esp multiple non-motorized use, as possible.
7/28/2014	I would like to see more bike friendly trails developed in this area. Both longer technical loop trails (8-20mi), and shorter family friendly routes. Sharing trails with non-motorized users generally works well, but would prefer to see horses on sections of trail with good visibility, or where speeds are low. Motorized trail use tends to be very damaging to the trails, and I am generally not in favor of motorized use. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Teanaway forest use plans.
7/28/2014	As population in the Puget Sound region continues to grow at a rapid rate, the opportunities for mountain recreation need also to expand, to keep the mountains a more solitary and quiet refuge. The Teanaway is an under-used area for outdoor recreation and it would be great to see it carefully developed for hiking.
7/28/2014	Land Managers of Teanaway Forest;  I have been mt. biking for much of the last 25 years (yes, since just after they started making bikes specifically for mt. biking). I enjoy long days riding with friends and getting to see tons of amazing views and riding diverse areas. Living in Leavenworth we have some good trails but are limited on the longer rides. My friends and I have started exploring the Teanaway and are having a blast. We have seen several hikers on the trails and its always a super positive interaction when we talk. It's great to see different folks with access to the trails, all able to do what they like doing to enjoy our hills and mountains. Living in Leavenworth we are also limited in shorter trails good for the kids. Being the father of 2 daughters I would love to see more trails that young ones can ride and enjoy. Thanks for the time you are putting into creating sustainable recreational opportunities for us! Your work and time is much appreciated!

7/28/2014	<p>Please allow expanded mountain bike and hiking access in the TCF. Also, please limit or exclude OHV use for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. OHV use is not compatible with the primary mission of the TCF project; too much erosion will be caused and this will have a detrimental effect on water quality.</li> <li>2. A place open to OHV changes the entire nature of the area...noise, riding around in campgrounds, etc. that reduce the quality of experience for other users.</li> <li>3. Contrary to public opinion trails heavily used by OHV's do not provide a quality experience for hikers or mountain bikers. The trails become heavily rutted and eroded, and become loose and dusty. This will quickly happen in the TCF during the hot summer season.</li> <li>4. Again, contrary to public opinion, OHV users have many miles of trails open to them in the Highway 90 corridor, Taneum, Table, upper Teanaway, Manastash, Naches, etc. There are a limited number of trails open to mountain bikes that are not open to OHV use in Kittitas County.</li> </ol> <p>Thanks</p>
7/28/2014	<p>I would like to express my support for an extensive trail network in the Teanaway Forest. A robust trail system is compatible with the mission of stream protection. In fact, an expansive well-marked trail network will keep users on trails and prevents trail cutting. A mixture of motorized and non-motorized trails seems the most appropriate system. I suggest using COTA in Central Oregon as a model. Thank you for your hard work on this committee.</p>
7/28/2014	<p>First off thanks to all those involved in creating a use plan for the area. My primary current use of the area is for mountain biking. In the past I have used it as an orienteer and motorcyclist. I would like to see many trails for all uses. If the trails are built correctly the damage from horses, bikes and Motos can be minimized. Primary access to the area is via the campground on the Teanaway river. With secondary being over the ridge from Roslyn. More trail, less roads please.</p>
7/28/2014	<p>The Teanaway is one of my favorite places in the state, with Esmeralda Basin a favorite mtn bike ride. I would love to have more reason to enjoy this area, which I also visit for camping and hiking. More camping options would be wonderful, so a whole weekend of riding would be complete. I have always had good experiences sharing trails with ORV riders and horseback riders.</p>
7/28/2014	<p>Teanaway Community Forest seems to be located in the perfect spot to create so much potential outdoor recreational opportunities in Cle Elm area. Being at the foothills means for mountain bikers like myself relatively early season access to dry trails before high country trails in the adjacent national forest opens. In the middle of the summer, it gets pretty hot and dry, but easy access to river and creeks make it a great jump off spot for backcountry access, particularly if someone is looking for camping spot that can accommodate kids who are not yet ready for backcountry activities. I think the State agencies have once in the lifetime opportunity with this land.</p>

7/29/2014	Please consider expanded mountain bike opportunities in that area. Mtb'ing is a means of low impact transportation to scenic areas for some of us who have physical limitations walking long distances. Many knee, leg, or hip impairments are not as much of a problem on a bike.
7/29/2014	<p>Please just be fare to the user groups. I love to trail run and mountain bike so quality human powered trails is what I would like to see the most that fits with the environment issues and ecosystem of this specific landscape. I would also like to see the camping improved in this area that is geared for tents and small RV's. Try to put non human powered use in it's own area and away from steep trails and water.</p> <p>Having easier trails closer in and harder trails further out will allow people to do as much as they would like with out getting in over there heads to quick.</p> <p>Also some mountain bike skills trails of different skill levels would be nice to make a bigger draw to this area and would help bring out a younger demographic to the woods which is always a good thing. So figuring out how to get more kids and young adults to the amazing landscape should be high on the list of things to accomplish in this plan.</p>
7/29/2014	I strongly support a multi use recreational trail network in the TCF. The area is large and can accommodate many miles of trails and types of users. The highest priority should be trails open to user groups underserved by nearly by public lands (offroad motorcycles and bicycles). Opportunities for these two user groups are much more limited then hiking, for instance, thus should be prioritized. The TCF should be managed in an inclusive manner, similar to Capitol Forest, where users predominantly share trails rather than have segregated, user specific trails. An emphasis should be made on creating a stacked loop trail system, allowing for epic, all day, rides, whether by bicycle or motorcycle. It would also be very nice if the new trend of machine built, 'flow' trails was not continued in this area (ie, don't let Evergreen build). Instead, natural terrain and more primitive trails should be utilized.
7/29/2014	More hiking trails!!
7/29/2014	I enjoy hiking and overnight backpacking. I don't mind sharing trails work cyclists, but greatly dislike sharing talks work motorized vehicles and horses.
7/30/2014	The Teanaway country is some of my favorite hiking in the state. I've done most of the trails, on both sides of the ridge. Would love to see more trails, in the moderate range, exploring more of this beautiful country. So thrilled that it is now conserved for the future.
7/30/2014	There are remarkably few places in the Teanaway that are off limits to motorized vehicles (dirt bikes, ATV's, snowmobiles). The one and only skier only trail was closed all winter due to logging! The Teanaway desperately needs some hiker only/skier-snowshoe only trails.
7/31/2014	The Teanaway area is a great hiking area and I would be supportive of any actions taken to preserve hiking in that area.
7/31/2014	Hello, I am a middlle aged professional who enjoys off road motorcycle riding. I am curteous, reponsible and safe. I sure hope that the Teannaway Community Forest will be open to ALL recreationalists, including those who enjoy offroad motoring.

7/31/2014	As a long time user of the Teanaway area, I have hiked the established trails and enjoy the lack of crowds. Motorized/bikers add noise, scare wildlife-one thing I love about the area, and cause erosion of fragile terrain. I would prefer limiting trail usage to hikers, climbers, backpackers. I am hoping that the Teanaway River will continue to return to a fishable river and that organized campsites can be maintained for most of the overnight guests. Backpacking should be carefully regulated. Grazing of cattle should be limited. And wolf recovery/management should be encouraged. Wildlife viewing is one of the areas greatest assets.
8/1/2014	I would like to see the trails located in the Teanaway system opened up for motorcycle use again. I grew up in Roslyn and I would like my girls to be able to enjoy the same system I rode as a kid. I would be willing and able to maintain such trails. Thanks you
8/1/2014	The most important thing is to have as many trails as possible open to motorized use.
8/1/2014	My wife and I are older hikers. We enjoy hikes that have a destination such as a meadow view, vista or lake view. 5 or 6 miles RT is about it for us. Elevation gains less than 2000' are within our ability. We also enjoy hikes that follow streams and pass by water falls. We think hiking trails should be separate from motorized trails. Mt. bikes are OK if the hiking trail isn't too heavily used and bikers are courteous. Horses are another matter
8/2/2014	Please develop more single track motorcycle trails in the area. The trails need to be connected so they create loops.
8/2/2014	Why not emulate the Methow community trail system, designating trails for hiking and biking in spring summer fall and for cross country skiing in winter? This would attract more people to the area.
8/3/2014	I would love to see more expansion of the hiking trail system in the Teanaway valley. We use the current trails a lot and love the scenery and accessibility.
8/4/2014	My family and I would greatly appreciate if you would keep in mind the vested interest in continued allowance of ORV use (offroad motorcycle) in the forest, and be sure to include the Teanaway area. This type of access has continually proven to be a good investment.
8/5/2014	I am an avid hiker and appreciate places where I can enjoy peace and quiet and no fumes from ORVs. Please keep this new area as a continued no ORV place
8/5/2014	I would like to see a variety of trails in the Teanaway Community Forest. I prefer to have foot traffic (human and hoof) separate from bikes, motorized or not. Wheels tend to travel faster and louder, disturbing the peaceful atmosphere and often safety of foot traffic. Both the rambunctious rider and the avid hiker enjoy the forest, but in different ways. I like the peaceful sounds of nature, glimpses of wildlife and capturing the experiences and views with a camera as I hike. A bench or vault toilet along the path is always nice, and designated overnight areas with animal-resistant food storage boxes would be camper-friendly. I really enjoy chipped wood covered trails, as it keeps the vegetation off the path, provides nice traction in wet conditions, a soft buffer to the feet and a quiet hike. Meandering along rivers and waterfalls are among my favorite hikes. There are plenty of climbs and hikes for seasoned and well-conditioned hikers, so I hope this area will include family friendly trails. I have not hiked in this area, but look forward to doing so, especially with grandkids.

8/5/2014	I am a hiker and backcountry skier. As a hiker, I like trails that pass mountain lakes and enjoy scrambling to the tops of peaks. I hadn't realized how accessible the Teanaway area is to Everett. I have used trails near Ingalls, N Fork Teanaway River, and Beverly Creek. I want to explore more areas year round. As a backcountry skier, I like areas not tracked out by snowmobiles. My experience has been that motorized and non-motorized users do not mix well. The noise makes me tense and destroys the enjoyment. I must look out for them, because they never look out for or anticipate other users on foot. I don't mind horseback riders, although there tends to be manure to avoid and more insects. I have mountain biked, but I find that mountain bikes severely tear up the trail with ruts and erosion. I realize everyone wants their own type of recreation, but I've concluded a given area needs to be dedicated to mainly one use.
8/6/2014	The Teanaway is an amazing area. I'm an avid hiker, backpacker, climber, and mountain biker. There is no shortage of options for the first three activities east of the Cascade crest, but for mountain biking I would really love to see more options. Long single-track rides that are available when much of the west side is still too wet would be greatly appreciated by the Washington mountain bike community. Ideally I would love to see trails of a range of difficulties, mostly closed to motorized use. I've done a lot of mountain biking on trails open to motorbikes, including around Hood River, Oregon where the climate is similar to the Teanaway. My experience is that motorized use tends to dramatically degrade the quality of the trail for mountain biking, as the essentially unlimited acceleration of motorbikes can dig up the trail and leave large loose rocks in the rounded bottom.