



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.

ACCD PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION COURSE

On Monday, November 22nd landowners came in from doing daily chores to obtain three WSDA pesticide credits. Knowledge was gained from superb presenters; Paul Brusven from the Nez Perce Tribe Bio Control Center, Anne Schuster from WA State Noxious Weed Control Board, and Wendy Sue Wheeler from WSU's Pesticide Resources and Education Program.

WSU PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION COURSE

If you were unable to attend our pesticide recertification course, another opportunity is available. You are invited to participate in the *WSU/UI Pesticide Re-certification Credit Program on Friday, December 10th from 9:00 am to Noon; and 1:00 to 3:00 pm.* 5 WSDA, 5 IDA and 5 ODA re-certification credits have been applied for. No pre-registration required.

You may participate either in-person at the Clarkston Campus of Walla Walla Community College in Clarkston, WA or virtually via Zoom.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Mark Heitstuman, WSU Asotin/Garfield County Extension Director at (509) 243-2009, heitstuman@wsu.edu.

SE AREA MEETING

Lacy Ausman-Ditto attended the WSCC SE Region Meeting, where she received a special award for outstanding work in conservation for 2020-2021. She is a brilliant, hardworking piece of ACCD's puzzle. "This was a huge accomplishment, and I am very proud to have earned this award while working for the district...Best. Job. Ever."

FIRE PREVENTION – HOME ASSESSMENTS

The district will be able to do "Firewise" type home assessments this fall and winter. Research around home destruction vs. home survival in wildfires point to embers and small flames as the main way that the majority of homes ignite in wildfires. There are methods for homeowners to prepare their homes to withstand ember attacks and minimize the likelihood of flames or surface fire touching the home or any

attachments. ACCD will plan to do a minimum of 10 homes (4 forested and 6 rangeland/rural urban interface). Contact us if you'd like a free home assessment!

UPCOMING DATES

- November 25th – 26th, Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed
- **Monthly Board Meeting: December 9th at 12pm** – In person and virtual options available. *The meeting link is available upon request.*

FUN FACT!

Eighteen miles north of Anatone, Assotin City was platted in 1880. There were actually two Asotins in the early years: Assotin City, located on the southern end of present-day Asotin, and the town of Asotin, just to the north, on the southern flank of Asotin Creek. Asotin was platted in 1881 and by 1883 had outgrown its rival to the south; in February 1886, Assotin City changed its name to Asotin and within a year the merger was complete.