



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.

PARKING LOT CLOSURE

Our parking lot will be closed for seal coating, Thursday, August 25th and Friday, August 26th. The West gate and NW door entrance (14th Street) will be open for foot traffic ONLY. If you need assistance navigating, please call the main office line or any staff directly.

NEW EMPLOYEE



“My name is Autumn Patterson, and I am excited to be serving as a new Resource Technician. I was previously a Wildlife Biologist who served private landowners in the southwestern portion of Georgia. I focused on helping landowners with technical assistance and cost-share programs to enhance habitat for a variety of wildlife in agricultural lands, pastures, and forested areas. Prior to that, my work focused on nongame work in Hawaii, Africa, and throughout the southeast United States. I look forward to jumping right in and serving the Asotin County community!”

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) received a significant amount of funding in the FY23 supplemental budget. The funds are available to Conservation Districts in Washington state to implement best management practices that address specific resource concerns.

Funding Details

The Asotin County Conservation District will be accepting applications for projects that fit the Salmon Recovery Funding and Voluntary Stewardship Program funding. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2023 and will require cultural resources surveys for projects that include ground disturbing activities.

Project Applications

Landowner and Cooperators are encouraged to contact the District by email info@asotincd.org or phone 509-552-8117. Technical staff will develop project plans for review by the ACCD Board of Supervisors. Any projects seeking VSP funds must also be approved by the Asotin County VSP Workgroup. Visit our website for more information <https://asotincd.org/>

The ACCD Board of Supervisors will be reviewing projects in August and September to allow adequate time to complete the environmental compliance requirements and implement projects prior to the June 30, 2023, funding deadline.

Funds are available on a first come first serve basis in addition to a committee review by WSCC to confirm funding criteria is met.

BURN BAN

On Monday, August 1st, the Asotin County Board of Commissioners implemented a burn ban in Asotin County, suspending any type of fires/open burning, effective immediately. The ban will continue until a further ordinance is adopted lifting the suspension. All fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of the County are suspended until further notice. This includes all agricultural spot burns. The ban has been implemented as a result of Asotin County experiencing warm and unusually dry weather resulting in extreme fire hazard conditions. **Exceptions:** 1. Campfires will be permitted within designated fire pits at Chief Timothy Park (island only) unless a Washington State-wide Burn Ban is enacted. 2. Throughout the unincorporated areas of Asotin County, approved propane fire rings, approved propane and charcoal barbeques are allowed.

WILDFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Be Ready: Create and maintain defensible space and harden your home against flying embers.

Get Set: Prepare your family and home ahead of time for the possibility of having to evacuate. Ensure you have a plan of what to take and where to go. Ask friends or relatives outside your area if you would be able to stay with them, should the need arise. If you do need to evacuate and have to make other arrangements, check with hotels, motels and campgrounds to learn if they are open.

Be Ready to GO! When wildfire strikes, go early for your safety. Take the evacuation steps necessary to give your family and home the best chance of surviving a wildfire.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

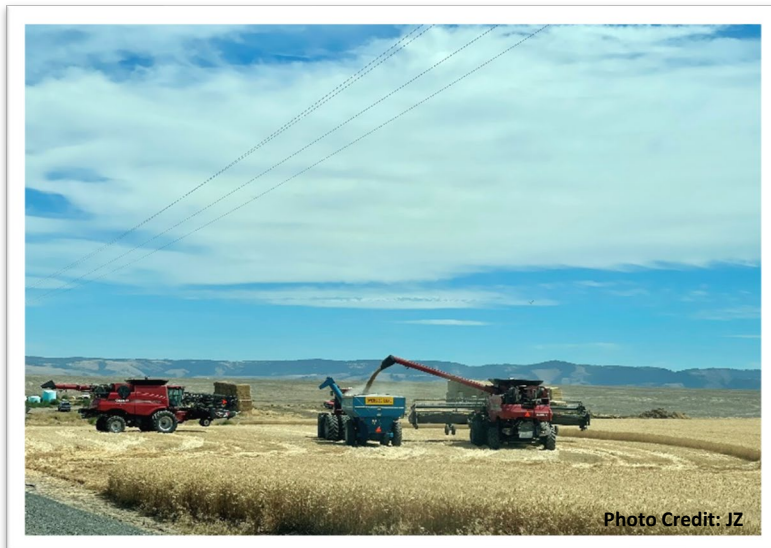
Legislative changes made to OPMA in the most recent legislative session, districts are now required to post agendas on their own or another agency's website 24 hours in advance of regular meetings. There is no longer a direct exemption for districts with fewer than 10 full time employees. Therefore, all districts are now required to post agendas online 24 hours in advance of a meeting. To view our meeting agendas, visit this link <https://asotincd.org/board-meetings/>.

UPCOMING DATES

- *ACCD Office Closed – September 5th: Labor Day*
- **ACCD Monthly Board Meeting: September 8th at 6pm** – In person and virtual options available. *The meeting link is available upon request.*

FUN FACT!

In the United States, there are six classes of wheat, which can be further broken down by planting season, the color of the kernel, and “hardness,” or kernel texture. Soft wheat will be easier to mill than hard wheat, which informs their application: Hard wheat, for example, has a high protein content range of 10 to 13 percent and produces bagels and chewy bread with crackling crusts; softer strains of wheat flours are somewhere around six to seven percent, best for things like cakes, muffins, and cookies, where stretchiness is less of a priority.



Wheat harvest 2022



Combines are BUSY!