



WASHINGTON STATE BOASTS ~90,000 ACRES OF COMMUNITY FOREST LANDS

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES MANAGES
52,646 (58%) OF THEM

Over the past decade, the Department of Natural Resources has become the most capable and experienced manager of Community Forest lands in Washington State. This path began in 2013 with the Teanaway Community Forest; 50,241 acres of vital headwaters co-managed with WDFW for water supply, working forest industries, habitat restoration, and recreation opportunities in support of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan goals. In 2016, DNR took on the 2,405 acre Klickitat Canyon Community Forest, bolstering salmon recovery and forest health.

- Develop management plans for each forest
- Protect ~5000 homes from fire by treating 2,341 acres of unhealthy and overstocked forest
- Restore aquatic habitat in 16 stream miles and remove 15 fish passage barriers
- Reduce 200 tons of fine sediment erosion from roads into rivers every year
- Improve 74 campsites with new tables, fire

The agency is now poised to add 1,200 acres of the adjacent Cle Elum ridge to the TCF, expanding habitat connectivity, recreation, and fire resiliency goals.

COMMUNITY FORESTS ARE UNIQUE, owned and managed by or on behalf of local communities for local benefits, environmental justice, and providing state wide benefits for outdoor recreation, water, and healthy forests. DNR works hand in hand with Kittitas and Klickitat groups to:

- rings, interpretive signage and sanitation facilities
- Greet 200,000 annual visitors
- Implement \$2.6 million in tribal and non-profit partner restoration projects
- Build, improve, and manage 22 miles of grazing infrastructure to protect sensitive areas while grazing 36,000 acres annually

Through these accomplishments, DNR and partners gained expertise in managing forestlands for diverse communities. Empowering DNR to meet the expectations of community partners will reap benefits that reach beyond the forests themselves. DNR requests **\$2.8 MILLION ONGOING OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT FUNDING** to:

- Properly implement and manage the communities' vision for outdoor recreation
- Accelerate implementation of working lands objectives including increased climate resiliency, forest road access, improved grazing practices, and watershed security
- Accelerate the rate of fish and wildlife restoration
- Provide better education opportunities to connect students and the public with these lands