

FY2020 (7/1/19 – 6/30/20) 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:

Total Private Lands 298,340 acres
Federal Lands 493,152 acres
State Lands 29,735 acres
County Lands 7,982 acres
Tribal and allocated lands 605,759 acres
Total Land in District 1,434,878 acres

Private Land Break Down:
Timber 132,448 acres
Range 128,000 acres
Cropland 30,000 acres
Roads and towns 7,892 acres
Total Private Land 298,340 acres

Source: Ferry County Planning Commission

Natural Resource Priorities

- Clean Lakes, Streams and Watersheds:
 - 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 river 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.
 - Establish a conservation easement on District Property.
- 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 WSU Ferry County Extension on education projects.
 - Develop a 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, non-profits and private industry on ways to utilize small diameter trees to benefit forest restoration.

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- Land Use Practices:
 - Continue to maintain the Native Plan Nursery on the District property.
 - Collaborate with wildlife organizations to improve wildlife habitat and obtain cost share for interested landowners.
 - Work with landowners to enhance range and pasture for erosion control and weed competition.
 - Develop a soil testing and education program for landowners.

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

Program Area: Water Quality

Goals:

- Improve water quality on the Kettle and Sanpoil river watersheds.
- Work with landowners to implement specific water quality improvements.

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

Activities for FY2020	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Incorporate Farm Plan Implementation Program grant when funds are available from WSCC.	7/19	Manager, Staff	5	
Apply for new Dept. of Ecology CCWF to continue water quality issues.	7-19 To 6-20	Manager, Staff	20	
Maintain website along with a quarterly newsletter to inform public on programs, cost share opportunities and other relative information	7-19 To 6-20	B Chamberlin Staff	20	
Continue annual tree and plant sale to provide plant materials for riparian restoration.	11-19 To 5-20	C Roman Staff	50	

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*Picture of Natural
Resource Project*

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 FY2020	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Facilitate implementation of VSP and file all reports.	7/19 To 6-20	VSP Coordinator, Manager, Staff	140	
Develop a data base of agriculture operators with at least 100 acres.	7-19 To 6-20	Manager, Staff	30	
Work with the Board to identify potential candidates for conservation easements.	7-19 To 6-20	Manager	5	
Construct an educational program for outreach that conveys the benefits of conserving farmland.	11-19 To 5-20	B Chamberlin Staff	10	

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Program Area: Conservation Education

Goals:

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

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2020	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Complete Greenhouse project.	7/19	Manager, Staff	10	
Work with Stevens County CD Education Specialist on programs that benefit entire area.	7-19 To 6-20	B Chamberlin Manager, Staff	10	
Share annual work plan with WSU Extension and coordinate efforts	7-19 To 6-20	Manager, Staff	5	
Invite a local educator to be involved with the district.	7-19 To 6-20	Board, Manager	5	

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Program Area: Forest Health

Goals:

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

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2020	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Complete training to write NRCS forest plans.	9/19 To 12-19	Manager	25	
Participate with Forest Service on Sanpoil project area.	7-19 To 6-20	Manager, Staff	10	
Continue to promote FireWise and fire proofing education	7-19 To 6-20	B Chamberlin, Staff	10	
Research uses for small diameter logs and wood waste.	7-19 To 6-20	Staff	12	

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Program Area: Land Use Practices

Goals:

- Inventory landowner practices on the Kettle River from Midway to Curlew.
- Continue to maintain Native Plant Nursery owned by the District.
- Look for non-traditional partners to fund practices

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2020	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Personally, reach out to landowners in the Midway to Curlew section of the Kettle River to promote participation in District activities.	8/19 To 12-19	Manager, Staff	15	
Research and engage non-traditional partners for project funding.	7-19 To 6-20	Manager	10	
Continue to produce quarterly newsletter with information on how the District can help with land use practices.	7-19 To 6-20	B Chamberlin, Staff	10	
Finish implementation on the two FFFPP fish passage projects.	7-19 To 6-20	Manager	10	

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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 and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.
- Update the Board of County Commissioners annually.

Funding Sources: Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2020	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Prepare and submit grant applications for projects and maintain CPDS data base.	7/19 To 6/20	Manager, Staff	20	
Conduct Manager and staff reviews.	12/19	Manager, Board	3	
Update Board of County Commissioners on District activities.	7-19 To 6-20	Manager	3	
Complete Supervisor Elections and Appointments.	As Needed	C Roman, Staff	5	
Continue to maintain website and produce newsletters.	7-19 To 6-20	B Chamberlin, Staff	20	
Complete Annual Report of Accomplishments	8/19	Staff	1	
Complete and approve FY2021 Annual Plan of Work.	5/20	Manager, Staff, Board	5	
Complete Annual Financial Report for Board Approval.	3/20	C Roman	15	
File Annual Financial Report with SAO and WSCC.	5/30	C Roman	4	

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Program Area: District Operations

Continued:

Activities for FY2020	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Complete annual internal audit.	4/20	Board Chair	4	
Prepare resolutions for area and state WACD meetings	10/19	Manager, Board	3	
Maintain timely submission of monthly/quarterly/annual reports for grants, funding agreements and vouchering for grant reimbursements.	7-19 To 6-20	C Roman	35	
Complete monthly treasurer's report for Board approval.	7-19 To 6/20	C Roman, Board	12	
Hold Board meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month to update the Supervisors and public on District activity.	7-19 To 6-20	Board, Staff	12	
Continue to participate in Ferry County Fair, Conservation Fair and other educational activities and opportunities.	7/19 To 6/20	Staff	15	
Review plans and budgets to ensure effective use of District resources.	Quarterly	Manager, Staff, Board	5	

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FY2020 Annual Budget Ferry Conservation District

(Insert district budget for FY2020 (7/1/19 – 6/30/20))

2020 Operating Budget

Estimated Annual Income

WSCC- VSP	\$220,000.00
WSCC Grants (Implementation Block Grant IMP20)	\$77,500.00
WSCC Basic Allocation	\$12,500.00
Topo Maps	\$25.00
Retail Sales (plants.)	\$6,500.00
Checking/Savings Interest	\$25.00
Property Lease	\$1,550.00
Donations (WCS)	\$250.00
Anticipated Cash carryover	\$12,000.00
Total Estimated Income	\$330,350.00