



PF-23-00001 West Fork Teanaway Trailhead-Comment Response

Traffic & Public Use:

The design of this project aims to reduce congestion at the end of the West Fork (county) road rather than cause more. As things stand, the current parking situation is along the county road on the edge of the turnaround and down in the floodplain. This project proposal creates a parking area that is designed to get traffic and parked vehicles off the county road, away from the floodplain and into a loop that connects to the existing vault toilet and mitigate safety issues for motorists and recreationists.

This project will not encourage more traffic or users of the trails, rather it will meet the need of the existing and organically growing popularity of the Community Forest. Our goal is to get ahead of the issues of growth caused by the popularity of the surrounding forest and provide a safer and more sustainable parking area. From the proposed trailhead, trails will lead users directly from the parking area and off the roads. This project will greatly reduce traffic, confusion, and address safety concerns for this high-use area.

Enforcement:

While enforcement is not part of the scope of trailhead development, it is important to note that DNR recognizes the increased public use across the managed lands and is working to add an Education and Enforcement position to the Teanaway Community Forest to assist the DNR Law Enforcement Officer assigned to this area.

Cultural Resources:

DNR is committed to following the EO21-02 process as required. An initial survey of the project area was completed by a contractor in 2021 in addition to a desk review by an agency archaeologist. DNR will follow the EO21-02 process for this project.

Ryan Schreiner

Recreation Specialist - Teanaway

Southeast Region

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

C:(509) 607-0972

O:(509) 925-8510

Ryan.Schreiner@dnr.wa.gov

www.dnr.wa.gov