HEALTHY WATERSHEDS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE WATER FOR FISH, FAMILIES, AND FARMS

Phase 2
Watershed Lands Plan

• Building on successes in first phase and adaptive to make biggest contribution to YBIP
• Identifying and engaging new partnerships, knowledge, and tools
SUBCOMMITTEE MISSION

• Implement Targeted Watershed Protections and Enhancements
• Liaise with aligned entities
• Advise on land-related issues in YBIP
SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Mike Livingston (Jeff Tayer alt), WDFW
- Larry Leach, WDNR
- Wendy McDermott, American Rivers
- Michael Callahan (Rachael Stenda hl alt), Ecology
- Cory Wright (Arden Thomas alt.), Kittitas County
- Joel Freudenthal, Yakima County
- Janine Empel (Jeanne Demorest alt.), Reclamation
- John Marvin, Yakama Nation
- Darcy Batura, The Nature Conservancy
- Joe Rausch (Kathryn Furr alt.), USFS
- Urban Eberhart, Kittitas Reclamation District
- Peter Dykstra, Chair
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Land Acquisitions:**

- Secured 55k acres of forestland (met target in 2015)
  - Participated in development of TCF Management Plan and Recreation Plan
- Worked to secure funding for ongoing maintenance and stewardship (more to do here)
- Secured 7,375 acres of shrub-steppe (50% of target to date)
PHASE 2 - TAILORING OUR APPROACH

- Actions to protect, maintain and restore healthy watershed lands
- Expand and deepen partnerships to leverage efforts
- Reinforce/enhance land contribution to YBIP goals
PHASE 2 – WHAT AND HOW

Apply new knowledge to refine the Watershed Lands Conservation Plan

Focus areas:

• Advance Target Land Acquisitions from Willing Sellers
• Promote Strategic Designations Efforts
• Support Forest Health and Management Activities
ACQUISITIONS ELEMENT

- Carries forward forestland acquisition targets from Phase 1
- All parcels currently owned by Central Cascades Forests LLC.
- Supporting LWCF request for Taneum watershed parcels
**DESIGNATIONS ELEMENT**

- Introduces Cooperative Management Designations approach
- Brings forward Wild and Scenic/Wilderness designation options from Phase 1
FOREST HEALTH & MANAGEMENT ELEMENT

- Aimed at improving snowpack retention, reducing fire risk, improving forest healthy resiliency, and creating economic value
- Enhance synergies with Tapash Collaborative, Western Watershed Enhancement Partnership, Checkerboard Partnership, and other efforts in the Basin
NEXT STEPS

• Dialogue about long-term ownership of additional land acquisitions

• Focus on Cle Elum Watershed Cooperative Management Designation

• Collaborate with partners on acquisitions and forest health elements to determine next steps