



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 SALE DATE**

ACCD's infamous annual tree and plant sale is fast approaching. We have set a date for March 21-22. We will be sending out important details and the pre-order form later this month. If you have not received our pre-order form in previous years and want to be added to our mail/email list, NOW is the time to do so! Email info@asotincd.org to be added.

❖ **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

❖ **EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

Even with fresh snow on the ground, it is the perfect time to think about spring chores. Whether your project is big or small, ACCD has the right size equipment available to rent! The goal is to assist livestock producers with manure management projects.

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

To learn more about our equipment, rental program, and to schedule spring manure spreading, contact tony@asotincd.org or 509-552-2615

❖ **WHITE BRYONY**

White Bryony (*Bryonia alba*) is an herbaceous perennial vine that forms dense mats and shades out surrounding vegetation. Leaves are broadly toothed with 3 to 5 lobes and leaf surfaces have small white glands. White Bryony produces small white-greenish flowers, black berries, and thick fleshy tubers. Stems have long, curly, unbranched tendrils. It is a class B designated species in Asotin County and control is required. All plant parts are toxic to humans and livestock.

The best control method is to manually dig out the tubers. Dig and cut the top of the root crown at least 3 to 4 inches below the crown. If possible after cutting the root crown, apply herbicide to the root surface. Foliar herbicide applications alone will reduce seed production but will not kill the entire plant.

A few individual populations have been documented in Asotin County and are currently being treated. If you have seen this plant, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119.



White bryony growing on a living tree.



White bryony leaves with immature berries



White bryony rosette

UPCOMING DATES

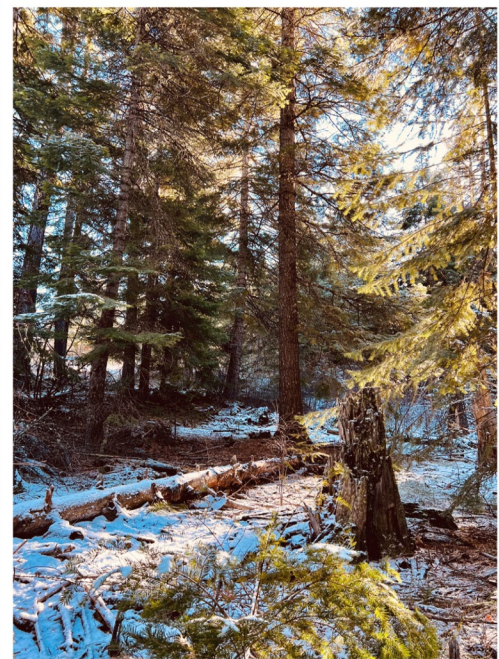
- **Farm Service Agency Deadline - January 30th - Submit 2023 Application for Payment and supporting documentation for the Livestock Forage Program (LFP)**
- **ACCD Board Meeting: February 8th at 12pm**

FUN FACT!

Asotin County, Washington set its snowfall record 47 years ago. On Feb 16, 1976, the county received 21 inches of snow over 24 hours.



Healthy forest in the Blue Mountains of Asotin County



A healthy forest is a key player in a healthy ecosystem