



*IWRMP TARGETED WATERSHED PROTECTIONS & ENHANCEMENT
LAND USE AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROJECT*

**KITTITAS COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 2**

Kittitas County Commissioners Auditorium
November 4, 2011

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- **Welcome & Thank you!**
- **Citizens Advisory Committee Members** *(Introductions)*
- **Kittitas County Participants**
 - Paul Jewell, County Commissioner, District #1
 - Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director *(Project Manager)*
- **Consultant Participants**
 - John Knutson, PE, URS Corporation *(Meeting Leader)*
 - Amy Danberg, PRR Inc. *(Meeting Facilitator)*
 - Will Guyton, URS Corporation



AGENDA

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
 - TWPEC Proposal Overview
 - Identify and Discuss Potential Land Use and Economic Concerns and Benefits
 - Next Meeting Dates & Topics



TWPEC PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

- **Developed by** *IWRMP Watershed Land Conservation Subcommittee*
- **Proposal Identifies:**
 - Land Conservation Actions (acquisitions and new designations)
 - Principles to guide Land Conservation Actions
 - Recommendations for ownership and management



TWPEC PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

Land Conservation Actions in Kittitas County:

- **Land Acquisitions**
 - 46,000 acres in Teanaway River basin
 - 10,000 acres at Little Naches River headwaters and Manastash and Taneum basins
- **Public Land Designations** (*National Recreation Area*)
 - 100,000 acres of USFS land in Teanaway area
 - 41,000 acres of USFS land in Manastash-Taneum watershed
- **River Corridor Designations** (*Wild and Scenic River Designations*)
 - Upper Cle Elum, Waptus, and Cooper Rivers
 - Teanaway River (North, Middle, and West Forks)
- **Shrub Steppe Protection**
 - 15,000 acres at Eaton Ranch



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Recommended Ownership for Land Acquisitions:

- **Teanaway Basin**
consortium/community ownership preferred or State ownership
- **Headwater of Taneum and Manastash Creek**
USFS ownership
- **Eaton Ranch**
State or Federal ownership

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND CONCERNS



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Principles for Forest Land Acquisitions:

- Maintain economic uses where lands have historically been used as working lands, where this is consistent with protection of key watershed functions and aquatic habitat. This will help to foster local community support and assist with ongoing funding for property management.
- Maintain and, where possible, improve access to lands and enhance opportunities for a variety of recreational uses, where this is consistent with protection of key watershed functions and aquatic habitat. This will help to foster local community support.
- Support of restoration and management activities, including long-term funding sources.



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Principles for Shrub-Steppe Land Acquisitions:

- Land acquisitions will help to offset impacts of inundating shrub-steppe habitat from lowland reservoir projects such as Wymer Reservoir, and will complement ongoing efforts to protect shrub-steppe lands in Central Washington
- Access and opportunities for recreation will be enhanced.
- A working lands outcome will be considered, where consistent with protection of habitat and sensitive wildlife species.



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Principles for New Designations on Existing Public Lands:


- New designations will enhance watershed and fish habitat protection and preserve or improve recreational opportunities.
- New designations will avoid negative effects on existing or reasonably foreseeable economic uses of the affected public lands that are consistent with protection of watershed functions and fish habitat.
- Public land designations will directly complement other actions in the Integrated Plan, including (but not limited to) fish passage and habitat restoration, land acquisitions, and public land designations.

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Principles for River Corridor Designations:

- New river corridor designations and associated management plans will be developed cooperatively with public and private landowners and the county having jurisdiction over local land use regulations.
- New river corridor designations will complement other actions in the Integrated Plan, particularly fish passage, habitat restoration, land acquisitions, and public land designations.

CAC MEETINGS

Meeting & Topic	Approximate Meeting Dates
 CAC Meeting 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the IWRMP Targeted Watershed Protections and Enhancements Component (TWPEC) Proposal• Identify potential direct and indirect benefits and concerns to Kittitas County land uses and economy from the TWPEC Proposal	<i>November 2, 2011</i> Ellensburg
CAC Meeting 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue identifying potential direct and indirect benefits and concerns to Kittitas County land uses and economy from the TWPEC Proposal• Identify key land use and economic issues for detailed analysis by Consultant	<i>November 14, 2011</i> Cle Elum

CAC MEETINGS

Meeting & Topic	Approximate Meeting Dates
<p>CAC Meeting 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review consultant team land use and economic impact analyses results Obtain CAC feedback Discuss possible economic compensation strategies 	<p>mid-December (Ellensburg)</p>
<p>CAC Meeting 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and evaluate an array of economic compensation alternatives Obtain CAC recommendations on the preferred compensation approaches (preferred alternative) 	<p>late January 2012 (Cle Elum)</p>

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<p>Public Open House Meetings (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present process and recommendations to public at an informational open house and allow for comments and questions Committee members on hand to field questions in an informal format 	<p>early February 2012 Ellensburg & Cle Elum</p>
<p>CAC Meeting 6 (if needed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust recommendations if any significant or trending comments are received from the public open house 	<p>Late February 2012 (Ellensburg)</p>

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