



FERRY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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On behalf of the Ferry Conservation District Board of Supervisors, I would like to invite you to participate in a field tour featuring District projects in Ferry County on Wednesday September 20, from 1-4 p.m. This tour is being held prior to the Conservation Commission meeting, which will be Thursday, September 21, at the K<>K Ranch, south of Republic, in Ferry County.

We plan to visit with in the District and look at a project implemented with a variety of programs and funding sources, different resource concerns and difficulties within the District.

Our current plans will be a short drive from the K Diamond K Ranch and within the Republic area.

1:00 pm from K<>K Guest Ranch

Introductions, Summary of Tour

1:20 Republic High School Lunches to Lunches Program

Three years ago, the Environmental Science Class at Republic High School resurrected an old Greenhouse on the school campus. They started a project called Lunches to Lunches.

They collect the food garbage from the cafeteria, then compost it. The resulting compost is used to grow vegetables that go back to the cafeteria to be part of the lunch menu. The program has been so successful that a similar one has been started in Curlew School, twenty miles up the road.

We will get a short tour and a presentation on the project from the students who make it happen.

2:30 Sanpoil River Riparian Restoration

This project has been five years in development, and it is not quite done yet. We have used resources from the Washington Department of Ecology and WSCC to accomplish a major riparian restoration effort. Half a mile of river bank has been reshaped and reinforced where necessary. Slightly more than a mile of riparian buffer fence has been installed. Truly, this is story of interagency work and cooperation.

Also at this site, Liz Carr, our Water Quality Specialist, will give us a summary of water quality issues in the Sanpoil River.

3:45 Double D Wood Products

This private enterprise is another part of the K<>K Ranch. Dave Konz, who is one of our Ferry CD Supervisors, has a unique wood products business. He thins the forest on the ranch's property, and finds the best use for the wood that he harvests. He makes corral poles, hop yard poles, fire wood and whatever else he can. Forest health improves, fire danger is reduced, and many homes in the area have a source for their winter fuel.

As we tour the areas that Dave has worked on the family property, we will also get an idea of the challenges of forest management on both private and public lands.

If we have time, Dave will show us some of his equipment in action.

The tour will involve some walking, so we would recommend sensible shoes and comfortable clothing. On the equinox, Ferry County could give us any kind of weather, so plan accordingly.

The field tour will be followed by a no-host interactive dinner meeting with the Conservation Commission at a site to be determined. More information to come. Please make sure to click on the [registration link](#) to submit your email to receive further details.

We hope that you or a member of your organization will be able to participate in this tour. **To help us plan transportation and notify the Ranch of attendees, we would appreciate your response by clicking on this link: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?2396956-5w8z5tM1mS> ,by September 13th**, letting us know whether or not you will be able to attend the events for September 20 & 21. If you have any questions, please contact our office by phone at 509-775-3473 ext. 100 or by email at candy.lammon@conservewa.net.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Odell, District Manager