



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.

❖ **ACCD IS HIRING**

The Asotin County Conservation 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 \$18.00 per hour DOQ/DOE plus a competitive benefit package.

Job description and ACCD application instructions are available on our website at www.asotincd.org

❖ **MEDITERRANEAN SAGE**

Have you seen Mediterranean Sage in Asotin County?

Mediterranean Sage (*Salvia aethiopsis*) is a Class A noxious weed and eradication is required in Washington State. The conservation district and county noxious weed board are currently inventorying and treating known infestations of Mediterranean sage. Mediterranean sage is a hairy grayish/blue biennial with square stems that can grow up to three feet tall. It produces white clustered flowers, and each plant can produce up to 100,000 seeds. The plant stems break off and act as a tumbleweed spreading seed as it blows in the wind. Mediterranean sage has a distinct pungent sage smell. It typically grows in pastures and rangeland favoring south facing slopes. If you think you have seen this plant, please contact the conservation district so we can assist with identification, inventory, and treatment.



Med. Sage rosette ready to bolt



Rosette with 3 separate bolts



Med Sage that bolted w/ flowers

❖ **EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

Whether your project is big or small, ACCD has equipment available to rent! We were able to secure funding to purchase three pieces of equipment and to put a rental program in place. The goal is to assist producers with manure management.

- Large-scale manure trommel
- Large-scale manure spreader
- Small-scale manure spreader

To learn more about our equipment and how to rent, contact tony@asotincd.org or 509-552-2615

➤ **PESTICIDE CREDITS**

The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board is partnering with Washington Department of Agriculture (WSDA), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Washington Invasive Species Council, King County Noxious Weed Control Board, and Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board to host 2 free webinars to receive pesticide recertification credits. One will be held in Spanish, with opportunities to win Cabela's gift cards!

Date: Wednesday, November 29th

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Language: English

More information and register:

<https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/event/stop-noxious-weeds-webinar/>

Date: Thursday, November 30th

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Language: Spanish

More information and register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/use-pesticidas-con-seguridad-tickets-723705912867?aff=oddtcreator>

WSU Extension in partnership with University of Idaho Extension and Oregon State University are once again offering a "Last Chance Pesticide Recertification" program on Friday, December 8th, 2023, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Five pesticide re-certification credits have been applied for and are pending approval from WSDA, ISDA and the ODA.

The program is a regional "hybrid" program offered both in-person at four different locations, and by Zoom (virtual on-line). The in-person host site locations are in Clarkston at the Asotin County Fire Station (located at 2377 Appleside Blvd in Clarkston), in Colfax, Walla Walla and Pendleton, Oregon.

More information & registration: <https://extension.wsu.edu/asotin/upcoming-events-and-workshops/>

UPCOMING DATES

- **ACCD Board Meeting: December 7th at 12pm**

FUN FACT!

In 2021, 216.5 million turkeys were raised on turkey farms across the United States.



Large, healthy Ponderosa Pine in Asotin County



WCC Crew doing forestry work!