

Teanaway Community Forest

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Community forest background



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Legislative direction

In approving the Teanaway purchase, lawmakers directed DNR and WDFW to:

- Protect and enhance the **water supply** and protect the **watershed**
- Maintain **working lands** for forestry and livestock grazing while protecting watershed functions and habitat
- Provide **recreational opportunities** consistent with watershed protection
- Conserve and restore **habitat** for fish and wildlife
- Support a strong **community partnership** in ongoing land management



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Yakima River Basin



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Teanaway Advisory Committee



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Management plan

Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan



Management plan

- Addresses each of the Legislature's goals for the Community Forest
- In addition, addresses law enforcement and road management strategies
- Calls for additional recreational planning
- Final plan will be published later this month



Management plan

Highlights

Water supply and watershed protection

- Conserve and restore the watershed, minimize runoff, minimize road and trail impacts

Forestry and grazing

- Maintain working lands
- Manage the forest to improve wildlife habitat and provide economic benefit
- Manage grazing to protect streams, riparian areas and meadows

Recreation

- Develop a plan that provides recreational access and protects the environment
- Evaluate the viability of motorcycle use



Management plan

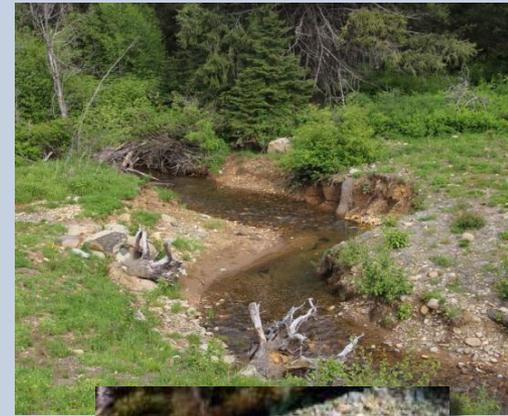
Highlights

Fish and wildlife habitat

- Restore upland habitat and protect sensitive areas for wildlife
- Restore degraded stream habitat to:
- Benefit fish
- Retime flows (reduce peak, increase late)

Community partnerships

- Manage the forest with strong local involvement and support
- Establish new relationships and volunteer opportunities
- Ensure strong enforcement and education



Teanaway Community Forest improvements, 2014-2015



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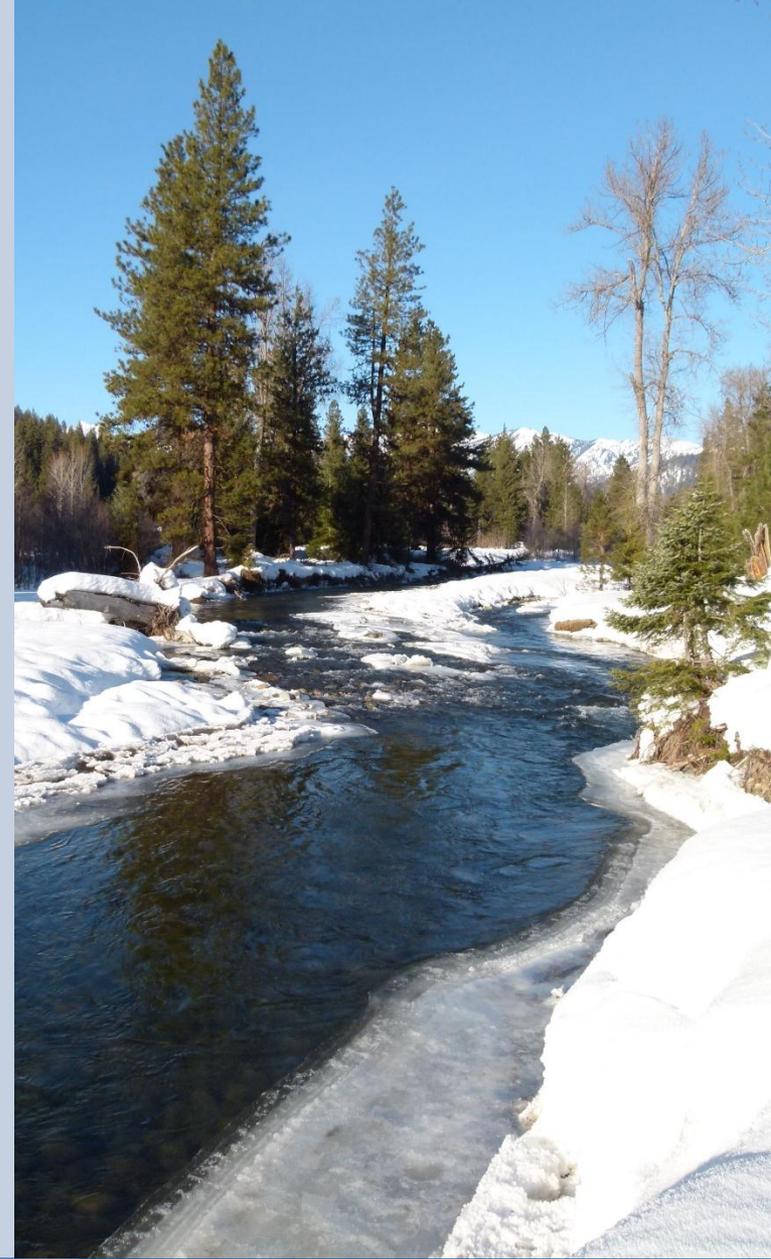


Implementation: State operating budget

DNR and WDFW are requesting \$1.9 million in 2015-17 to:

- Improve fish and wildlife habitat
- Work on roads and campgrounds
- Complete a recreation plan
- Provide law enforcement presence

The Legislature has not completed negotiations on the operating budget



Implementation: State capital budget

DNR and WDFW are requesting \$1.3 million in 2015-17 to:

- Thin forests and reduce wildfire risk, \$350,000
- Improve recreation/campgrounds, \$180,000
- Remove fish passage barriers and improve roads, \$600,000

Also, the agencies are requesting \$18.8 million to bring inholdings into the community forest

The Legislature has not completed negotiations on the capital budget



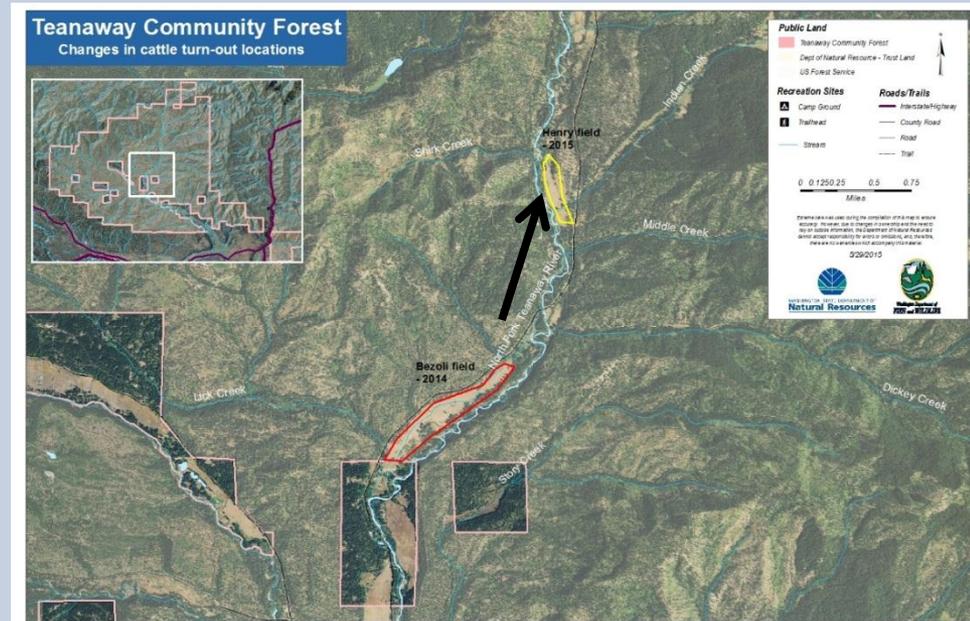
Next steps

- Select members Advisory Committee. (June 10)
- New committee 1st meeting 23 July



Next steps

- Determine baseline
 - Stream conditions – temperature, flow
 - Roads / Stream interactions and LiDAR
- Manage grazing activities



Next steps

- Begin recreation planning (finish Dec. 2016)
- Conduct environmental review on Indian Creek restoration project



Indian creek



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