



ASOTIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Assisting, protecting, and restoring Asotin County's natural resources.



The Dirt is intended to provide a monthly summary of recent activities and inform you of upcoming events and important information. We have other mailing lists that target specific land uses or topics and communications are sent throughout the year. If you are interested in receiving additional information from ACCD, please contact us at info@asotincd.org or 509-552-8117.

OFFICE OPENING

As of Thursday, July 1st, the ACCD office is fully open to the public, no appointment is required.

NEW FUNDING

July 1st not only marked the beginning of the new fiscal year but also the new biennium for our funding! Now is the opportune time to think about new projects, whether it is a new windbreak, a water development, or a riparian project, we can help. Come talk to us so we can help you get the planning underway!

WILDFIRE SEASON

On July 7th, the Silcott, Dry Gulch and Lick Creek fires simultaneously erupted from lightning in Asotin County. As of July 11th, the Silcott Fire was 100% contained at 8,633 acres. The Dry Gulch and Lick Creek Fires have since then merged and remains mildly active at 50% containment and 73,528 acres. We know many landowners were deeply affected by the fire's destruction. If you have had a loss to your property, please contact us about opportunities that are available for assistance. We will be hosting a meeting for landowners at the Asotin City Park on Wednesday July 28th at 6:30 pm to provide information on programs and assistance that we can provide.

MANURE MANAGEMENT

ACCD is currently taking applications for manure management projects. Anyone interested in cost-share for feed pads and manure containment structures should contact the District for more information. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on September 24th to allow time for staff to conduct site evaluations and complete project ranking. Funding recommendations will be made at the October 7th board meeting.

GRANDE RONDE RIVER GEOMORPHIC ASSESSMENT

The Grande Ronde River Geomorphic Assessment and Conceptual Restoration Plan was completed on June 30th. The full report is available to the public by contacting ACCD staff. We will also be including it on the website by the end of July. Landowners interested in project implementation should contact the District for more information.

BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE

During the July board meeting, the supervisors agreed to change the official board meeting time for the August, September, and October board meetings. These meetings will start at 6:00 pm rather than 7:00 pm.

NOW TAKING TREE ORDERS

Each year, we find it more challenging to secure desirable tree species and stock types for projects and the annual tree sale. With wildfires raging across the western United States, it is likely the challenge will be even greater for 2022! If you are interested in purchasing trees from the District for a project or special order, please contact us as soon as possible. We will be starting to put together orders to several nurseries in August.

UPCOMING DATES

- Fire Recovery Meeting: July 28th at 6:30 pm - Asotin City Park
- Monthly Board Meeting: August 5th at 6:00 pm – In person and virtual options available. *The meeting link is available upon request.*

FUN FACT!

According to the 2017 census of agriculture, 94% of farms in Asotin County are family farms.