**Nason Ridge Advisory Committee Meeting 1: July 10th 2019**

**Lake Wenatchee Fire Station**

**Meeting Notes**

**Participants:**

Bob Jennings, Tom Shay, Rollie Schmitten, Bill Miller, Edith Aspiri, Ray Aspiri, Curt Soper, Mike Kaputa, Mick Lamar, Eric Prestbo, Everett White, David Walker, Brandon Rogers, Rick Halstead, Rob Shurtleff, Deb Wadkins, Mary Gallagher, Tim Gallagher, Rob Whitten, Mike Stanford, Joe Cannata, Tad Summersett, Erin McKay

**Meeting Agenda:**

6:00-6:15: Introductions and Roles

6:15-6:30: Background on Nason Ridge Community Forest and need for a Community Forest Management Plan

6:30-6:45: Community Forest Management Plan Outline and Advisory Committee role in plan development

6:45-7:00: Advisory Committee participation expectations (draft schedule, preferred meeting times)

7:00-8:00: Group brainstorm on community benefits of the Nason Ridge property for Chapter 1

**Notes/Follow-up:**

* Need to be up-front in plan summary about level of detail/expectations of plan. Many elements of plan will be concept/vision level, with more planning needed to get to specifics. This needs to be clear in the plan introduction.
* Recreation, roads, and forest management will tie closely together. Need to hold recreation meeting with or directly following roads meeting. Note: roads and recreation planning will be high-level and conceptual with this initial planning effort. Objective for this plan is to define some desired metrics that will guide future planning for specific site-level actions. Roads/recreation meeting in early-mid August, TBD.
* Greater public outreach avenues can include: Lake Wenatchee Info, CDLT list, XC Ski list, LWDF yard sale, Plain Farmers Market, newspaper, radio, social media. Requests for public input need to be specific so we get useful input.

**Brainstorming on Community Benefits of the Nason Ridge Property:**

The Advisory Committee produced the following list of Community Benefits of the Nason Ridge property. These are benefits that the community values now and/or would like to see provided in the future. The list will be translated into plan objectives for Chapter 1 of the Nason Ridge Community Forest Management Plan.

* Open space and trails to access
* Education/interpretation of natural history
* Healthy forest to provide habitat for wildlife
* Healthy, functioning watershed
* Provide a good example of land stewardship for younger generations
* Increase in amount of non-motorized recreation; hiking, skiing, snowshoeing
* Conservation of natural resources and water quality
* Public ownership of land in perpetuity
* Economic driver for gateway community: brings business for local business owners for timber/recreation/tourism
* Local jobs
* Provides diverse use opportunities
* Protection of ESA listed fish species
* Increase amount of winter and summer recreation opportunities
* Provide parking and access from Butcher Creek side
* Recreation and education opportunities for children
* Revenue from forest management to provide funding for continued stewardship
* Continued noxious weed management
* Fire resiliency
* Generate income from user fees
* Provide a model for future community forests
* Education opportunities for higher education; living classroom

Next steps:

* Plan August Advisory Committee meeting- roads management
* Translate Community Benefits brainstorm into Plan Objectives
* Plan legislative site visit in August-September
* Plan for strategic community outreach outreach
* Share examples of Community Forest Plans
* Share drone footage