



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.

❖ **CWPP TOWN HALL**

Asotin County residents, come one, come all! A town hall meeting has been scheduled to discuss the Asotin County CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan). The draft plan will be available for public comments. By working together with us, your personal values and needs will be taken into account when developing projects and goals.

A CWPP is a document that identifies local fire danger and helps guide the community in reducing that danger. The plan highlights local resources, knowledge, and needs, and offers achievable solutions to the issues that the community may have faced in the past in implementing fire mitigation actions.

DATE: Wednesday, December 11th

TIME: 5:30 – 7:30pm

LOCATION: Asotin Co. Fire District #1 – 2377 Appleside Blvd, Clarkston, WA

❖ **LANDSCAPER & NURSERY WORKSHOP**

Calling all local landscapers and garden nursery workforce: Come learn about the importance of protecting native plants, controlling invasive species, while practicing herbicide safety. Together we can knock out noxious weeds in Asotin County.

DATE: Tuesday, December 3rd

TIME: 10am – 12pm

LOCATION: 1397 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA

❖ **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH**

National Environmental Awareness Month is celebrated in November in the United States. The month is dedicated to raising awareness about environmental issues and the importance of protecting the environment. The National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008, also known as Republic Act No. 9512, designated November as the official month for this celebration. Get involved by helping maintain or enhance natural habitats in your local community.

❖ **OUTSTANDING NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL COST-SHARE**

If you have outstanding noxious weed control cost-share and have completed the work, please submit copies of all receipts/invoices to the District for reimbursement by December 1st. If you have any questions, contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or kodie@asotincd.org

❖ **NOXIOUS WEED SPOTLIGHT**

Cereal Rye is a class C listed invasive annual grass species that grows up to 40 inches tall. Inflorescence is a slender, somewhat flat spike that grows up to 6 inches long. Leaf blades are flat, greenish blue, and up to 3/8 inches wide with open sheaths that can be hairy or smooth. Leaf blades have prominent veins and midrib below. Stems are hollow and upright. Seeds are grains that grow up to ½ inch long. Seeds can remain viable in the soil for up to four years. Cereal Rye does not tolerate flooding but can tolerate drought due to its extensive root system.

Cereal Rye escaped cultivation and created a serious problem with wheat producers by reducing grade and wheat quality. It is widely distributed throughout Asotin County and all of eastern Washington. It's found mainly in crops, fields, pasture, rangeland, and roadsides. It is not required to be controlled in Asotin County, but it is recommended.

For control in pasture and rangeland, there are a few herbicide options for Cereal Rye control. Indazaflam (Rejuvra), Imazapic (Plateau or Panoramic) and Dicamba (Banvel) can be used in established grass stands. Glyphosate is non-selective and can also be used in areas where vegetation is not desired. For control in crops, cleaning equipment and planting weed-free seed is very important. There are herbicide tolerant wheat varieties available including Clearfield varieties and CoAXium varieties. These varieties allow for select herbicide use in actively growing wheat crops. Quizalofop (Agressor) can be used on CoAXium varieties and Imazamox (Beyond) can be used on Clearfield varieties. For more information on herbicide tolerant wheat varieties visit <https://wagrains.org/articles/new-varieties-provide-herbicide-options/>.

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❖ **EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

Even though the mornings are now chilly, it is the perfect time to think about fall 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

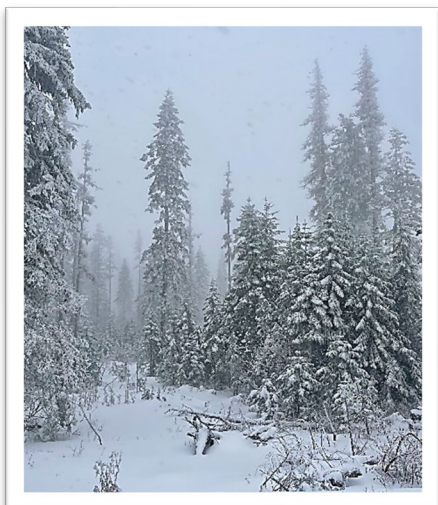
To learn more about our equipment, rental program, and to schedule spring manure spreading, contact ACCD at 509-552-8117 or info@asotincd.org

UPCOMING DATES

- **Thanksgiving: November 28th & 29th – Office Closed**
- **Landscaper & Nursery Workshop – December 3rd, 10am – 12pm**
- **Community Wildfire Protection Plan Town Hall Meeting – December 11th at 5:30pm**
- **ACCD Board Meeting: December 12th at 12pm**
- **ACNWCB - Weed Board Meeting: December 17th at 6pm**

FUN FACT!

Second to Alaska, Washington is home to the most glaciers in the United States.



2024 winter in the Blue Mountains



Tamarack (Western Larch) showing their fall color