Kittitas County Community Development Services

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

7/21/2009

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Upper Teanaway subarea planning process.

BACKGROUND

The Upper Teanaway drainage basin has been identified in the County's Comprehensive Plan as a potential study area for a subarea plan. The plan would identify and protect important characteristics and future uses such as open space, natural landscapes, rural-based lifestyles, and wildlife habitats.

American Forest Land Company (AFLC), the major land holder in the Upper Teanaway area, has requested that Community Development Services (CDS) consider conducting this subarea planning process and has agreed to finance it. AFLC would pay for CDS to retain a contract planner and other necessary consultants to manage this process, and prepare and review related documents (e.g. public meeting information, proposed mapping, plan text, development regulations, SEPA EIS). The subarea planning process and the consultant services would be supervised by the Interim Director of CDS.

The Board is being asked to approve the resolution that authorizes the subarea planning process and direct CDS to draft a memorandum of understanding between AFLC and the Board outlining the scope of work and estimated costs for this subarea planning process.

INTERACTION:

Community Development Services, American Forest Land Company

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to approve, by Board signature, the attached resolution indicating the Upper Teanaway subarea planning process.

HANDLING:

Return one signed copy to Public Works

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