



*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.*

❖ **COUGAR CREEK FISH PASSAGE**

Construction for the Cougar Creek fish passage barrier is nearing completion. A three-sided concrete box culvert has been installed underneath the Grande Ronde River Road. The final step is restoration of the disturbed areas, including seeding grass, planting trees, and fencing. Once the earthwork is complete, fish nets can be removed, allowing fish to return to the creek! There have been some major changes in the last six weeks!

❖ **WSCC TOUR**

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, representatives from WSCC (WA State Conservation Commission), WACD (WA Association for Conservation Districts, NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service), and other Conservation Districts attended a tour of several projects. Four of ACCD's newest projects were showcased on the tour; trommel screen for manure, Cougar Creek fish passage barrier correction, a forest health thinning & pruning site, and an instream fish habitat improvement site. The goal of the tour was to showcase the natural resource benefits of completed and ongoing conservation projects to the Commissioners, WSCC Staff, and partners.

❖ **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

September is National Preparedness Month. At this time of year people come together as a community to prioritize safety and readiness for unforeseen challenges. From disasters caused by natural hazards to man-made emergencies, being prepared is the key to protecting ourselves, our families, our property, and our homes. Preparing for natural disasters can greatly reduce the risks to health and the environment. Hurricanes or floods can contaminate drinking water sources. Forest fires or volcanoes harm air quality. Tornadoes or earthquakes, by damaging factories or storage facilities, can release contaminants where people live or into the environment. (<https://www.epa.gov/natural-disasters/general-information-disasters>)

**UPCOMING DATES**

- **ACCD Monthly Board Meeting: October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**
- **ACNWCB Board Meeting: October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

**FUN FACT!**

Historical flooding occurred in Asotin County in 1974 and 1996!



Construction on Cougar Creek fish passage



Trommel in use sorting through a manure pile



PALS that were constructed on Tenmile Creek