

December 12, 2019

In Attendance

Advisory Committee

Ryan DeKnikker
Brian Straniti
Urban Eberhart
Andrea Imler
Martha Wyckoff

Kathy Young
Tip Hudson
Paul Schmitt
Jeri Downs
Michael Callahan

Andrew Cromarty
Dale Bambrick
Kitty Craig
Doug Schindler

Agency Staff

Meg Wallmow
Larry Leach
Travis Serdar

Stephanie Margheim
Ross Huffman
Mike Livingston

Kate McBurney
Jeff Burnham
William Meyer

Meeting Purpose: Grazing monitoring results, management updates (recreation & forestry), review community partnerships efforts, TCF forest inventory, and discuss recreation event permits.

Introductions, review of previous meeting notes & recognitions/acknowledgements

- Congrats Urban Eberhart on your award from Trout Unlimited!
- The woody debris project went very smoothly and the project was very well organized – thank you Ryan and Becca!
- Thanks to recently retired Tom Ring for his contributions to the TCF and welcome Ryan DeKnikker to fill his space.
- Kitty Craig, The Wilderness Society representative, will be leaving the committee due to other work commitments. Thank you Kitty for all of your contributions to the TCF!

Teaway Community Forest Management Updates

- Forestry/Roads: Lick Creek PCT coming soon. It will be from Lick Creek north along the west side of the North Fork Road.
- Recreation: Indian Camp Expansion update, Teaway Camp Reno update, potential RCTA grant for trails planning, snowmobile route update

Grazing Monitoring Results – Jeff Burnham

- Of the 13 monitoring sites, most met the benchmark in most categories this year. In general, conditions are improving at monitoring sites.
- New potential infrastructure (fencing), mostly in the area of the North Fork
- Agencies are working through issues such as fences ending at the ordinary high water line and cows going around the end of fences, cows on the wrong side of exclusion fencing, and fence construction problems.
- Potential volunteer opportunities to help monitoring and possibly riparian planting.
- Committee members would like a written document to show legislature experiences, issues and trends; it's good for budget conversations and outreach material around grazing/monitoring on the community forest – including the plan for the future.

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TCF Remote-sensed forest inventory, growth over time and cover times – Kate McBurney, Forest Inventory Specialist, DNR

- Remote-sensed forest inventory system (RS-FRIS) gathers data on stands faster and cheaper than traditional inventory cruises and it is updated every two years. RS-FRIS uses traditional field data, Lidar and digital aerial photogrammetry and regression analysis.
- Growth modeling includes stand estimates, stand environment, plot estimates, and plot environment to best represent the stand.
- Inventory is now available for 98% of the DNR forested acreage in Eastern Washington.
- The model estimates stand heights, stand diameters and standing volume for 100 years with no disturbance or management activities.
- The modeling shows the Teaaway is a productive forest for Eastern Washington forests.
- Vegetation Ecotypes cover typing uses moisture gradients to determine likely species.
- Modeling shows the climate now and what it might look like in a future climate (2055).
- Foresters use this data to direct them where to look for future management activities.
- There may be an opportunity for a citizen science program to help gather data – stay tuned.

Public Comment: No public comment today

Recreation Event Permits

- Regarding recreation permits and commercial recreation, the recreation plan says:
 - Issue and manage rec permits in accordance with WAC 332-52-205
 - Prioritize public over commercial (no \$ vs. \$)
 - Prioritize nature-based and environmental education hosted by non-profits.
 - How can events/commercial recreation support forest management? Provide opportunities to generate income
 - Develop permit requirements in coordination with adjacent landowners
 - Collaborate with user groups to develop management system for group events
- It was decided that:
 - Establishing app deadlines and approval time
 - Proposed application deadlines: events April-October due December 31 of year prior, events November-March due July 31 with approval 6 weeks after deadline
 - Reducing frequency of events and establish blackout dates
 - every other weekend April-September
 - Ensuring fees cover expenses and/or produce revenue
 - Will revisit fees for non-profits by September 2020
 - For-profit events will be charged a fee
 - Events that do not charge any money may donate volunteer time or maintenance supplies, determined by DNR
 - Ensuring requirements reflect safety, sanitation, etc.

Community Partnerships – Goal 5 Updates

- Advisory Committee: Keep an eye out for a TCF apparel order form before the next meeting!

Next Meeting: Tentatively March 12, 2020 at the Swauk Teaaway Grange from 3:00pm-6:00pm

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