**Nason Ridge Advisory Committee Meeting**

**September 4th, 2019**

Participants: Patrick Haggerty (Cascadia CD), John Meriwether (resident), Mik McKee (WRC), Everett White (WRC), Rob Shurtleff (Lake Wenatchee Info), Rick Halstead (State Parks), Bob Jennings (resident), Deb Wadkins (LWFR), Curt Soper (CDLT), Erin McKay (CCNRD), Jennifer Hadersberger (CCNRD), Mike Kaputa (CCNRD)

Introductions and Updates:

* Legislative tour Sept. 23rd, Rep. Steele attending.
* NPS RTCA Planning Assistance grant award notifications in late September
* October 11th public meeting with Chelan County Commissioners to hear from the community about role of the County in managing Nason Ridge Community Forest
* Next Advisory Committee meeting on October 9th from 6-8pm

Meeting Topics

Aquatics Chapter:

Objectives from Advisory Committee were translated into management goals for plan (see powerpoint)

Existing Conditions

* BOR Reach Assessment covers lower 4 mile of Nason Creek
* Good existing habitat; main impacts are due to infrastructure (roads, highway, railroad, etc.)
* Nason Creek is one of the top 5 producers of spring Chinook (ESA listed species) in the Columbia Basin, 80% of the spring Chinook spawning in the Wenatchee basin occurs in Nason and Chiwawa Rivers
* High restoration priority because while the condition is generally good, some focused restoration could greatly improve productivity

Considerations for future management

* Low egg-fry survival rates in lower Nason, focus on improving this life-stage survival
* Roads impact hydrology and infiltration and increase sediment; focus on decreasing sedimentation, increasing floodplain connectivity, and improving riparian condition

Short-term management actions

* Kahler Reach- improve channel bed structure, floodplain connectivity, and riparian condition (project currently under design through SRFB funding managed by CCNRD)
* Fine sediment reduction- restore infiltration by addressing road problems, focus on decommissioning, storm-proofing, or converting roads to trails (project currently in assessment phase through SRFB and CCPUD funding)

Long-term management actions

* Evaluate riparian habitat/condition
* Improve roads mapping/data

Roads Chapter

Management goal: reduce overall road density while maintaining access for forest health management, fire, and recreation.

* Current map uses a layer derived from Weyerhauser data, USFS data, on-the-ground survey, and input from Advisory Committee regarding routes used for recreation. LiDAR basemap shows all existing road prisms, whether the road is currently used or has been closed.
* Annual maintenance needs- mowing (knapweed on roads is a fire hazard and noxious weed), addressing water issues (blocked pipes, etc.)
* Discussion of grant sources that could be used to purchase equipment to maintain roads and address issues

Short term actions

* Storm-proofing (long-term solution for water problems) on roads that will remain open for vehicle travel
* Road decommissioning and/or conversion to trail (currently there are 5.7 miles of road per sq. mile on property- high road density)
* Evaluation of aquatic impacts
* Travel management planning/updated road mapping

Long-term management actions

* Improve aquatic habitat at road/stream interfaces
* Continue to update road mapping