



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.

❖ **ASOTIN COUNTY FAIR**

ACCD will have a booth space again at the fair! This year, we are going BIG! Not only will we have a large booth space right next to the Kerri Lynn Johnson Memorial Playground, but we will be taking over management of the playground after signing a ten-year agreement with Asotin County and the Fair board. We are excited to transform the space into a family friendly space for young children to play in while promoting low impact landscaping concepts. During the fair stop by and we will be happy to share our vision for this multi-year planned project. We hope to bring beauty and joy to the fair for all generations.

❖ **COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN**

ACCD is excited to announce that we are updating the Asotin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The county's plan has not been updated since 2008, so this update is long overdue. While we have a long list of agency folks who we are collaborating with to get a new plan in place, we need YOU, the community, to make it a success. A large portion of our fair booth will be dedicated to this planning effort and informing the community of important details that will be incorporated in the CWPP. One of our key partners will also be on site with us with a wildfire brush truck, Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Rumor has it Smokey the Bear will make appearances throughout the weekend too!

❖ **JOINTED GOATGRASS**

Jointed goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*) is a class C listed noxious weed species in Washington. Jointed goatgrass is found in cultivated fields, pastures, roadsides and in disturbed areas.

Jointed goatgrass is a winter annual found primarily in winter wheat-fallow. It can hybridize with winter wheat and reduce wheat crop yields. Goatgrass has upright stems that branch at the base and grows up to 2.5 feet tall. It has hollow stems and a narrow non-spreading cylindrical spike with the appearance of joints stacked upon one another. The seeds break into individual segments at maturity. Seeds are viable for approximately three to five years.

Jointed goatgrass is found throughout Asotin County and most of eastern Washington. Herbicide is the best form of control. Imazapic (Plateau) is recommended for non-crop areas including pastures, rangeland, and conifer plantations. Indaziflam (Rejuvra) is recommended for annual grass control in rangeland, pasture, and non-crop areas. Indazaflam provides up to five years of pre-emergent control and should be applied in established sites. Several pre-emergent herbicides have plant back restrictions for perennial grasses and rotational crops. Always read the label before applying herbicide. There are no known effective biological controls available. If you have any questions, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or [kodie@asotincd.org](mailto:kodie@asotincd.org).



❖ **EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

Even with chilly mornings, 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](mailto:tony@asotincd.org) or 509-552-2615

**UPCOMING DATES**

- **Asotin County Fair: April 26-28<sup>th</sup> (ACCD will have a booth!)**
- **ACCD Board Meeting: May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**FUN FACT!**

In 1955, a total of 39 steers were shown at the Asotin County Fair. The FFA grand champion steer was Harold Renshaw, and the 4-H grand champion steer was Donald Sangster.



Views over the Grande Ronde River!



Nature has its own unique characteristics.