



*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.*

**PESTICIDE CREDIT COURSE**

Breaking news! The District will be holding a pesticide recertification credit course Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – noon. Topics to be covered include, identifying Mediterranean Sage and methods of control, herbicide resistance: implications for weed management in wheat, and pasture management to combat ventenata and hawkweeds.

**WCC CREW**

The Asotin WCC Crew has made a big impact in their first month in the county, and completed the final construction phase on Tenmile Creek, with a total of 147 PALS installed for Steelhead Habitat during the past 3 construction seasons, and over 4,300 feet of stream treated in all!!!! The crew has been working on planting and restoration projects with our partners at Palouse Conservation District for the last few weeks and will started our forest health enhancement projects in the Blue Mountains this week!

**FIELD DAY WITH CHS STUDENTS**

On October 14, ACCD staff Lacy Ausman-Ditto and Tim Fitzgibbons lead Clarkston High School Juniors and Seniors up Couse Creek for monitoring efforts. Students learned how to take water quality samples, that measured ph., nitrate, nitrogen, and other water quality properties in their Environmental Science class taught by Lisa Swanson. Students got to put these skills to work monitoring water quality at the confluence of the Snake River and Couse Creek, where data gathered that day will be used to track the progress of best management practices (BMPs) implemented throughout the Couse watershed. Students were also briefed on how to complete rapid assessment surveys of the creeks vegetation and structure including photo points to be used in comparison analysis to photos taken previously. Earlier that week Lacy and Tim attended a classroom session with students explaining the scope of the project, objectives to be completed and the importance of this monitoring effort. The classroom session ended with Lacy and Tim presenting an interactive ecological job fair that showcased careers in conservation, hopefully inspiring some to pursue a career in natural resources.

**2022 WEED CONTROL COST-SHARE EXPIRING SOON!**

If you have an outstanding weed control cost-share application, please submit your invoices/receipts by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Drop off invoices at the ACCD office or submit them by email to [weeds@asotincd.org](mailto:weeds@asotincd.org). For additional information about the noxious weed control cost-share program, contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The District is seeking a **Resource Technician** to join our team. This will be a full time, hourly position. The person in this position will work closely with local landowners, coworkers, and conservation partners. The primary responsibility for this position is to coordinate the District’s Bighorn Sheep Health Program and Non-Commercial Small Farm Program which will include the development of voluntary conservation plans specific to each landowner’s needs and natural resource concerns. Starting compensation will be \$17.00 per hour DOQ/DOE plus a competitive benefit package.

Job description and ACCD application instructions are available on our website at [www.asotincd.org](http://www.asotincd.org)

**UPCOMING DATES**

- **Office Closed** – November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving
- **Pesticide Recertification Credit Course** – November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at ACCD
- **ACCD Monthly Board Meeting: December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12pm** – In person and virtual options available. *The meeting link is available upon request.*
- **ACNWCB (Noxious Weed) Board Meeting: December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**FUN FACT!**

The Blue Mountains accumulates 120” of annual average snowpack!



Lick Creek bouncing back after 2021 fire



Natural log jam on Lick Creek