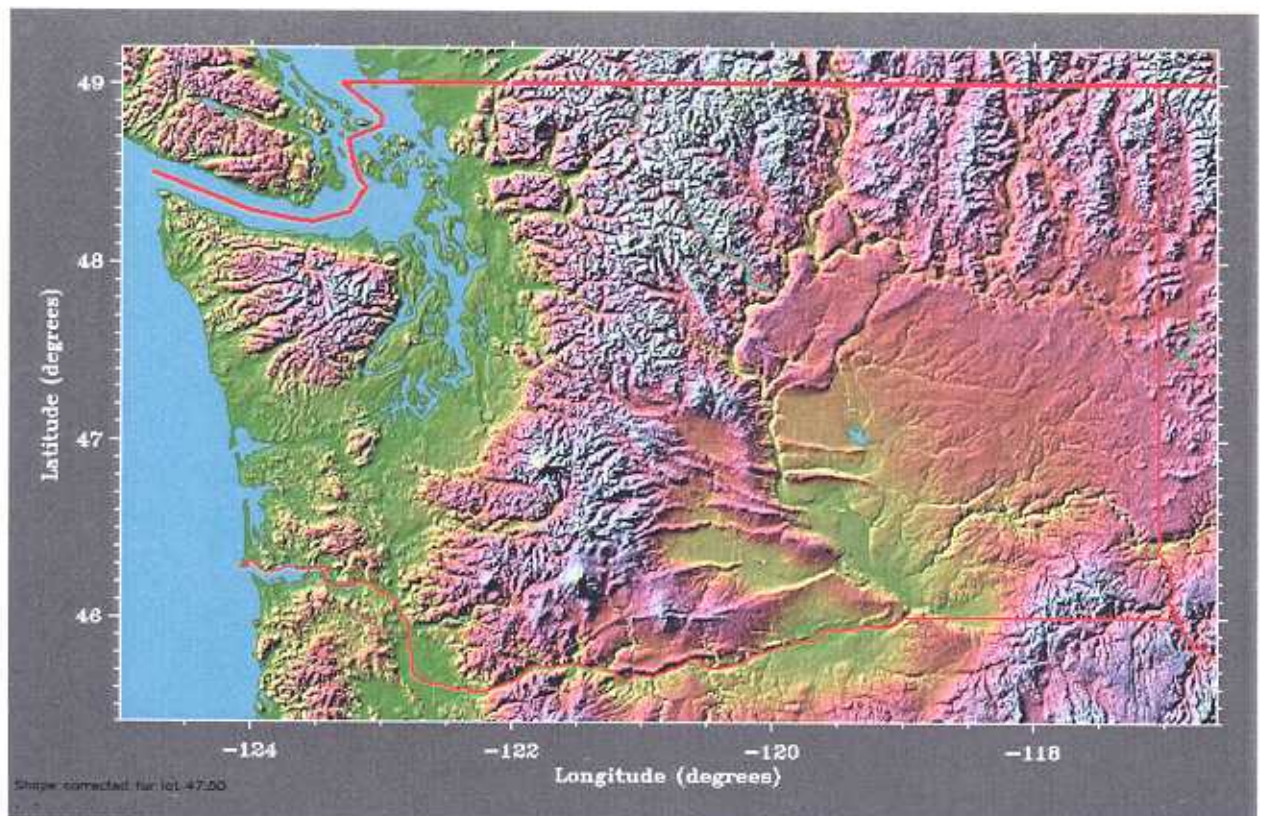


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Endangered Species in Washington...

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 Caribou, woodland (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*)
 Deer, Columbian white-tailed (*Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*)
 Eagle, Bald (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
 Falcon, American peregrine (*Falco peregrinus anatum*)
 Goose, Aleutian Canada (*Branta canadensis leucopareia*)
 Murrelet, marbled (*Brachyranphus marmoratus marmoratus*)
 Owl, northern spotted (*Strix occidentalis caurina*)
 Pelican, brown (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)
 Plover, western snowy (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*)
 Trout, Bull (*Salvelinus confluentus*)
 Wolf, gray (*Canis lupus*)
 Marsh sandwort (*Arenaria paludicola*)
 Golden paintbrush (*Castilleja levisecta*)
 Water howellia (*Howellia aquatilis*)
 Bradshaw's desert-parsley (*lomatium*) (*Lomatium bradshawii*)
 Nelson's checker-mallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*)
 Ute ladies' tresses (*Spiranthes diluvialis*)
 Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)

...unfortunately, the list continues...

WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION **TENTATIVE LIST FOR...** **TEANAWAY RIVER BIOSPHERE.**

Name of country:

United States of America.

List drawn up by:

John Anthony Louraine



Washington State.
USA.

Date: 10 May, 1999.

Name of property:

Teanaway River Biosphere (proposed).

Geographic location:

47° 18' N., 120° 51' W.
(North Fork Teanaway River at Indian Creek.)

The Teanaway River is located in the center of Washington State, in Kittitas County, on the eastern slope of the Cascade Mountains.

To the north of the river are the Wenatchee Mountains and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. To the south is the Cle Elum Ridge, the town of Cle Elum, the Yakima River and Interstate 90 that bisects the State of Washington and runs from Seattle, Washington, nearly 3000 miles across North America to Boston, Massachusetts.

To the west of the Teanaway River is the Sasse Ridge, three large lakes; Cle Elum Lake; Kachess Lake; Keechelus Lake, and Snoqualmie Pass.

To the east of the Teanaway River is the Teanaway Ridge and the Table Mountains before sloping down to Colockum Wildlife Recreation Area and the Columbia River in the semi-arid sage area above the cities of Ellensburg and Yakima and the Yakama Indian Reservation.

From Interstate 90, take exit 85 near Cle Elum onto Highway 970 North and head toward Wenatchee. Just before milepost 13, turn left (north) onto Teanaway River Road, which travels another 13 miles ending at "29 Pines Campgrounds". There, two course-gravel Forest Service roads continue along part of the river and into the Wenatchee National Forest and surrounding mountains.



Description:

The Teanaway River rises from approximately 1,880 feet of elevation at its confluence with the Yakima River, to approximately 5,480 feet of elevation at its beginnings near Esmeralda Peaks (6,477 ft.) and the Alpine Wilderness Area.

The main North Fork Teanaway River is over 30 miles long, not including the Middle Fork Teanaway River, the West Fork Teanaway River and the many creeks that feed into them.

The continental climate of warm, dry summers and cool, moist winters, boasts an average annual precipitation of 25 to 40 inches and a mean annual air temperature of about 47 degrees F.

Mean January temperature is about 26 degrees F. and the mean July temperature is about 67 degrees F.

Most area soils are well drained and runoff ranges from slow to rapid. Permeability of soils is moderate and the growing season is 150 to 175 days.

The area consists of grazable woodlands, pastures, croplands, wildlife habitat and recreation. Vegetation is Douglas-fir and Ponderosa Pine with an understory of creambush, oceansprey, spirea, rose, elk sedge and pine-grasses. Also found are grand-fir, western larch, Oregon grape, common snowberry, huckleberry, arrow leaf balsamroot and others.

In 1865, an act of Territorial Legislation created Kittitas County which was comprised of Yakima, Benton and Klickitat counties.

The earliest records for "irrigation" construction was a proposal to take water out of the Teanaway River starting in 1885. In 1889, Washington became an official State.

The word "Kittitas" is an old Indian word roughly meaning "white chalky substance" that the local Indians have used as "makeup" for their religious ceremonies and beliefs.

Traditionally part of the Yakama Indian Nation, much of the area in eastern Washington was ceded to the United States, by the local Indians, as there were great efforts to "relocate" Native Americans during the last century.

"Wheel lines" in the snow.



Wild Flowers.



West Fork Teanaway.



Justification:

The Teanaway River area is a natural wonder surrounded by development companies and encroaching humanity.

The State of Washington has at least 19 species of animals on the endangered list. There are also at least six plants on the endangered list, and when combined, total **at least 25 species! Most** of these species survive, or survived at one time, in the **Teanaway River** area.

This area is being exploited by big companies on one hand and is nearly being "**loved to death**" by people on the other, who strive to get away from big companies and clear-cut areas...**but can't!**

The Teanaway River area is indeed in danger of disappearing as a beautiful scenic area for humans, as well as a natural habitat for animals and plants, especially **endangered species!**

In the words of **UNESCO** Director-General Frederico Mayor...

"We must be vigilant. We must look ahead, anticipate the future and take the necessary preventative measures. Today these measures are no longer optional; they constitute an ethical imperative."

There are no dams on the Teanaway River and it is one of the only river systems in Washington State of any size or consequence that can boast of that "distinction".

The State of Washington is completing construction of a new salmon hatchery adjacent to 29 Pines Campgrounds at the co-ordinates listed in "**Geographic Location**" on the front page of this list. With the river in danger, those salmon really do not have much of a chance for survival. Neither do the other species.

There are no other examples of a river system and watershed area comparable to the Teanaway River left in Washington State. I, John A. Louraine, have driven, and looked in, all four corners of this great State for years. I have found some wondrous places in dire need of being saved, but no area, or other place in Washington, has the **beauty** and **potential**, of being a piece of "heaven-on-earth" as the Teanaway River.

The Teanaway River Area is in grave peril and it is our right to deserve better than loosing our natural heritage and "ourselves".

The need to save the Teanaway River area is evident. If for no other reason than in a hundred years from now, to have our great-grandchildren know that we were here, and that we cared about them!

John Anthony Louraine.





The unfinished Teanaway River salmon hatchery at Jack Creek. Building up.



Ancient log barn along the Middle Fork Teanaway River.



A local "fisherman" I met near the river.



A very old tree with a lot of moss on her. Bald Eagles land here too!

Teanaway River Biosphere Kittitas County, Washington State, USA.

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The "**Tentative List for the Teanaway River Biosphere**" can be found
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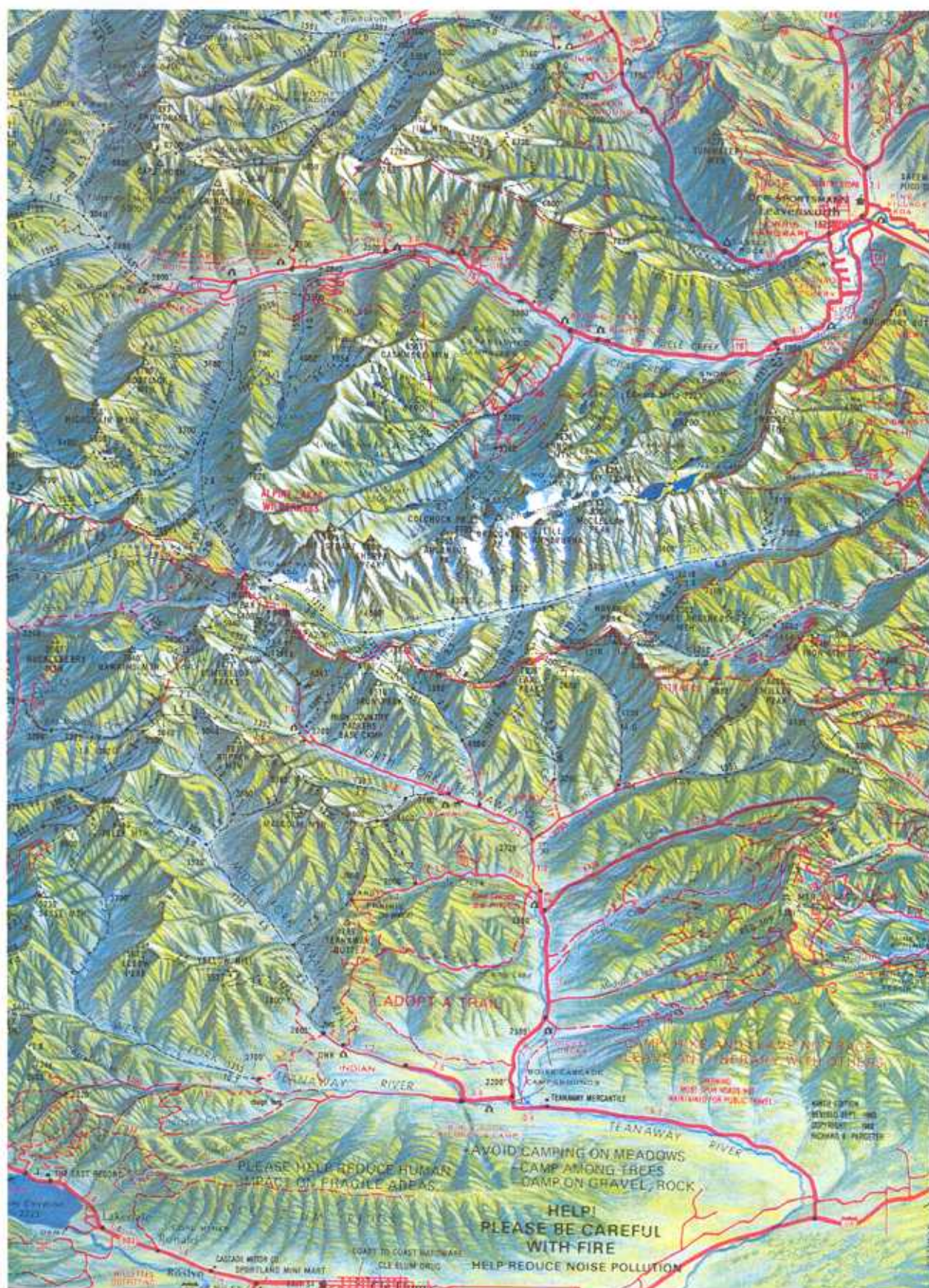
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Miscellaneous Ramblings and a Guarantee.

My name is John Anthony Louraine. This material you are now holding in your hands is my life. My father retired from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in the mid fifties. He wanted to stay in uniform, but many uniformed personnel, including my father, were required to retire early. Those were not happy times for many officers. He then worked for the CATO Division of the Vinnell Corporation in Southeast Asia (Viet Nam). When he returned to Tacoma he informed us that we were "moving". We ended up in Ajijic (Ah-he-HEEK), Jalisco, Mexico, on the shores of Lake Chapala.

I was only seven and went to an all-Spanish-speaking school. It was tough but I managed. Being born an optimist and learning to make "the best" of any situation, I have always done well.

When not in school, I was collecting bugs and critters, riding donkeys or a horse "full gallop" into the lake where I normally found myself without my mount. It was great fun! I used to tell my father that I wanted to be just like him and he would say...that was nice, "but you'll have to make your own way someday".

We lived in the Posada Ajijic until we moved into a house just off the lake. Times were wonderful and I used to dream of owning an Inn like the Posada, or cottages, where people could stay and be as happy as I was. I didn't think my happiness would ever end, and as time went by, I grew up.

Life can seem very unfair and cruel sometimes, but underneath my temporary unhappinesses through life, I have always been quite happy. I chose my parents well and have always been fortunate to meet good people and make great friends. Some of whom I have had most of my life. We may not see each other for long stretches of time, but put us on the phone and no time has passed at all.

I used to stand on the beach and turn in a circle and tell myself that "out there someplace" was a place and time where I could be happy and I could make others happy, too. I believe I have now found that place.

My mother and father always gave my sister and me the best of everything. We went to the best places and knew all the best people. I never knew we weren't rich, but I now know how "wealthy" we truly were.

As you read through this pile of paper, I am trying to show you that I have done my homework, but I have only scratched the surface! There is a larger pile of paper at UNESCO in Paris. That paperwork is different than this in that the papers in France try to show the dangers and threats to the "Property". Here I am trying to show more of the potential of the "Property" to sustain itself and to make a profit.

There is a great deal of money spent in Washington State by travelers and tourists. There is also an enormous amount of money spent on conventions. Traffic heading east and west on Interstate 90 over Snoqualmie Pass is extremely heavy. Even with a new snow-fall record of over 1,100 inches of snow in the Washington mountains, Snoqualmie Pass is usually open 365 days a year. It is seldom closed for more than a few hours at a time during the worst weather leaving the Teanaway River area (proposed Biosphere) accessible year round. Other passes are closed all winter long.

Western Washington has changed quite a bit in the years since I was a child. I have traveled enough to know that I want to remain in Washington State, but most of the wilderness that I remember is now gone. My cousin and I used to go out on Puget Sound around six in the morning and be back at the dock by 9:30 with three fish each! Big ones, too! Nowadays I mostly see Copper River Salmon from Alaska in the supermarket. I can't even go to Steilacoom Lake and catch a trout anymore. I miss that.

I have good ideas that will work. I have found good ideas that worked for other people and will work here in Washington, also. I have found substantial amounts of money available as investments and also for habitat restoration. I have traveled a good cross-section of the world and have listened to what people like and what they don't like. I know what I like and what I don't. I know how to treat people and if that person is the customer...you make the customer happy!

I can make a difference in this world and all I desire is the opportunity to do so.

I have some very good friends that are ready to turn their lives upside-down to help me with this "project". They want to help me because they can also see the potential in this proposed Biosphere and they feel they can make a "difference", too. That's why I like them so much. They want to make things better, too.

It is impossible for me to show you more than the *"tip of the iceberg"* at the moment. I hope this helps paint somewhat of a picture for you.

The ideas put forth in this "project" and the efforts of all the good people here, will guarantee it's success!

Regards,

John A. Louraine.

The Tip of the Iceberg...

What I am attempting to accomplish in the near future, is to be granted the honor of establishing a "biosphere" in the Teanaway River area of central Washington State. The Teanaway river area is of great natural beauty and has historic importance from the past and will be important in the future.

The natural beauty is easy to see. The destruction by encroaching man and industry has not spoiled this area...yet ! I intend to help protect this area from destruction and at the same time, educate people on how to utilize and enjoy a wilderness type area. This area cannot be protected by keeping people out and should be used for the betterment of our vanishing wilderness and for the betterment of the people who enjoy the outdoors.

The river should be used for Chinook Salmon recovery and for the recovery of habitat for any animal that would normally live in this environment. Man used to live in this environment, too, searching for food, shelter, natural medicines, piece of mind and a place to live a happy life. The Yakama Indian Nation is ready to spend a great deal of money on the restoration of the salmon runs and the Teanaway River.

I propose to build, for lack of a better description at the moment, a Hotel\Conference Center that will blend beautifully with the surrounding territory. The "House" as I call it, will be fashioned after Traquair House in Innerleithen, Scotland, currently owned by the Stuart's of Scotland and home of, and visited by, many Monarchs, Kings, and Queens for the last one-thousand years.

Conferences, by whatever group, could number from one-hundred, fifty, to two-hundred people, or by several "groups" of twenty-five to fifty people at the same time. At this time I am proposing approximately fifty rooms in the "House" for guests.

Farmers as well as ranchers in the area will benefit by improving their techniques of growing crops and animals. Wildflower seeds could be harvested to be re-introduced into areas damaged by careless use or overuse by domestic animals, such as cattle, etc. Teanaway Jade from Red Top Mountain could be sold by local artisans at art festivals near the Center. Farmers and herb growers could have "markets" during the growing season. Health care groups can investigate the "healing powers" of natural medicines as well as natural "settings" on people who may not survive in "clinical" environments.

Any type of conference, or group meeting, could be catered to, summer or winter, providing the group is attempting to find better ways to improve our life.

The "House" will be connected to the Internet to "link" it with the world, and although it will not be a museum, the "House" will show the Native American cultures of North America since people arrived here 22,000 years, or more, ago, as well as the "influences" of the world since before and after 1492.

A "world class" restaurant-type of dining room is also proposed for breakfasts and dinners, for our guests, whether they are staying at the "House" or not.

I am Native American, as well as having European heritage going back several hundreds of years, and I believe I can GUARANTEE a biosphere that not only shows the world a lot of "class", but also shows that a Biosphere could be run as a business and can actually be run at a profit.

This is only the "tip of the iceberg" and all I am asking for is the chance to prove that heritage and culture can still be found in the world without traveling overseas.



"PROPOSED DESIGN TYPE",
 Teanaway River Biosphere "House" and Convention Center.
 Native American Interpretive Center and Higher Education.
 (Photos of Traquair House, Innerleithen, Peeblesshire, Scotland, taken by John A. Louraine. 1999.)

