



# 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](mailto:info@asotincd.org) or 509-552-8117.

## **BOARD MEETING CHANGE**

The monthly board meeting has been rescheduled to September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## **PALS CONSTRUCTION**

District staff and conservation corps are currently busy building PALS in Tenmile Creek and Couse Creek. Post Assisted Log Structures (PALS) are hand-built structures that mimic the processes of wood accumulation. Woody materials of various sizes are pinned together with untreated wood posts and driven into the substrate. The purpose these structures are to improve fish habitat and water quality. The goals of the project areas are to increase floodplain access, water/sediment retention, instream complexity, and facilitate replanting of riparian trees and shrubs.

If you are interested in viewing any of these PALS, please contact the District! We are excited to share our new video that highlights PALS that were installed in 2020.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DP5RWGIY8>

## **WILDFIRE RECOVERY**

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Silcott, Dry Gulch and Lick Creek fires simultaneously erupted from lightning in Asotin County. We know many landowners were affected significantly by the fire's destruction. If you have had a loss to your property, please contact us about opportunities that are available for assistance. ACCD staff currently has boots on the ground conducting evaluations.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> to allow time for staff to conduct site evaluations and complete project ranking. Funding recommendations will be made at the October 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

## **WEED CONTROL COST-SHARE**

The Asotin County Conservation District is continuing to offer noxious weed control cost share. There are two options available, but landowners may only participate in one of the options.

- Ground application will be 50% cost-share not to exceed a payment of \$25 per acre with a cap of \$250 per landowner. Landowners may do the work themselves or hire a contractor to do the spraying. (See the ACCD Contractor’s List for licensed contractors in the area, other licensed contractors may be used as well.)
- Aerial applications will be 50% cost-share not to exceed a payment of \$37.50 per acre with a cap of \$750 per landowner.

All applicants will need to have a noxious weed management plan based on management needs. Staff is available to assist with noxious weed assessments and will create individual management plans for cooperators. Management plans will consist of short and long term weed control goals and the monitoring of weed infestations.

**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 this month.

**UPCOMING DATES**

- **Monthly Board Meeting: September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm** – In person and virtual options available. *The meeting link is available upon request.*
- **Labor Day – ACCD Office Closed, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**FUN FACT!**

Anatone was first settled in 1878 by Daniel McIvor and Charles Isecke. It was named for a Nez Perce woman.

Conservation Corps using a post pounder to install PALS on Tenmile Creek.



Completed PALS during winter flows.