



# Ferry Conservation District

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Legislative District: 7 Congressional District: 5

## Other Accomplishments



Assisted a Ferry County landowner in building 3,300 feet of fencing to exclude livestock from a riparian area.



Sponsored two Family Forest Fish Passage Projects that replaced fish barriers, such as this culvert, with bridges.



Sold hundreds of plants at our annual sale, including native trees and shrubs, reforestation trees, fruit trees, and berries.

### 2019 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

## Republic/Curlew Schools Greenhouse Construction Project

### Resource Challenge

Resource-based industries — including agriculture — have historically provided employment for a segment of Ferry County’s local high school graduates. Recognizing the challenge of providing academic offerings for students with an interest in agriculture, the Curlew/Republic School superintendent approached the Ferry Conservation District (FCD) for assistance in siting and construction of a large greenhouse on FCD-owned property. The facility will be used to teach Agricultural Science/Mechanics.



Students from Curlew and Republic Schools put finishing touches on greenhouse to be used for agriculture/horticulture program.



Completed greenhouse with FCD property in the background, some of which will be available for school agriculture program.

### Project Summary and Results

The FCD worked with the schools in preparing the site, drilling a well, and laying water line to the greenhouse. Students who assisted with the construction of the building learned invaluable building skills. Interest already generated by the greenhouse project has led to the establishment of an FFA chapter in the Curlew school. The long-term goal is to develop a school run “demonstration farm.” The realization of this goal will be a “win-win,” as the FCD enhances the use of its

property while providing the school districts more opportunity for students to pursue their interests in agriculture.

### Key Partners

State Conservation Commission; Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

## Priorities for 2020...

- ▶ During the implementation stage of the Voluntary Stewardship Program, the FCD will help landowners implement conservation practices to protect critical areas.
- ▶ The FCD will promote conservation projects that will improve water quality.
- ▶ We will seek funding for our Firewise program to help landowners defend their homes and property from increasingly destructive wildfire.