



BUILDING A FUTURE FOR WATER, WILDLIFE AND WORKING LANDS

YAKIMA RIVER BASIN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Teanaway Community Forest is Key to Yakima Basin Watershed Protection

Acres supports conservation, working lands and recreation

Water shortages in the Yakima River Basin are a chronic problem. Demand consistently outstrips the supply of water to irrigate crops, provide clean drinking water to a growing population, and to rebuild depleted fish stocks. That's why watershed protection through targeted land acquisition is a key element of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan.

The Integrated Plan, developed by a coalition of public and private organizations with strong local participation, protects more than 200,000 acres of the Yakima headwaters through a combination of conservation methods, including a land acquisition in the Teanaway River Valley near Cle Elum. The Integrated Plan is designed to safeguard the Yakima Basin water supply and associated habitat, and to support the economy by preserving working lands and enhancing recreation opportunities.



The Teanaway Community Forest

In 2013, the Washington Legislature appropriated funding to purchase 50,000 acres in the Teanaway Basin from American Forest Holdings LLC. The land will be jointly managed as the state's first community forest by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife with the participation of a local advisory group.

As a community forest, the Teanaway Land will be managed in a manner that reflects community values by:

- Protecting and enhancing the watershed, the source of the water we drink and apply to crops and the water fish need to thrive.
- Maintaining working lands for forestry and grazing while protecting key watershed functions and aquatic habitat.
- Maintaining and, where possible, expanding, recreational opportunities, consistent with watershed protection, for such activities as hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, camping, birding, and snowmobiling.
- Conserving vital habitat for fish (including steelhead, spring Chinook, and bull trout) and wildlife (including deer, elk and the large predators that depend on them).
- Strengthening habitat connectivity with other protected lands to enable wildlife to move through the Cascades and across the Interstate 90 corridor.
- Supporting a strong community partnership, in which residents, business owners, local governments, conservation groups and others provide ongoing advice about land management.



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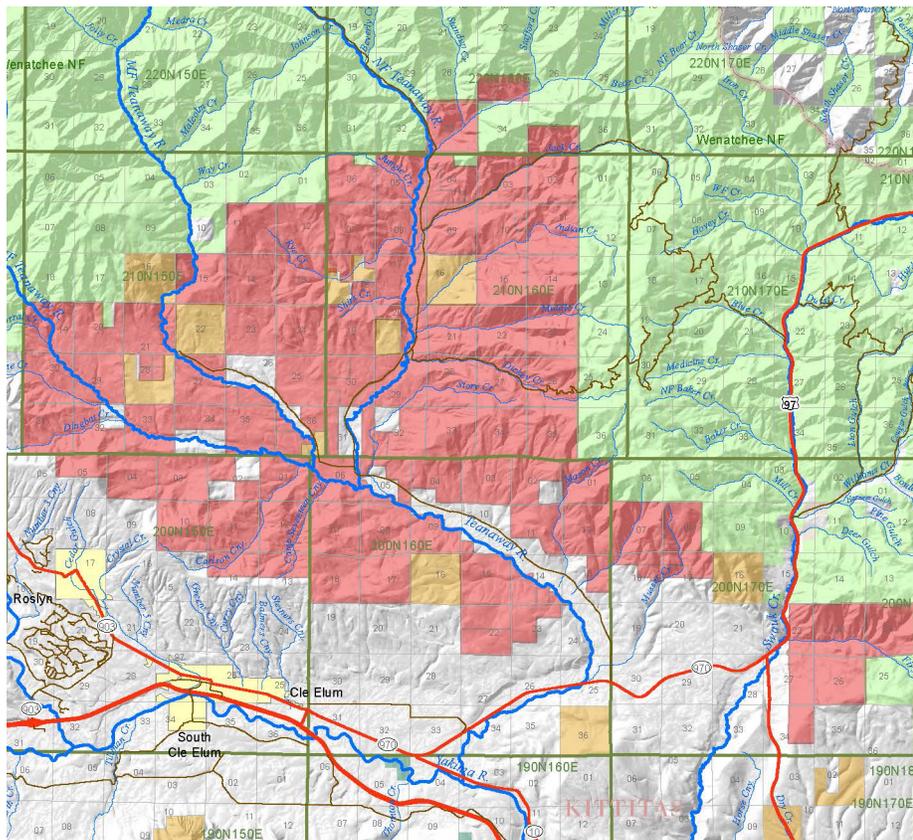


About The Integrated Plan

After decades of fighting resulting in inaction, water users throughout the region put aside their differences to craft a water plan that meets everyone's needs.

The Integrated Plan provides water for agriculture, fish, and communities by:

- Modifying water system operation and infrastructure.
- Building fish passage at six existing dams.
- Implementing enhanced water conservation projects for agriculture and communities.
- Creating additional groundwater and surface storage capacity.
- Enhancing and protecting habitat.
- Employing water marketing and banking.



AFH Parcels	Roads	Land Management	Other Federal Lands
Major Rivers	Primary Highway/All-Weather/Hard Surface	WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	National Park Service
Named Streams	Secondary Highway/All-Weather/Hard Surface	WA Dept. of Natural Resources	US Forest Service
PLS Townships	Light-Duty Road/All Weather/Improved	Tribal	USFS Wilderness Areas
PLS Sections			

Teanaway Community Forest Map



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