



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.

❖ **ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION**

It is time once again for the Asotin County Conservation District annual meeting and dinner for Asotin County Landowners and Cooperators.

This year’s meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **March 14th, 2:30-8pm**. We have added a couple of exciting events prior to the program and dinner.

10:00 a.m.	Bio-Control Center Tour in Lapwai (1 credit)
2:30 p.m.	Election Polls Open
3:00 p.m.	Pesticide Credit Course (2 credits)

5:00 p.m.	Social
6:00 p.m.	Welcome
	NRCS Program Updates
	FSA Program Updates
	ACCD Program Updates
7:00 p.m.	-- DINNER -- *RSVP required by March 8th
7:30 p.m.	Election Polls Close
8:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Nez Perce Biological Control Center Tour

Join us for a tour of the Nez Perce Biological Control Center on March 14th. Meet the staff entomologists and biologists and get a first-hand look at the center’s operations. Tour the center’s greenhouses and learn about the benefits of insects for biological weed control and the center’s agent rearing programs. This tour will be eligible for 1 pesticide recertification credit. The tour will begin at 10am and last approximately one hour. Please meet at the Nez Perce Biological Control Center at 22776 Beaver Grade, Lapwai, Idaho 83540. RSVP by March 7th. Tour group size is limited. Let us know if you are interested in carpooling from the ACCD office.

❖ **TREE SALE**

ACCD’s annual tree and plant sale is now open for pre-orders. Pre-sales will end Friday, March 15th. We have set a date for pickups, March 21-22. We are now taking orders online! Visit our website for important details and the link to place your order. <https://asotincd.org/tree-sale-2/>

❖ **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



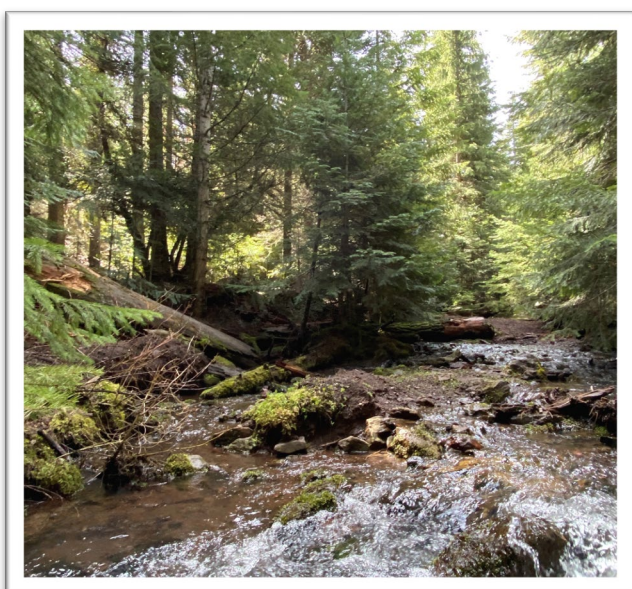
White bryony rosette

UPCOMING DATES

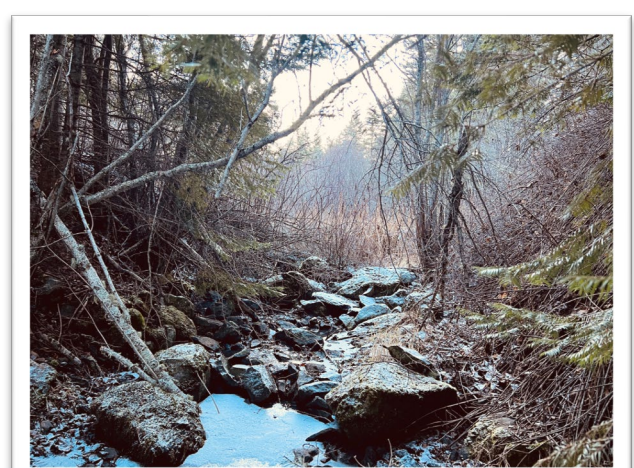
- **Tree & Plant Sale – Open now until March 14th**
- **President’s Day: February 19th – Office Closed**
- **Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting: February 20th at 6pm**
- **ACCD Board Meeting: March 7th at 6pm**
- **Annual Meeting & Election: March 14th**

FUN FACT!

Over 75% of the world's drinking water comes from forested areas.



Healthy forest in the Blue Mountains of Asotin County



A healthy forest is a key player in a healthy ecosystem.