

1 **Resolution Supporting Teanaway Community Forest**
2 **Budget Request**

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4 **WHEREAS** in 2011 the Washington Legislature purchased 50,000 acres in the Teanaway
5 River basin and created the state’s first community forest;

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7 **WHEREAS** the Teanaway Community Forest (TCF) is jointly managed by the
8 Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife;

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10 **WHEREAS** the TCF is overseen by an Advisory Committee who have developed the
11 TCF’s Management Plan and are currently developing the TCF Recreation Plan; and

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13 **WHEREAS** the goals of the Teanaway Community Forest are to provide for recreation,
14 ensure ongoing working lands, improve forest health, facilitate fish and wildlife habitat
15 restoration, and help fulfill watershed objectives of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan;

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the WSDCC supports Governor Inslee’s budget
18 request for the Teanaway Community Forest for \$775,553 ongoing Operating Funding
19 and \$1,480,700 in one-time Capital Funding; and

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21 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all county and legislative district local
22 party organizations are encouraged to contact their legislators to urge funding of
23 repairs and capital plans for the Teanaway Community Forest in the state budget.

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26 Submitted by the Agriculture and Rural Caucus on 1/28/2017.

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28 The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution on 1/28/2017, and recommended
29 that it be passed.

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31 The Washington State Democrats passed this resolution on 1/28/2017.