

# Teanaway Community Forest area may get a little bigger

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OLYMPIA – If the state Board of Natural Resources has its way, the 50,000-acre Teanaway Community Forest will enlarge by 5,160 acres – but it's only going to happen with a green light from Olympia.

Tuesday, Nov. 4, as part of a biennial ritual, the Board asked legislators to consider the proposal, which includes another 2,550 acres to be divided between the Morning Star Natural Resources Conservation Area east of Seattle

& Washington State Parks.

The Conservation Area would get state-owned trust forest and Parks would get the Lake Spokane Campground.

Said Commissioner of Public Lands **Peter Goldmark**, "The trust land transfer program helps counties and other public agencies secure treasured land for parks, recreation or wildlife habitat that they may not have been able to afford otherwise, while helping to build more public schools in Washington state."

The largest transfer pro-

posed in the package would add 5,160 acres in Kittitas County to the recently created Teanaway Community Forest, managed by the Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

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**Rick Roeder**, one of DNR's mentors of the Teanaway Community Forest Citizens Advisory Committee, explains how the 5,160-acre addition to the Community Forest works.

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