



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.

WSU SILVOPASTURE RESEARCH

“Hello land managers and ranchers,

I am graduate student at Washington State University where I am pursuing a graduate degree in Environmental Science and Natural Resources. The goal of my research is to determine if forest grazing/silvopasture reduces fire severity on private lands while maintaining soil health and plant biodiversity. Silvopasture refers to intentional combining timber production and management with livestock grazing in a way that enhances profitability while maintaining natural resources.

To successfully determine the impacts of forest grazing/silvopasture, I am reaching out to landowners, who have experience in grazing cattle on private forests in Asotin County and would be willing to let me establish research plots to assess forest and forage composition and take some plant and soil samples. I recognize that landowners have an in-depth knowledge about their property and management techniques that are valuable and would appreciate the opportunity to learn from you.”

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WEED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

The Asotin County Conservation District and Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board are excited to announce the 2022 Weed Control Programs! There are a couple significant changes from the programs offered last year. We want to encourage more weed treatments on the landscape and we hope these changes help us achieve our goal.

The 2022 Cost-Share program is available for all Class B and C weeds. Treatment of Russian thistle is also eligible. 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 \$50.00 per acre with a cap of \$400 per landowner. The Aerial applications will be 50% cost-share not to exceed a payment of \$25.00 per acre with a cap of \$1,250 per landowner. To apply for the cost-share program, applicants

need to submit a map identifying the location of the treatment, number of acres that will be treated and weeds that will be sprayed. If you need assistance with weed identification, ACCD technical staff can assist you. Acres enrolled in CRP, CREP and CCRP or acres in a cropping rotation are not eligible for the program. Landowners must have a weed management checklist and plan completed with ACCD to be eligible for cost-share.

There will also be funding available for the Early Detection, Rapid Response program. This program targets all Class A weeds and the following Class B weeds: orange hawkweed, meadow hawkweed, spotted knapweed, Japanese knotweed, and white bryony. This program covers 100% of the costs for treatment by a consulting contractor or conservation crew provided by ACCD. This year we will also provide reimbursement of 100% of the chemical cost if the landowner treats the weeds themselves. Landowners must provide written consent/agreement for treatment and allow monitoring of the infestation prior to treatment.

For more information, please contact Kodie at the Conservation District at 509-552-8119 or email weeds@asotincd.org.

2022 TREE SALE

With great sadness, ACCD has decided to cancel the 2022 Tree Sale. We were unable to secure several species that we traditionally sell each year. In addition, we have not had success finding suitable substitutes and feel quality is important. We have already started working with nurseries to plan 2023 and are excited that we should be able to offer additional species and products next year.

Please contact Jennifer at ACCD if you have a bulk plant need. We may be able to help put a special order together.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Traditionally, ACCD holds our annual meeting in March, but we have some exciting changes happening at the Conservation District right now. We have decided to postpone the annual meeting until the changes are finalized and we can announce our big news. We are hoping to celebrate the big news and host our annual meeting later this spring or early summer. Stay tuned for more details in the next edition of The Dirt.

UPCOMING DATES

- President's Day: February 21st – Office Closed
- Last day for voters to request Election ballots: February 17th
- ACCD Board of Supervisors Election: March 3rd, 10am-2pm at ACCD Office
- **Monthly Board Meeting: March 10th at 6pm** – In person and virtual options available. *The meeting link is available upon request.*

FUN FACT!

The oldest salmon fossil found is 50 million years old!