



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.

❖ **NEW NATURAL RESOURCE TECHNICIAN**



“My name is Sarah Figg. I was born and raised in Spokane, Washington. My family owns a farm west of Spokane where I spent many of my weekends growing up. This helped foster my appreciation for agriculture and the preservation of agricultural lands. I am fortunate to have grown up in the Pacific Northwest where I spent my free time camping, hiking, riding snowmobiles and ATVs. I have a love for the outdoors and conservation which inspired me to earn a degree in Environmental Science. I graduated from Washington State University in May. During my time at WSU, I gained experience taking water and soil samples as well as learning about the local geography. I recently moved to the LCV and look forward to exploring the surrounding areas, planting a garden and spending time on the river. I am very excited to be joining the ACCD team as a Natural Resource Specialist!”

❖ **COVER CROP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

Did you miss out on the last round of funding for cover crops? Well, here’s another chance! More funding is coming through the Sustainable Farms and Fields program during the upcoming state fiscal year. The program’s goal is to adopt soil health management systems. Funding is available for fall 2024 and spring 2025 plantings. Contact us by July 15 to get on the list.

Eligible practices include:

- **Cover Crop**
- **Pasture/Hayland Planting**
- **Windbreaks**

If you are interested contact:

Tony: 509-552-2615, tony@asotincd.org or Brad: 509-552-8121, brad@asotincd.org

❖ **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 ASAP!*

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 Link](#)

****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!)*

❖ **NOXIOUS WEED SPOTLIGHT**

Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) is a Class C listed noxious weed species in Washington. It is a perennial herbaceous vine with creeping stems that grow along the ground and on other plants and structures. Bindweed has an extensive system of rhizomes that can grow deep into the soil and can be difficult to remove once established. Flowers are white to pinkish trumpet or bell shaped and approximately one inch in diameter. Each flower has 2 small bracts located one inch below the flower. Leaves are alternate and arrowhead-shaped and have pointed lobes at the base.

Several active ingredients can be used to suppress field bindweed including 2,4-D, dicamba, and glyphosate. However, for good control of field bindweed, it's recommended to use picloram or triclopyr in rangeland, on permanent pasture grasses, and fallow grainland east of the Cascades. Pyraflufen ethyl (Edict 2SC) provides control in pastures and rangeland and doesn't have grazing restrictions once it has dried post-application. Quinclorac (ortho weed b-gon) has shown good control in lawns and ornamental settings. Higher rates of herbicide may be necessary to control field bind weed. Always read and follow the pesticide label instructions.

Field bindweed is found throughout Asotin County in pastures, rangeland, crop fields, roadsides, and lawns. If you have any questions, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or kodie@asotincd.org.



❖ **PESTICIDE LABEL CHANGES**

Pesticide labels are about to undergo a major change. If you apply pesticides, you need to know about these changes. The changes are being driven by the need for the US Environmental Protection Agency to comply with the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). [This Timely Topic](#) is a Question-and-Answer document developed by the Weed Science Society of America, Entomological Society of America, and American Phytopathological Society to answer questions about the ESA and how it will soon affect pesticide labels and pesticide use. Additional information on pesticide label changes driven by the ESA can be found on the [WSU Wheat and Small Grains website](#). This information will be updated as we learn more about this topic in the coming months.

❖ **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

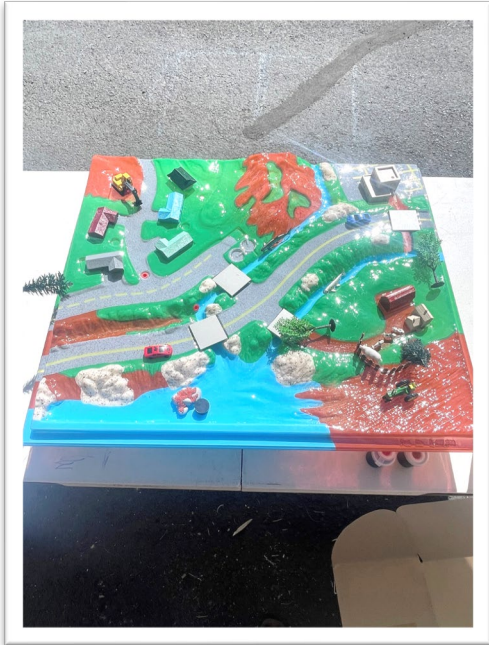
To learn more about our equipment, rental program, and to schedule spring manure spreading, contact Tony Monzingo at tony@asotincd.org or 509-552-2615

UPCOMING DATES

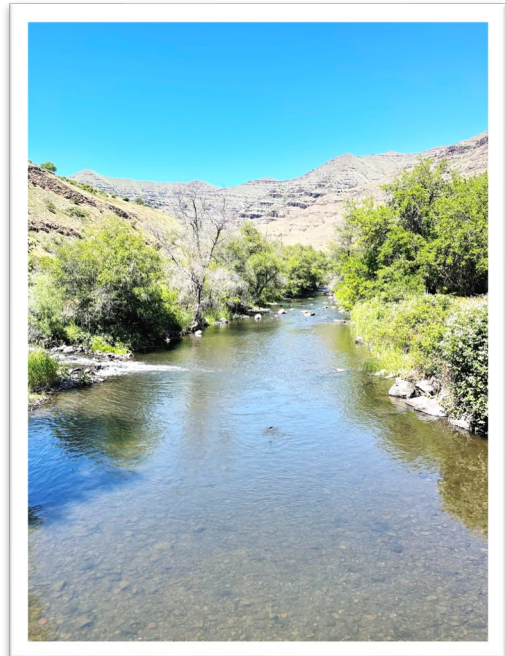
- **Office Closed, Juneteenth: June 19th**
- **ACCD Board Meeting: July 11th at 6pm**

FUN FACT!

June 15, 1940, is Asotin County Conservation District's birthday!! Happy 84th birthday ACCD!



The Watershed Table is a visual tool we use to teach our youth about the importance of watershed health.



Joseph Creek near the southern Asotin County line.