



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.

❖ **SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendar as “busy” on March 14, 2024! You won’t want to miss our Annual Meeting and Election day. The District is planning some fun activities that will take place during the day before hosting our meeting and dinner in the evening. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

❖ **SOIL ACIDITY IN SE WASHINGTON**

Recent years have seen an increase in low soil pH issues across the inland PNW. Research continues around the area to find an economical management option for producers. The District would like to know if Asotin County producers have concerns about soil acidity in their fields. Contact Brad Riehle at 509-552-8121.

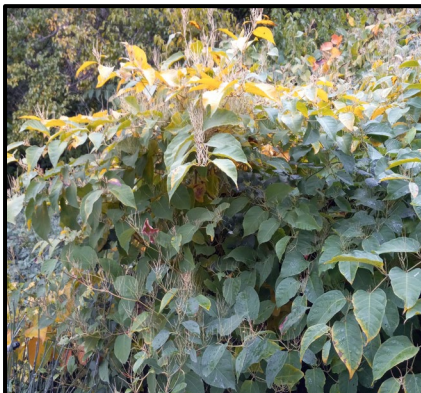
❖ **JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) is an aggressive escaped ornamental species that forms dense stands and crowd out all other vegetation. It is a perennial species with spreading rhizomes (underground root-like stems) and whitish-green flowers. Even though it produces flowers, approximately 90% of plant reproduction is rhizomatic. Individual plants can reach up to 8 feet tall with upright branching stems. Bamboo like stems remain after plants die leaving behind woody residue. Once established it can be difficult to remove due to the extensive root structure. Chemical treatment with a translocation herbicide is highly recommended such as glyphosate or triclopyr. Mechanical or manual removal is not recommended for actively growing plants because small root and rhizome fragments left behind can regenerate and spread infestation.

There is approximately less than one known acre of Japanese knotweed in Asotin County. The known populations are located in residential areas and are currently being treated. Japanese knotweed is a Class B listed noxious weed in Washington State and is eligible for the Early Detection, Rapid Response program (EDRR) in Asotin County. If you have seen this plant, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119.



Japanese Knotweed in Asotin Co.



Knotweed in the Fall



During residue removal

❖ **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

➤ **2024 MEETING SCHEDULES**

<i>Conservation District Board</i>	<i>Asotin Co. Noxious Weed Control Board</i>
January 11 @ 12pm	January 3 @ 10am – Special Meeting
February 8 @ 12pm	February 20 @ 6pm
March 7 @ 6pm	April 16 @ 6pm
April 11 @ 6pm	June 18 @ 6pm
May 9 @ 6pm	October 15 @ 6pm
June 6 @ 6pm	December 17 @ 6pm
July 11 @ 6pm	February 20 @ 6pm
August 8 @ 6pm	April 16 @ 6pm
September 5 @ 6pm	
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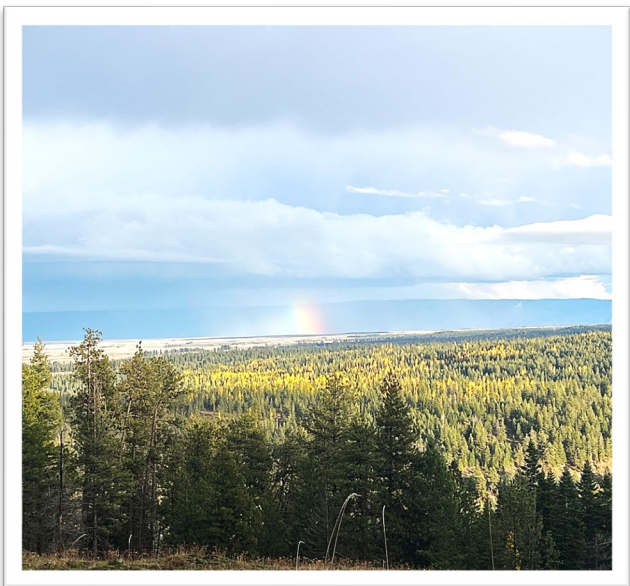
All board meetings are held in the ACCD conference room. A virtual option is available upon request.

UPCOMING DATES

- **ACNWCB (Noxious Weed) Special Meeting: *January 3rd at 10am***
- **Office Closed: *December 25th (Christmas) and January 1st (New Year’s Day)***
- **ACCD Board Meeting: *January 11th at 12pm***

FUN FACT!

There are nearly 400 Christmas tree farms in WA! Noble and Douglas Fir are the most popular species sold.



Healthy forest in the Blue Mountains of Asotin County



Instream Post Assisted Log Structures (PALS)