

May 13, 2015

Join us June 3 & 4

Time to lend Teanaway Campground a helping hand

Join a Teanaway Campground Work Party 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 3-4 to help cleanup and build and install picnic tables and fire rings. Dress for working outdoors and bring water, lunch, gloves, boots, and a shovel (plus a hardhat, if you own one). Volunteer hours are eligible for contributing towards a free Discover Pass. RSVP to Stephanie Margheim at 509-925-0984 or stephanie.margheim@dnr.wa.gov.

Outreach takes center stage

Public meeting and SEPA process generate nearly 700 public comments

The public took the opportunity to share thoughts on a draft Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan during an April public open house and official public comment period. More than 690 comments were generated spanning more than 117 topics. The comments and agency responses are expected to be available online in mid-May. The feedback may generate changes to the plan, which will be presented to the Board of Natural Resources in consideration of adoption at their [June 2](#) meeting.

Next advisory committee meeting is May 14

The next Advisory Committee meeting is 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Cle Elum City Hall, 119 West First Street. Visit the [project webpage](#) for details. All advisory committee meetings are open to the public.



[Teanaway Community Forest Webpage](#)

[Factsheet: Teanaway Q & A](#)

[Recreation Guide](#)



On April 9, members of the public gathered with stakeholders and agency representatives to discuss elements in a proposed Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan.

Technology reveals hidden landscape

Aerial LiDAR surveys help map the Teanaway

Planes zigzagged over the Teanaway Community Forest in April with highly sophisticated instruments on board to see what lies beneath the mountain forests. Using technology called Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR), the aerial surveys collected detailed information about the condition of the forest and the contours beneath its landscape.

High-quality LiDAR images can provide information on the shape of the ground and the kind of

vegetation that covers it. DNR and WDFW staff will use data from the surveys to identify floodplains, steep slopes, and historic landslides, which can help indicate areas of concern. LiDAR imagery can also reveal stream channels and old road or railroad beds. Among other uses, the agencies could, for example, use this information to uncover where a road restricts a stream's natural movement, and then help determine alternate road routes.

LiDAR data can also reveal the kinds and height of existing tree canopies, which may help reveal priority areas for habitat preservation.

Agency staff are looking forward to using the data to help prioritize future efforts.

The Teanaway goes to Olympia

On April 22, the State House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources received their requested Teanaway Community Forest update. DNR staff, WDFW staff and advisory committee volunteers answered questions, detailed progress so far, and spoke about hopes for the future.



