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Ferry County lies in the Okanogan Highlands, threaded with river valleys and crowned by the ridges and peaks of the Kettle River Range. The earliest outside settlers came searching for gold in the 1890s. Homesteaders, ranchers and timber cutters followed a few years later. The county was originally carved from land set aside in 1872 for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. The southern portion of Ferry County remains reservation land, home to members of a dozen distinct eastern Washington tribes.

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