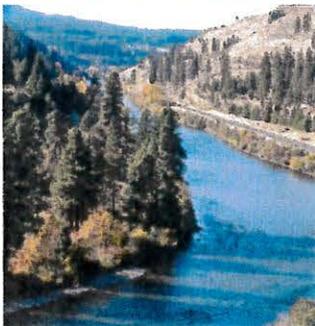


Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Selection Process

Beginning in January of 2014, the Washington State Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) will begin the process of creating the Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee that will advise the state on the writing of the management plan for the Teanaway Community Forest.



The Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee will be jointly administered by DNR and WDFW. The agencies expect to work with a consultant to facilitate this process.

Application Process

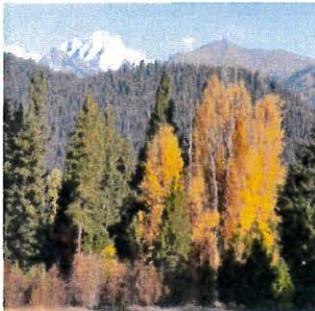
DNR and WDFW will begin accepting applications to serve on the Advisory Committee in January of 2014. These will be solicited through press releases, e-mails to the newsletter list, and through a series of public meetings where staff will explain the process, at locations such as the Teanaway Grange.



The application will be a basic one-page (back and front) document, asking pertinent questions such as the applicant's areas of interest, organization affiliation, special expertise, connections to the Teanaway, and why they want to participate. Decisions on membership will be made jointly by DNR and WDFW leadership.

Advisory Committee

The committee will include approximately 15 members that will draft recommendations as the two agencies develop the Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan. The Advisory Committee will also work with the state agencies to develop issue-specific subcommittees with members appointed in the spring of 2014.



Please note that a position on the Advisory Committee is not necessary to participate in the management plan. There will be many opportunities for public involvement including serving on a subcommittee.

Sub-Committees

The Advisory Committee will have sub-committees, focused on specific issue areas and expected to meet monthly.

The agencies will announce the Advisory Committee members in March and sub-committee will be created soon thereafter. The management plan will be completed by June 2015.



The Vision

- Protect and enhance the water supply and protect the watershed.
- Maintain working lands for forestry and domestic livestock grazing while protecting key watershed functions and aquatic habitat.
- Maintain and, where possible, expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection for activities such as, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, camping, birding and snowmobiling.
- Conserve and restore vital habitat for fish (including steelhead, spring Chinook, and bull trout) and wildlife (including deer, elk, large predators, and spotted owls).
- Support a strong community partnership in which the Yakama Nation, residents, business owners, local governments, conservation groups, and others would provide advice about ongoing land management.

The Yakima Policy “Water, Jobs, and Fish” Bill (2SSB 5367)

Establish the Teanaway community forest advisory committee that includes representatives from: Ecology, the local community, Yakama nation, land conservation organizations, Kittitas county commission, and local agricultural interests. By June 30, 2015 DNR must complete the management plan with a public process that involves interested stakeholders, particularly residents from Kittitas County, Friends of the Teanaway, Back Country Horsemen, off-road vehicle and snowmobile users, a representative from Kittitas Field and Stream, hikers and wildlife watchers, and ranchers who graze cattle.

Community Forest Trusts (Chapter 79.155 RCW)

Post-acquisition Management Plan

The department must establish a local advisory committee in cooperation with any interested and affected local government.

The department must use the local advisory committee as a source of advice and comment on a post-acquisition management plan. Comments and advice should, at a minimum, include plans for how the department will maintain the land's working status and economic viability objectives through revenue-generating activities that are sufficient to generate ongoing revenue at a level that reimburses administrative costs, while satisfying, or contributing to, identified community conservation and recreation objectives.

If, after a good faith effort by all parties, the department and the local advisory committee fail to reach a consensus on a conceptual post-acquisition management plan for the Teanaway, the department may either adopt a management plan informed by the community or recommend to the board that the parcel be divested through the existing authority of the department and the board. If the parcel is divested, then, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, proceeds must return to the park land trust revolving fund created in RCW [43.30.385](#).