

Date/Time: Friday, November 4, 2011, 3:00 PM

Location: Kittitas County Commissioners' Auditorium

Attendees: Kittitas County IWRMP Land Use and Economic Analysis Citizens Advisory Committee: *Anthony Aronica, David Gerth, Jim Halstrom, Anna Lael, Brian Lenz, Pamela McMullin-Messier, Jason Ridlon, Jan Sharar, Art Solbakken, David Whitwill, Cynthia Wilkerson*
Kittitas County: *Paul Jewell*
URS: *John Knutson, Will Guyton*
PRR: *Amy Danberg*

Subject: **IWRMP Ecosystem and Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Land Use and Economic Analysis Project—Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting No. 2**

Meeting Purpose: Review TWPEC Proposal and Identify Land Use and Economic Concerns and Benefits

Welcome & Introductions

- Will Guyton welcomed the committee members and the committee members provided a roundtable self-introduction.

Meeting Purpose and Agenda

- Will Guyton reviewed the meeting agenda with the CAC Members.
- John Knutson stressed that the purpose of the meeting was for the Committee to articulate their thoughts regarding economic and land use benefits and concerns associated with the land actions contained in the TWPEC proposal, with an understanding that the Committee is still working with very limited information. These benefits and concerns would then be fed into the Land Use and Economic Analyses for further consideration by the Committee.

Overview of TWPEC Proposal

- John gave an overview of the TWPEC Proposal. In sum, the TWPEC Proposal identifies land conservation actions (land acquisitions and designations), principles to guide the land conservation actions, and recommendations for ownership and management of the lands.
- Paul Jewel provided some background and described the specific land conservation actions and the recommended ownerships contained within the TWPEC Proposal:
 - Land Acquisitions (Teaway basin, Little Naches headwaters and Manastash and Taneum basins)
 - Public Land Designations (existing USFS land in the Teaway basin and in Manastash-Taneum watershed)
 - Wild and Scenic River Designations (upper Cle Elum, Waptus, and Cooper Rivers and North, Middle, and West Forks of the Teaway River)
 - Shrub Steppe Protection (Eaton Ranch property acquisition, as long as the proposed Wymer Reservoir project continues to be viable)

- Paul stressed that the re-designation of the targeted public lands will not apply to the targeted lands for acquisition in the Teanaway. Those lands are recommended to be managed separately and differently.
- Paul reiterated that none of the actions within the TWPEC component are mitigation actions for the other elements within the IWRMP. However, the Eaton Ranch acquisition is tied to the proposed Wymer Reservoir. If the Reservoir does not move forward, a different shrub steppe property will be targeted for acquisition to replace Eaton Ranch, which could be outside of Kittitas County.

Identify and Discuss Potential Land Use and Economic Considerations

- Amy Danberg led a roundtable discussion to gather the Committee's thoughts and concerns regarding land use changes and economic benefits and potential impacts of the TWPEC proposal (see Table 1). The discussion went through the four specific land conservation actions utilizing the guidance principles in the TWPEC Proposal.

Next Meeting Dates & Topics

- John presented the current outline for upcoming CAC meetings. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2011 at the Swauk Teanaway Grange in Cle Elum. At this meeting, the Committee will continue articulating economic and land use benefits and concerns, and then refine them into key issues that will be analyzed during the Land Use and Economic Analyses by the consultants.

Action Items

- URS will compile the CAC's thoughts and concerns regarding land use changes and economic benefits and potential impacts of the TWPEC proposal and send the information by early next week.
- The consultants will notify the CAC about what example information is being used when analyzing recreational impacts and benefits.
- The consultant will provide example information of other Wild and Scenic River designations.

Table I
Potential Land Use and Economic Considerations of the TWPEC Proposal on Kittitas County

Land Acquisitions (Teanaway basin, Little Naches headwaters and Manastash and Taneum basins)	
Land Use Considerations	Economic Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private vs. public access (improved or decreased) • Private vs. Public land ownership benefits and impacts • Benefit of the consolidation of ownership in checkerboard area for forest management • Management of land • Concern over USFS management of lands (beneficial?) • Loss of valuable, developable land • Diseased land • Access to existing utilities • Camping in the Teanaway area (eliminated, improved) • Grazing (access, fencing, road safety) • Effects to timber • Mineral resources • Protection in perpetuity of Kittitas landscape • Impacts to water quality/quantity • Salmon recovery benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private vs. public access (improved or decreased) • Funding for restoration activities and management. • Forest management (fire, disease) – potential impact (new costs) and benefit (contiguous land vs. checkerboard pattern) • Loss of potential developmental opportunities • Potential property tax loss and redistribution of taxes • Impacts to residential and land values • Road maintenance (management, upkeep) • Existing utility maintenance • Increase in revenue from recreational area growth considering the current amount of existing area available for recreation • Camping in the Teanaway area (fees, management, funding) • Grazing • Emergency services • Available water rights, impacts, and availability • Attraction to businesses (quality of life) • Effects on logging revenues, jobs, taxes, etc. • Newly available timber for harvesting • Impact of biomass fuel • Mineral resources • Air quality benefits • Benefits of restoration activities to the economy • Salmon recovery

Shrub Steppe Protection (Eaton Ranch property acquisition)	
Land Use Considerations	Economic Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access • Private vs. Public land ownership benefits and impacts • Management of land (benefit) • Loss of valuable, developable land • Access to existing utilities • Camping/tourism • Hunting • Wind resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private vs. public access (improved or decreased) • Funding for restoration activities and management. • Loss of potential developmental opportunities • Potential property tax loss and redistribution of taxes • Impacts to residential and land values • Increased access • Impacts to PSE service (utility relocation and maintenance) • Tourism (impacts to scenic byway designation) • Limitations of reservoir use for recreation • Hunting/boating/fishing/hiking • New campgrounds • Available water rights, impacts, and availability • Wind resources • Benefits of restoration activities to the economy

Public Land Designations (existing USFS land in the Teanaway basin and in Manastash-Taneum watershed)	
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Wild and Scenic River Designations (upper Cle Elum, Wapatus, and Cooper Rivers and North, Middle, and West Forks of the Teanaway River)	
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Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: Monday, November 14, 2011, 3:00 PM

Location: Swauk Teanaway Grange

Attendees: Kittitas County IWRMP Land Use and Economic Analysis Citizens Advisory Committee:
Jill Arango, Tony Aronica, Bill Boyum, Ron Dalle, David Gerth, Jim Halstrom, Anna Lael, Brian Lenz, Richard Low, Pamela McMullin-Messier, Jason Ridlon, Tracy Rooney, Jan Sharar, Art Solbakken, David Whitwill, Cynthia Wilkerson

Kittitas County: *Paul Jewell, Kirk Holmes*

URS: *John Knutson, Will Guyton, Julie Blakeslee*

PRR: *Amy Danberg*

Cascade Economics: *Mike Taylor*

Subject: **IWRMP Ecosystem and Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Land Use and Economic Analysis Project—Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting No. 3**

Meeting Purpose: Review and Identify Additional Land Use and Economic Concerns and Benefits

Agenda Item

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| 3:00 – 3:05 | Welcome & Introductions |
| 3:05 – 3:15 | Meeting Purpose & Agenda |
| 3:15 – 3:45 | Discuss Land Use and Economic Analyses Example Approaches |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Wild and Scenic River Designation Discussion |
| 4:00 – 4:15 | Recreational Benefits and Impacts Discussion |
| 4:15 – 4:55 | Review, Revise, and Append Potential Land Use and Economic Considerations Table |
| 4:55 – 5:00 | Next Meeting Dates & Topics |
| 5:00 | Adjourn |

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Land Use Analysis Approach

<i>Heading:</i>	Current Land Use/Zoning	Post IWRMP Land Use/Zoning	Estimated Acreage	Potential Use Considerations	Anticipated Change to Use Considerations
<i>Description:</i>	<i>(the existing zoning designation for the property to be purchased or protected)</i>	<i>(what the property is proposed to be designated after implementation of the Plan)</i>	<i>(how many acres proposed to be changed from one designation to another. Tool to be used: GIS)</i>	<i>(a list provided by the CAC of use considerations or concerns)</i>	<i>(a qualitative analysis of how potential uses may change)</i>
<i>Example (Teaway):</i>	Residential	Conservation	X.X acres converted	Public access (overall) Recreation access Environmental protection Wind energy production Utility access Grazing opportunities	↓ ↑ ↑ – or ↓ – ↑

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Qualitative analysis (generally as allowed in new “zone” or by agency management rules)

Quantitative analysis

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Economic Analysis Approach – Example

<i>Heading:</i>	Current Use	Post IWRMP Use/Zoning	Affected Entities	Units of Measure for Impact	Anticipated Change to Use Considerations
<i>Description:</i>	<i>(the existing use for the property to be purchased or protected)</i>	<i>(what the proposed use for designated property after implementation of the Plan)</i>	<i>(Socioeconomic group(s) that would experience an impact)</i>	<i>(the manner in which impacts to affected entity can be measured)</i>	<i>(a qualitative analysis of how potential uses may change)</i>
<i>Example (Teaway):</i>	Timber production Mining Fishing access Hunting access	Conservation	Landowners Landowners and miners Fishers Hunters	Timber revenues, \$/ year Mining activity or \$/year Accessibility or restriction Accessibility or restriction	↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↑ or –

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Economic Impacts by Category

AGRICULTURE

- Grazing Permits
- Grazing
- Available water rights, impacts, and availability
- Livestock Revenues
- Agricultural Service Businesses

COMMERCE (RECREATION & TOURISM)

- Attraction to businesses (quality of life)
- Tourism (impacts to scenic byway designation)
- Will NRA designation bring more tourism/recreation (snowmobile, boating, equestrian, fishing, biking, hunting, hiking, cross country, etc.)?
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- Recreational benefits and impacts
- Wind resources

FORESTRY & MINING

- Forest management (fire, disease) – potential impact (new costs) and benefit (contiguous land vs. checkerboard pattern)
- Newly available timber for harvesting
- Timber Revenues
- Impact of biomass fuel
- Mineral resources
- Support Businesses

LAND OWNERSHIP

- Property Values
- Development Regulations
- Impacts to residential and land values
- Loss of potential developmental opportunities
- Private vs. public access (improved or decreased)
- Regulatory schemes from designations

EMPLOYMENT & INCOME

- Employment Changes by Sector
- Wages and Salaries
- Cost of Living
- Effects on logging revenues, jobs, taxes, etc.

TAXES & COUNTY REVENUE

- Property Tax Rates
- Sales Tax
- PILT Program
- County Revenues
- Grants & Loans
- Cost of Government Operation
- Potential property tax loss and redistribution of taxes

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Road maintenance (management, upkeep)
- Existing utility maintenance
- Emergency services
- Impacts to PSE service (utility relocation and maintenance)
- Road development/maintenance restrictions

PUBLIC BENEFITS

- Public Spaces and Visitor Recruitment
- Funding for restoration activities and management.
- Increase in revenue from recreational area growth considering the current amount of existing area available for recreation
- Camping in the Teanaway area (fees, management, funding)
- Air quality benefits
- Benefits of restoration activities to the economy
- Salmon recovery
- Increased access
- Limitations of reservoir use for recreation
- Hunting/boating/fishing/hiking
- New campgrounds
- Fisheries Enhancement
- Habitat Improvement

Wild and Scenic River designations:

Rivers are classified as wild, scenic, or recreational:

- Wild river areas — Those rivers or sections of rivers that are free of impoundments and generally inaccessible except by trail, with watersheds or shorelines essentially primitive and waters unpolluted. These represent vestiges of primitive America.
- Scenic river areas — Those rivers or sections of rivers that are free of impoundments, with shorelines or watersheds still largely primitive and shorelines largely undeveloped, but accessible in places by roads.
- Recreational river areas — Those rivers or sections of rivers that are readily accessible by road or railroad, that may have some development along their shorelines, and that may have undergone some impoundment or diversion in the past.

Designation neither prohibits development nor gives the federal government control over private property. Recreation, agricultural practices, residential development, and other uses may continue. Protection of the river is provided through voluntary stewardship by landowners and river users and through regulation and programs of federal, state, local, or tribal governments.

Three rivers in WA are currently designated:

- Klickitat River: recreation (10.8m total)
- Skagit River: scenic (100m) and recreation (58.5m)
- White Salmon River: wild (6.7m) and scenic (21m)

It appears that the river sections described in the meeting minutes (upper Cle Elum, Waptus, Cooper, and North/Middle/West Forks of the Teanaway River) could be designated as either scenic or recreational, depending on existing and proposed development along the rivers. The Wild and Scenic River website has lots of guidance documents about how to designate rivers, how to manage them, and how development in the surrounding area should be handled.

Recreational impacts and benefits

Examples on analyzing recreation:

- Measure changes in participation from the base condition (visitor hours, days, trips, etc.)
- Effect of the proposed alternative/project on both supply and demand (quantity and quality) of recreation.
- Estimate possible benefits from current non-users beginning to recreate in the region.
- Benefits from the restoration of natural river recreation.
- Determine or "measure" the value that people (residents and non-residents, and users and non-users) place on the existence of natural river conditions.
- availability of natural resources, focusing upon factors that invite outdoor recreational users.
- identify key stakeholders in the business of recreation and tourism, including values and positions each hold toward outdoor recreation and natural resources.
- Describe the interconnectedness between socio-economic and ecological aspects of recreation.
- Identify factors that attract recreation/tourism to an area, including proximity/access to travel, quality of destination site, amenities, suitability for intended purpose, and safety.
- Analyze values and attitudes toward tourism from the perspective of various stakeholders: local residents, local businesses, local and regional land managers, state agencies, federal agencies.