



## **FY2021 (7/1/20 – 6/30/21) Annual Work Plan Ferry Conservation District**

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The mission of the Ferry County Conservation District is to safeguard the rural lifestyle and sustainable use of natural resources of Ferry County, for present and future landowners, residents, and visitors by offering technical and financial assistance, outreach, and education through partnerships.

### **Natural Resources Inventory:**

<b>Total Private Lands 298,340 acres</b>	<b>Private Land Break Down:</b>
<b>Federal Lands 493,152 acres</b>	<b>Timber 132,448 acres</b>
<b>State Lands 29,735 acres</b>	<b>Range 128,000 acres</b>
<b>County Lands 7,982 acres</b>	<b>Cropland 30,000 acres</b>
<b>Tribal and allocated lands 605,759 acres</b>	<b>Roads and towns 7,892 acres</b>
<b>Total Land in District 1,434,878 acres</b>	<b>Total Private Land 298,340 acres</b>

Source: Ferry County Planning Commission

### **Natural Resource Priorities**

- **Clean Lakes, Streams and Watersheds:**
  - Assist in water testing to obtain current data necessary for a possible grant for water quality improvement in Curlew Lake.
  - Search for funding sources to accomplish water quality monitoring, protection and improvement.
  - Continue to work with State agencies, US Forest Service and Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation on Sanpoil watershed.
  - Work with landowners to establish off-stream stock/wildlife facilities.
- **Farmland Preservation / Conservation Easements:**
  - Work with Ferry County to implement the Voluntary Stewardship Program.
  - Consolidate District property to a central location with County land trade.
  - Facilitate Conservation easements with private landowners.
- **Conservation Education:**
  - Continue to work with school districts on greenhouse project and develop educational programs for district property.
  - Make classroom presentations on conservation principles.
  - Coordinate with other organizations on education projects.
  - Facilitate the continuing school-age forestry competition.

- Forest Health:
  - Develop the capacity to help private landowners who are preparing Forest Management Plans.
  - Assist DNR in working with landowners on fire mitigation strategies and FireWise.
  - Work with state and federal agencies, nonprofits and private industry on ways to utilize small diameter trees to benefit forest restoration.
  - Continue to offer reforestation trees and other native plants through our annual plant sale.

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- Land Use Practices:
  - Collaborate with wildlife organizations to improve wildlife habitat.
  - Work with landowners to enhance range and pasture for erosion control and weed competition.
  - Develop a funding source for soil testing and education programs for landowners.
  - Redevelop native plant nursery to produce material for riparian planting and sale.

**Anticipated Funding Sources:**

Washington State Conservation Commission, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Forest Foundation, Washington Farm Forestry Association, National Association of Conservation Districts, Washington Conservation Society

**Program Area: Water Quality**

- Goals:
- Improve water quality on the Kettle and Sanpoil River watersheds.
  - Improve water quality in Curlew Lake
  - Work with landowners to implement specific water quality improvements.

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission, Dept. of Ecology

<b>Activities for FY2021</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
Incorporate Implementation Program grant when funds are available from WSCC for water quality monitoring and improvement.	7/20	Manager, Staff

Apply for any available Dept. of Ecology grant to continue water quality improvement.	7/20 To 6/21	Manager, Staff
Maintain website along with a quarterly newsletter to inform public on programs, cost share opportunities and other relative information	7/20 To 6/21	B Chamberlin Staff
Continue annual tree and plant sale to provide plant materials for riparian restoration.	11/20 To 5/21	C Roman Staff

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### Program Area: Farmland Preservation

Goals:

- Act as lead for implementing Ferry County Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).
- Perform outreach to groups and schools with a program that stresses the needs of viable farmland.
- Continue to research ways to implement conservation easements.

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2021	Target Dates	Person Responsible
Facilitate implementation of VSP and file all reports.	7/20 To 6/21	VSP Coordinator, VSP Tech, Staff

Work with DNR for potential funding for conservation easements.	7/20 To 6/21	Manager, Staff
Work with the Board to identify potential candidates for conservation easements.	7/20 To 6/21	Manager
Construct an educational program for outreach that conveys the benefits of conserving farmland.	7/20 To 6/21	B Chamberlin Staff

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**Program Area: Conservation Education**

Goals:

- Further conservation education efforts on Herron Creek property.
- Continue supporting Greenhouse project and encourage more school/agriculture interactions
- Continue to work with Stevens County CD on educational efforts.

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

<b>Activities for FY2021</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
Support Greenhouse project.	7/20	Manager, Staff

Work with Stevens County CD Education Specialist on programs that benefit entire area.	7/20 To 6/21	B Chamberlin Manager, Staff
Look for other sources and organizations for education funding.	7/20 To 6/21	Manager, Staff
Invite a local educator to be involved with the district.	7/20 To 6/21	Board, Manager

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**Program Area: Forest Health**

Goals:

- Develop District capacity to provide landowners with assistance with forest management plans.
- Participate with the Forest Service and Dept. of Natural Resources on strategies to improve forest health.
- Work with Dept. of Natural Resources for funding of FireWise and fire mitigation programs.

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

<b>Activities for FY2021</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
Work with NRCS to support writing of forest plans.	7/20 To 6/21	Manager

Participate with the Forest Service on the Sanpoil project area.	7/20 To 6/21	Manager, Staff
Continue to promote FireWise and fire proofing education	7/20 To 6/21	B Chamberlin, Staff

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**Program Area: Land Use Practices**

Goals:

- Inspect past cost share projects.
- Continue to maintain and expand Native Plant Nursery owned by the District.
- Look for non-traditional partners to fund practices

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

<b>Activities for FY2021</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
Contact previous const share clients to determine the status of BMPs.	7/20 To 12/20	Manager, Staff
Research and engage non-traditional partners for project funding.	7/20 To 6/21	Manager

Continue to produce quarterly newsletter with information on how the District can help with land use practices.	7/20 To 6/21	B Chamberlin, Staff
Finish implementation on the Gardiner FFFPP fish passage project.	7/20 To 12/20	Manager

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**Program Area: District Operations**

Goals:

- Meet or exceed the requirements of the CAPP program.
- Maintain a high level of operation related to accounting, grant vouchering, personnel management, elections and appointments and annual reporting.
- Continue cooperative agreements with Okanogan CD, Stevens County CD, Pend Oreille CD and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.
- Communicate with the Ferry County Board of Commissioners annually.
- Investigate possible property assessment to expand funding.
- Investigate possible District property exchange.

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

**Activities for FY2021**

	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
Prepare and submit grant applications for projects and maintain CPDS database.	7/20 To 6/21	Manager, Staff
Conduct Manager and staff reviews.	12/20	Manager, Board

Communicate with the Board of County Commissioners on District activities.	1/21	Manager
Complete Supervisor Elections and Appointments.	As Needed	C Roman, Staff
Continue to maintain the website and produce newsletters.	7/20 To 6/21	B Chamberlin, Staff
Complete Annual Report of Accomplishments	8/20	Staff
Complete and approve FY2022 Annual Plan of Work.	5/21	Manager, Staff, Board
Complete Annual Financial Report for Board Approval.	3/21	C Roman
File Annual Financial Report with SAO.	5/21	C Roman
Research possibilities for property assessment.	2/21	Manager, Staff
Research possible land exchange	2/21	Manager

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<b>Activities for FY2021</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
Complete annual internal audit.	4/21	Board Auditor

Prepare resolutions for area and state WACD meetings	10/20	Manager, Board
Maintain timely submission of monthly/quarterly/annual reports for grants, funding agreements and vouchering for grant reimbursements.	7/20 To 6/21	C Roman
Complete monthly treasurer's report for Board approval.	7/20 To 6/21	C Roman, Board
Hold Board meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month to inform the Supervisors and get direction on District activity.	7/20 To 6/21	Board, Staff
Continue to participate in Ferry County Fair, Conservation Fair and other educational activities and opportunities.	7/20 To 6/21	Staff
Review plans and budgets to ensure effective use of District resources.	Quarterly	Manager, Staff, Board

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# FY2021 Annual Budget Ferry Conservation District

District budget for FY2021 (7/1/20 – 6/30/21)

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<b>2021 Operating Budget</b>	
<b>Estimated Annual Income</b>	
WSSC- VSP	\$180,000.00
WSSC- NRI	\$40,000.00
WSSC Grants (7/1/20 to 12/31/20 IMP21)	\$47,800.00
WSSC Basic Allocation	\$12,500.00
Retail Sales (plants.)	\$3,400.00
RCO-3F2P	\$236,000.00
Checking/Savings Interest	\$25.00
Property Lease	\$1,550.00
Anticipated Cash carryover	\$12,000.00
<b>Total Estimated Income</b>	<b>\$533,275.00</b>