



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.

❖ **NEW TECHNICIAN**

My name is Tony Monzingo. I grew up in St. Maries, Idaho, where I graduated high school. Shortly after graduation, I attended the University of Idaho, majoring in Environmental Science. After a semester, I switched my major to Fisheries Resources. I attended the University of Idaho for three years. When my wife graduated, we moved to Washington for her master's degree. This was when I decided to make the switch to an online college to complete my degree. I attended American Public University part time while I gained hands on experience working for a landscaping company in Pullman, WA. I received my Associate of Arts degree in General Education after a year of attending. Soon after, I received my certificate in Fish and Wildlife Management. I am still attending American Public University in pursuit of my bachelor's degree in Fish and Wildlife Management. I am extremely excited to be a part of the ACCD team as a resource technician. It has been a dream of mine to pursue a career where I can help people and help the surrounding area where I call home.



❖ **TECHNICIAN UPDATE**

Klara McKay, who has been part-time since January 2023, will be on staff full-time starting May 15th! She has been running and will continue to run the Bighorn Sheep Health Program. Her new additional workload will also involve VSP monitoring and the non-commercial stewardship program.

❖ **10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

March 2023 marks the 10-year anniversary of Colleen Ozard's employment at ACCD! For those who don't know, she is our bookkeeper. She is the wizard at hand for making sure cooperators and landowners receive payments, vouchering the countless grants, tackling payroll, and so many other infinite financial tasks! Colleen continues to be a significant part of making sure the District is in operating order. Thank you, Colleen!

❖ **CLOSING OUT FISCAL YEAR**

As the end of our fiscal year quickly approaches, June 30th, cost-share projects need to be completed. Please coordinate with your technician regarding the status of your projects.

On July 1st, the new fiscal year will begin and with it comes new grants and contracts. A new round of funding will be available for projects that enhance and protect natural resources. Stop by the office to talk to us about planning your next project! Planning ahead gives our staff ample time to plan the specific details of your project and coordinate with our funding sources.

❖ **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTIONS**

The election for the Board of Supervisors was held on March 23rd at ACCD. Unofficial results – Jesse Greene was elected and will take his position on the Board at the end of May 2023 after the election is certified by the Washington State Conservation Commission.

❖ **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our annual meeting was a huge success! The afternoon hours consisted of hosting a pesticide credit recertification course and a contractor vendor fair. We held the meeting and served dinner in the warehouse of our new building. We want to thank our USDA partners that presented and extend a big thank you to all those who attended. Most importantly Thank you to our meeting sponsors. Without our sponsors the meeting is not possible.

AgPro, Anabranh Solutions, Blue Mountain Agri-Support, Clearwater Seed, Cramer Fish Sciences, GeoEngineers, Casey & Gail Hagenah, Roosters Waterfront Restaurant, Scheibe Farms, Schurman’s True Value, and Ken Thornton
THANK YOU for supporting conservation in Asotin County!

❖ **CONSERVATION TREE AND SHRUB SALE**

The annual conservation tree and shrub sale was also held in the warehouse of our new building last week. We still have some species available for purchase:

- Nanking Cherry
- Western Sand Cherry
- Golden Currant
- Blue Columbine
- Red Splendor Crabapple
- Amur Maple
- Chokecherry
- American Plum
- American Hazelnut
- Mockorange

Please call Jennifer at 509-552-8103 or email jennifer@asotincd.org to inquire about availability and placing an order in person (No mail in orders since inventory is subject to change).

❖ **ASOTIN COUNTY FAIR**

ACCD will be at the biggest event of the year in Asotin County! We will have an informational and interactive booth set-up next to the Cattleman’s food building. Don’t miss our second booth (rainfall simulator trailer) located between the antique engine club and the fairgrounds Johnson Memorial Park. There will be daily set times for rainfall simulator demonstrations for all ages to come watch; Friday at 8am, 11am, & 2pm, Saturday at 9am, 11am, & 1pm, and Sunday at 11am & 1:30pm.

❖ **HORSES FOR CLEAN WATER**

Please join us on **Monday, May 15th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.**

Alayne Blicke, the creator and director of Horses for Clean Water, will be presenting on topics including: managing mud and runoff on horse properties, pasture management, and water conservation.

The event will be held at ACCD’s office at 1397 Port Drive in Clarkston. Light refreshments will be provided. *Please RSVP by May 12th!*

❖ **INVASIVE PLANT PEST AND DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

USDA has declared April as Invasive Plant Pest and Disease awareness month. Invasive Plant Pest and Disease awareness month intends to highlight the negative impacts that invasive species have on ecosystems and agriculture. Not only do invasive species degrade fish and wildlife habitat, but they also have detrimental economic impact to cropland, livestock, timber, and recreational areas. The combined economic impact of invasive species on these industries is over \$500 million in Washington State alone. Learn to identify invasive species at

- <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/>
- <https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/invasive-species/>
- <https://www.wnps.org/>

❖ **EARTH DAY**

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2023 is Invest In Our Planet. We can help celebrate our planet, whether it’s planning an

outdoor ramble, cleaning up litter, planting native trees, plants, and flowers, conserving water, or using more Earth-friendly products.

UPCOMING DATES

- **ACNWCB Board Meeting: *April 18th at 6pm***
- **Asotin County Fair (ACCD has 2 vendor spots): *April 28 – 30th***
- **ACCD Monthly Board Meeting: *May 11th at 6pm***
- **Horses for Clean Water Workshop: *May 15th at 5:30pm***

FUN FACT!

Earth day started in the U.S. in 1970 but eventually became a global event in 1990.



New pine in a riparian planting site.



2023 Annual Meeting in our new building!