Flood event at junction of the three Teanaway Roads

**Teanaway Road Hydraulic Improvements**

**Location:**
This project is located north and east of the City of Cle Elum and west of US 97 in the Teanaway Valley. It extends from SR 970 to the intersection with West Fork Teanaway Road at milepost 7.29. The Teanaway Valley contains commercial hay fields, small farms, a small lumber mill and commercial livestock grazing areas. Additionally the valley is heavily used for multiple all season recreational pursuits. There is a fish hatchery near the end of the N.F. Teanaway Road, and a rustic pioneer summer camp for children at the end of the Forest Service Road up the N.F. Teanaway valley.

**Project Description:**
This project will improve drainage issues along Teanaway Road, reducing maintenance costs and improving fish habitat. Several water crossing structures on Teanaway Road are currently too small to adequately handle high water events and associated ice and debris. In addition, fish passage is obstructed by under-sized culverts at three locations. These culverts would be replaced by suitably sized bottomless arch culverts or small bridges, complete with bridge rails or guardrails. Replacement of under-sized culverts will reduce severe road damage due to erosion from high water events.

**Funding:**

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Federal Lands Access Program funds have been applied for, as Teanaway Road and its tributary roads (N.F. Teanaway and W.F. Teanaway) access Federal lands for recreational and commercial uses.

**Schedule:**
The project is presently in the design phase.

**Road History:**
Teanaway Road follows one of the early Native American trails, according to the earliest maps of the County. The name “Teanaway” comes from Sahaptin, possibly /tyawnawi-ins/, “drying place”.[3] The trail was called the Teanaway Trail. The Commissioners’ journals record an establishment date for the road of 8/5/1884. This was one of the early Farm-to-Market roads in Kittitas County, which were maintained to allow farmers to better transport their goods to the towns for market.

Undersize culvert in the Teanaway
Teanaway culvert filled with flood debris