



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.

❖ **CLOSING OUT FISCAL YEAR**

Our fiscal year is quickly coming to an end. Cost-share projects need to be completed prior to June 30th. Please coordinate with your technician regarding the status of your projects.

On July 1st, the new fiscal year will begin and with it comes new grants and contracts. A new round of funding will be available for projects that enhance and protect natural resources. Stop by the office to talk to us about planning your next project!

❖ **COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN**

Asotin County Emergency Management, the Asotin County Conservation District and The Ember Alliance are updating the Asotin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Up-to-date information and fire modeling will be used to assess local hazards and identify strategic investments to mitigate risk and promote preparedness. A CWPP will improve the ability of the fire protection district, landowners, and residents to prepare for, respond to, and adapt to wildfires. An updated plan will help our county qualify for grant funding to assist with wildfire preparedness throughout our area.

Community Wildfire Preparedness Survey

****Your input as a community member is a vital aspect of CWPP development and implementation. ****

Please take this anonymous survey to share your insights and thoughts about your wildfire risk and community preparedness. Your information will be kept confidential. *(Those who wish to provide proof of survey submission will be entered into a drawing for an amazing large prize!)*

❖ **WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

May is Wildfire Preparedness Month. As we enter the beginning of wildfire season it's crucial to be prepared!

Here are a few key steps you can take to prepare for wildfires:

1. Develop an Emergency Plan: Make sure everyone in your household knows what to do in case of a wildfire. Establish evacuation routes and designate meeting points.
2. Assemble a Disaster Kit: Pack essential items such as water, non-perishable food, medications, important documents, and first aid supplies. Keep this kit in an easily accessible location.
3. Create Defensible Space: Clear away dry leaves, branches, and other flammable materials from around your home. Maintain a buffer zone of at least 5 feet around structures.
4. Support your local fire prepared communities: Get involved in wildfire preparedness initiatives, such as neighborhood clean-up events or fire safety workshops. Check with Asotin County Conservation District or local fire department for upcoming events.

By taking these proactive measures, you can help protect yourself, your family, and your community from the devastating impacts of wildfires.

Visit [HERE](#) to helpful information and tools.

❖ **NOXIOUS WEED SPOTLIGHT**

Sulfur Cinquefoil (*Potentilla recta*) is a Class B listed noxious weed species in Washington. It is a perennial species with a woody stalk that grows up to three feet in height. Flowers are rose-like with five light yellow petals and a dark yellow center. Leaflets typically have five dark green serrated hairy leaves. Fruits (achenes) are dark brown with lighter prominent, branched ridges, and narrow winged margins. Sulfur Cinquefoil reproduces by seed but can also spread by roots if they are moved by tillage or soil moving equipment. Flowers from early June through July. Seeds may remain viable for up to 4 years. Sulfur Cinquefoil can be found in grasslands, shrubby areas, roadsides, waste areas, fields, and open forest and logged areas. Be sure to positively identify noxious weeds before treating them. Some invasive species have similar looking native species. There are native cinquefoil species including slender cinquefoil (*Potentilla gracilis*).

Prevention is the best form of control. It is recommended to control sulfur cinquefoil before it becomes widespread throughout the county. Digging or pulling small populations can be effective. Be sure to remove as much root as possible. Mowing is not typically effective due to the deep woody taproot. Herbicide is an effective control method. Tricopyr, metsulfuron, picloram, and 2,4-D have shown good control of sulfur cinquefoil. Always read and follow the herbicide labels.

Asotin County has a few populations of sulfur cinquefoil, but it is not widespread throughout the county. If you have any questions, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or kodie@asotinco.org.



❖ **EPA LAUNCHES ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT “BULLETINS LIVE! TWO” UPDATE**

The Environmental Protection Agency has launched the Endangered Species Protection “Bulletins Live! Two” update. The program is designed to protect threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitat by limiting specific pesticide use in specific areas and during specific application timing. For certain active ingredients, bulletins are required on site when applying the chemical. The EPA website allows you to print a PDF of the bulletin up to six months in advance that identifies the application area and pesticide use limitations (<https://www.epa.gov/endangered-species/bulletins-live-two-view-bulletins>). Always read the pesticide product label even if you have used the product in the past.

What you need to know as a licensed applicator:

- You only need a bulletin on site when directed by the product label.
- If a bulletin is required, it will be listed under the “Directions for Use” section on the product label.
- Currently, in Washington state, bulletins are required for five active ingredients:
 - Herbicides:
 - Bromoxynil
 - Metolachlor
 - Prometryn
 - Insecticides:
 - Cyantraniliprole
 - Fumigant Telone (1,3-dichloropropene)

For more information, contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or contact the EPA Endangered Species Protection Program hotline at 1-844-447-3813.

❖ **ASOTIN COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD VACANCIES**

The Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board is looking for two volunteers to join the board of supervisors. District 1 (Peola) and District 3 (Asotin Flats) are both vacant. The mission of the Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board is to carry out the State Noxious Weed Law (RCW 17.10) in a manner which assists the land managers and land users of Asotin County in becoming ever better stewards of the land and resources by protecting and conserving our agricultural lands, recreational areas, and natural resources from the degrading impact of invasive noxious weeds. For more information regarding the roles and responsibilities of a supervisor, please contact Megan Stewart at megan@asotincd.org or (509) 552-8100.

❖ **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 or 509-552-2615

UPCOMING DATES

- **Office Closed, Memorial Day: *May 27th***
- **ACCD Board Meeting: *June 6th at 6pm***

FUN FACT!

It takes 3.3-acre feet of water to grow enough food for an average family for a year.



Views on the Rattlesnake grade!



Kerri Lynn Johnson Memorial Playground at Asotin Co. Fairgrounds – ACCD year 1 of management updates.