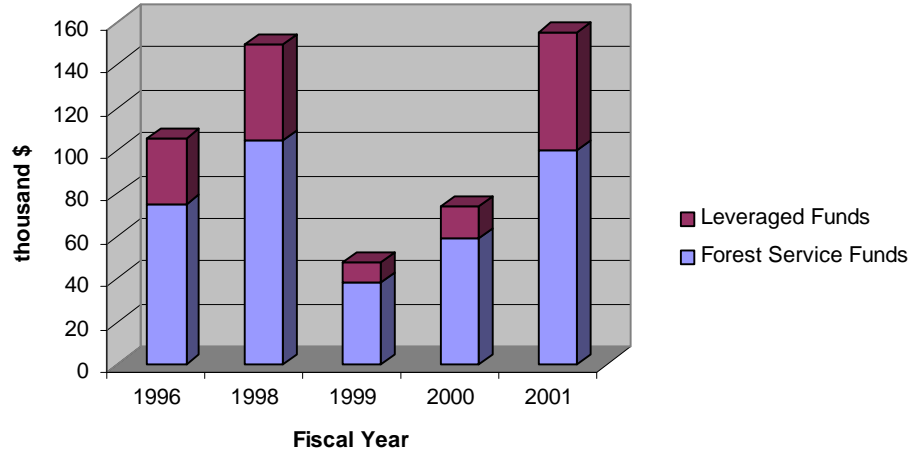
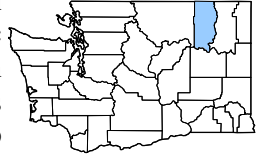




# Economic Action Programs Ferry County, Washington

Ferry County is a rural community located in northeast Washington adjacent to the Canadian border. In terms of population densities, geographic isolation, and the lack of economic opportunities, it exhibits “frontier” characteristics. The county has been dependent upon mining, logging, and agriculture for economic stability. Less than 18% of county property is privately owned - government and tribal ownership comprises the majority of land ownership in Ferry County.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
<b>Planning and Technical Assistance</b>					
Tri County Econ Dev District	Water System Planning & Design	WANW-99-012	\$38,400	\$9,600	\$48,000
Ferry County	Curlew Sewer System Needs	WANW-00-005	\$9,000	\$2,010	\$11,010
Republic Chamber of Commerce	Republic Phase 2 Revitalization	WANW-00-013	\$50,000	\$13,110	\$63,110
Ferry Conservation District	Biomass-CoGen Fuel Market/Study	WNFP-01-012	\$50,000	\$16,750	\$66,750
City of Republic	Infrastructure Planning	WANW-01-007	\$50,000	\$38,300	\$88,300
<b>Education and Training</b>					
Community Colleges of Spokane	Inchelium College Modular	WANW-98-044	\$25,873	\$6,500	\$32,373
<b>Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement</b>					
Ferry County	Telecommunications Demo Proj.	WANW-98-022	\$78,800	\$38,544	\$117,344
Republic Chamber of Commerce	Tourism Development	WANW-96-005	\$75,000	\$31,000	\$106,000





## Economic Action Programs

One success story from Ferry County, Washington



### Republic Downtown Beautification

Realizing that first impressions are important, a group of individuals in the community of Republic decided that the entrances to the town and the downtown area needed to be cleaned and improved. With that in mind, the Republic Chamber of Commerce was approached about being the project sponsor. They agreed, and the project was off and running with a “Beautification Committee” formed with volunteer members from the community.

The original scope of the project was to install three “Welcome to Republic” signs, develop signage to highlight local history, improve downtown sidewalks, and do minor landscaping. Once the group got going, it became apparent that they had thought too small. Additional ideas to improve the project were developed and additional partners found. It was decided that just adding a “welcome” sign at the south entrance wasn’t going to be enough to overcome the eyesore presented by the RV dump site. The committee undertook the task of transforming the site into a beautifully landscaped, paved, pull-through park with picnic site, historical mural, metal silhouettes, and a new spot for RV’s to dump their waste.

Once that project was underway and local citizens could see the benefits of improving the entrances to the town, it was suggested that something be done at the west entrance to the community. The committee chose a mining theme at that site. Hecla Gold Mining Company had recently shut down their operations in Republic and were willing to donate an old compressor, timbers, and roofing material to construct a gazebo to house the compressor. The west entrance also has a mural depicting a mining scene, metal silhouettes of miners, and

information regarding the role mining played in the history of Republic.

Visitors to Republic repeatedly tell local business people how attractive the town is. Beautification Committee member and local businesswoman Carol Bowe says, “Many people come into the store to say they hadn’t planned on stopping in Republic, but once they pulled into town and saw how attractive, clean and friendly it was, they decided to check it out. And they plan to come back!”



**Applicant: Republic Area Chamber of Commerce**

**Grant No: WANW-96-005**

**USDA Forest Service Funding: \$75,000**

**Total Project Cost: \$106,000**





## Economic Action Programs

One success story from Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation, Okanogan and Ferry Counties, Washington

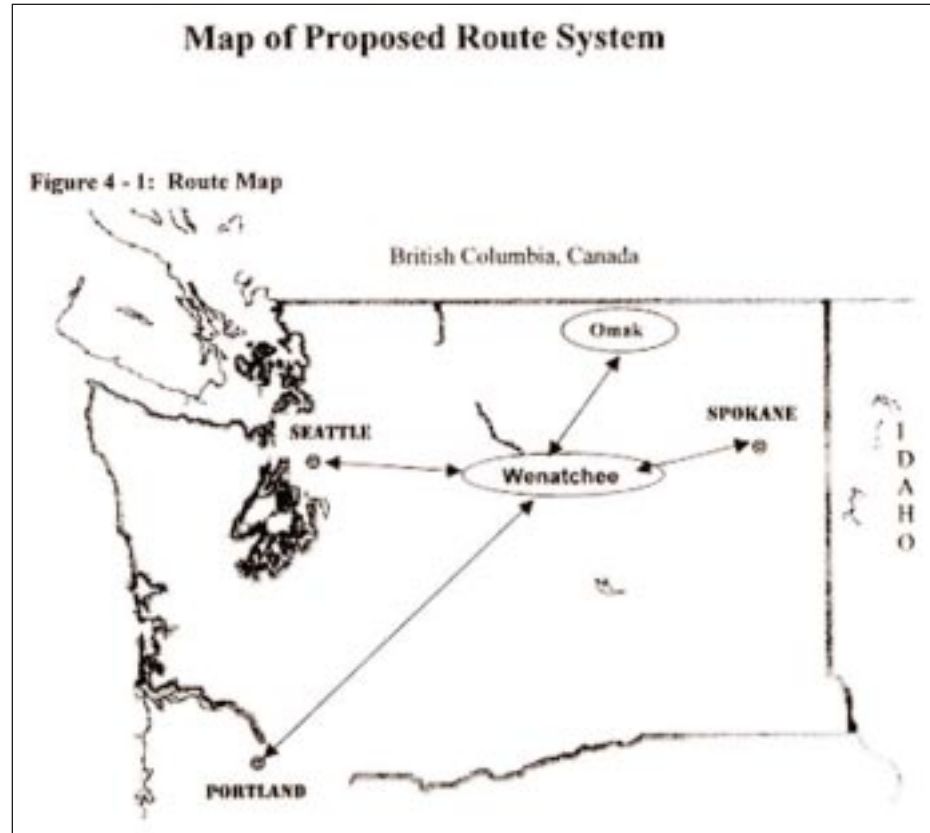


### Commuter Airline Feasibility Study

A recent National Public Radio story described Okanogan County as remote and mountainous with no public transportation in or out of the County. This \$31,964 grant to the Business Council of the Colville Confederated Tribes seeks to reduce that isolation by attracting a commercial airline to the area.

In order to do this, it must be shown that a commuter service to the County is feasible and potentially profitable. The study evaluates the costs associated with providing necessary infrastructure and support services at an airport located three miles north of Omak, Washington, as well as the potential customer base for a commuter airline.

The study indicates that the potential for a commuter airline to profit from establishing services to the County is excellent.



**Applicant: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation**

**Grant No: WANW-97-023**

**USDA Forest Service Funding: \$31,964**

**Total Project Cost: \$42,424**