



*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.*

❖ **ANNUAL MEETING**

It is time once again for the Asotin County Conservation District annual meeting and dinner for Asotin County Landowners and Cooperators.

This year's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30-8pm**. We have added a couple of exciting events prior to the program and dinner. Two pesticide recertification credits will be offered from 3 – 5 pm (pre-sign up is not required). A contractor vendor fair and social hour will take place from 5-6 pm followed by updates from ACCD, NRCS, and FSA and dinner.

❖ **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTIONS**

We are looking for a volunteer to join our board of supervisor team. While our deadline to be an official candidate (name listed on the ballot) has passed, one can still be elected as a write-in on the official ballot. If you would like more information regarding the roles and responsibilities of a supervisor, please contact Megan at [megan@asotincd.org](mailto:megan@asotincd.org) or 509-552-8100.

❖ **CONSERVATION TREE AND SHRUB SALE**

The Asotin County Conservation District is kicking off the annual tree and shrub sale. There are limited quantities available for certain species. In the past, we have sold out of some trees quickly! Order early to ensure you get the species and quantities you want.

Pre-order forms have been mailed out but can also be filled out at our office or found on our website.

❖ **FOREST HEALTH**

Forest Health Thinning has been rocking in Asotin County for the past several months. The district has sponsored a Washington Conservation Corps Crew (aka: WCC) to complete conservation projects around the county. Their first major forest thinning projects served (4) separate small acreage landowners with extreme-wildfire risk stands to remove the hazardous accumulation of encroaching trees and trees suffering from beetle outbreaks. Thinning and pruning in these high-risk areas will improve conditions for wildlife habitat and wildfire control and increase the resiliency and health of the remaining trees. Contact Lacy for details, [lacy@asotincd.org](mailto:lacy@asotincd.org) or 509-552-8120.

❖ **BIO-CONTROL REQUESTS**

The District is excited to offer biological control agents for noxious weed control. Biological control agents are intended for large and well-established infestations of noxious weeds as a long-term management strategy. Biological controls for yellow star thistle, rush skeletonweed, poison hemlock, Canada thistle, and puncturevine will be available for order. If you are interested in receiving biological control agents, contact Kodie Wight at 509-552-8119 or [kodie@asotincd.org](mailto:kodie@asotincd.org).

❖ **RIPARIAN PLANTINGS**

Riparian planting season is in full swing around the county. Over 14,000 trees and shrubs have already been planted. A total of 21,000 stems are scheduled to be planted this spring. Most plantings are taking place in CREP and CCRP projects. If the weather holds, all projects should be complete by the end of March.

❖ **CRP SIGNUPS**

Agriculture producers and landowners may submit offers into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) through **April 7, 2023**. Under the CRP program producers and landowners can establish long-term, resource-conserving practices, that are designed to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. *Sign up with Asotin County Farm Service Agency (FSA).*

❖ **FARWELL**

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, we said good-bye to Tim Fitzgibbons. Tim joined the district in summer of 2022 as a Resource Technician and was responsible for overseeing the implementation of cost-share projects and VSP monitoring. We wish him good luck on his new adventure in Southern Idaho.

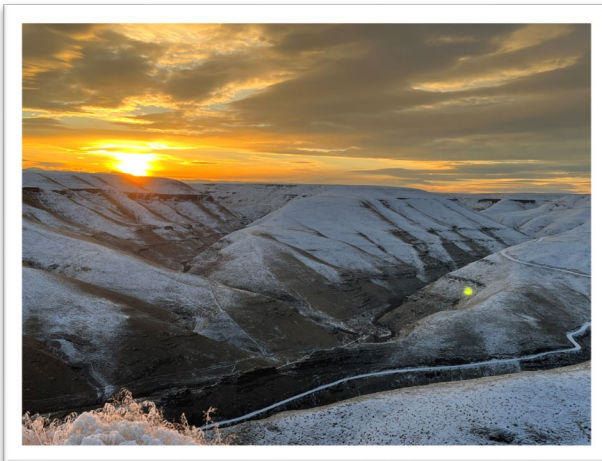
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**UPCOMING DATES**

- **Annual Meeting and Election: *March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30-8pm***
- **ACCD Monthly Board Meeting: *April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm***
- **Conservation Tree and Shrub Sale pickup: *April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-4:30pm***

**FUN FACT!**

Mountain snowpack plays a key role in the water cycle in western North America, storing water in the winter when the snow falls and releasing it as runoff in spring and summer when the snow melts.



The land and the streams both benefit from snow.



# Asotin County

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# Annual Meeting

• March 23, 2023 •

### Agenda

- 2:30 p.m. Election Polls Open
- 3:00 p.m. Pesticide Credit Course
- 5:00 p.m. Contractor Vendor Fair & Social
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome
  - NRCS Program Updates
  - FSA Program Updates
  - ACCD Program Updates
- 7:00 p.m. -- DINNER --
- 7:30 p.m. Election Polls Close
- 8:00 p.m. Adjourn

**RSVP is required by March 17th for dinner!**

Location | 1397 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA  
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