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Kittitas County Community Development Services
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In reference to the Project; West Fork Teanaway Trailhead:

I have a few questions.

For what purpose? Why? Why must the West Fork of the Teanaway be “developed”? I fail to understand the purpose of this proposal.

During the summer, when the West Fork receives to greatest number of visitors, there may be 10-12 cars or horse trailers at the end of the county road. There seems to be ample parking for visitors. From this location, hiking or horseback riding can occur.

The Teanaway has a great number of visitors already; one just has to go to the North Fork on the weekend during the summer to realize that. Is the Community Development Service attempting to encourage more visitors? The West Fork of the Teanaway is one area where one can go and not encounter large crowds of people attempting to enjoy the wilderness, let’s leave it alone.

The Teanaway is a gem, it’s a treasure. The best thing that ever happened to the Boise Cascade land is when the State of Washington assumed stewardship of it. I understand that the State of Washington wants to be a good caretaker of this important piece of land, but adding parking spaces and roads does not make better. The local population makes good use of this area, is this proposal just to attract more visitors from the West Side of the State of Washington?

I hope this letter of mine does not fall on deaf ears; please reconsider the necessity of changing a part of the Teanaway that should remain as it is today. Everything doesn’t need to be “Developed”.

Thank you for considering this letter,


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