The Rod and Connie French Conservation Camp

The Rod & Connie French Conservation Camp is a field education facility operated by the Department of Natural Resource Ecology & Management at Iowa State University. The French Camp is situated in the Fish Creek valley, approximately 50 minutes west of Missoula, Montana.
5525 Fork Fish Creek Road, Alberton, MT 59820
GPS coordinates: 46.91269, -114.78381
The French Camp property is surrounded by Lolo National Forest. The French Conservation Education Camp will be equipped to accommodate up to 50 students and instructors for as many as 3 concurrent courses. The camp consists of two properties: the main camp property and the Bailey property, located a half-mile west along the West Fork Fish Creek Road. These can be operated independently for separate classes, or the Bailey property may serve as additional lodging for larger groups.
The Main Property Layout:

West Fork Fish Creek Rd.

A  Camp office and director’s apartment.
B  Dining hall and kitchen.
C  Classroom
D  Laundry
E  Generator Building.
F  Building for storage, work area and event space.
G  Work shop.
H  Pole Barn.
J  Horse barn.

Duplex Cabins:  (see following pages for layout)
   Newer style:  7/6,  9/8,  11/10
   Older style  12/13,  14/15,  16/17
Camp Office and Director’s Apartment Building
Cabins
There are 6 duplex cabins on the main property. Each side of the duplex will accommodate 4 students for a total of 8 people per cabin. There are two styles of cabins, the new style cabins and the older style cabins. In the living room of all of the cabins, there is a sleeper sofa, a mini-fridge, a microwave oven and a coffee maker.

New style cabins
There are 3 new style cabins with each side of the duplex being a mirror image of the other. These cabin units are numbered 6 through 11.
Old Style Cabins

There are 3 old style cabins. Each side of these duplex cabins has a different layout. One side has 2 bedrooms and each will have 2 twin beds. The other side has a single bedroom which will have 2 sets of bunk beds. These cabin units are numbered 12 through 17. The picture below shows the layout for the cabin with units 16 & 17, with 16 being the 2 bedroom unit and 17 the 1 bedroom unit.

The other 2 cabins are a mirror image of the above layout, with units 12 & 14 being 1 bedroom and 13 & 15 being 2 bedrooms.
Classroom

The classroom is connected to the dining hall. It has a white board on one wall and a 50” TV which can be connected to a computer on the adjacent wall. Folding tables can be arranged for various size classes. There are display cases and storage cabinets on each side of the TV.

Classroom is shown with seating for 18 students. Additional tables can be added to accommodate more students. There is also a half bath in this room.
The kitchen/dining hall building has a basement where additional food and equipment can be stored. There are also 2 half bath, one for women and one for men.
Laundry building

The laundry room has several washers and dryers, and shelves along one long wall and one short wall to hold linens. The building also has a handicapped bathroom. On the upper floor of the laundry there are 2 connected rooms.
Upper floor of laundry building

11'8"  13'6"

16'
Bailey property

The Bailey property has 7 buildings on it.

K     communal kitchen/living space
L     Bathrooms
M     Generator Building
N     Cabin with 4 units
1, 2, 3 Single unit cabins
Bailey property communal kitchen/living space:

This building on the Bailey property has a living room, kitchen and a half bath which can be used by all the cabins.
The 4 unit Cabin has 4 units with each unit having a bedroom, a closet and a bathroom.

Single unit cabins are just a single room with a closet.