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**Headline: COUNTY SUSPENDS TEANAWAY SUB-AREA PLANNING EFFORT**

ELLENSBURG, Wash. — Kittitas County Board of Commissioners have directed Gordon-Derr, the County’s land use planning consultant, to temporarily suspend the Teanaway sub-area planning process in order for the Prosecutor’s Office and the Ellensburg Police Department to complete an investigation into two binders which were returned from American Forest Land Company. At this time, it is unclear what relevance the information contained in the binders may have to the ongoing planning process.

“We want any planning process to be open, transparent and fair and in order to ensure that has occurred, we want the documents in question to be available to our consultant and the public before the process continues,” said Commissioner Paul Jewell.

“While this sub-area has been identified on our long term work plan, it must occur in an open, complete and deliberate process with all available information,” said Commissioner Crankovich.

“We will reevaluate any sub-area planning effort once the investigation is completed,” Commissioner McClain added.

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