



THE DIRT

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 EMPLOYEE

Hello, my name is Nick George. I was born in Lewiston, Idaho; growing up I spent a lot of time at our ranch in Red River, Idaho. I have been married to my amazing wife for over four years and have three wonderful children: two boys - ages 17 and 15, and a girl - age 9.

I proudly graduated from LHS and LCSC with an associate's degree in Welding Technology, during which I worked as a Wildland Firefighter and sawyer for the USDA – Forest Service in Elk City. The four years directly after college I spent running a rock crusher for DeAtley Crushing, and the 13 years after that as a fabricator and welder for Jetco Machine and Fabrication.

I am excited to join the Asotin County Conservation District team as the new Restoration Crew Leader and look forward to a fantastic future.



❖ ACCD IS HIRING

The Asotin County Conservation District is seeking **Restoration Crew Members** to join our team. This will be a full-time (50 weeks per year), hourly position. The members will work closely with landowners, ACCD professional staff, and partners to implement restoration projects. Starting compensation is \$18.00 to \$21.00 per hour DOQ/DOE plus a competitive benefit package. (Wage Range 3)

Job description and ACCD application instructions are available on our website at www.asotincd.org

❖ **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTION**

It is resolved that a poll-site election for an open position on the District board of supervisors will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 2:30pm until 7:30pm at the Asotin County Conservation Office located at 1397 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA 99403.

The elected position whose term is expiring in May 2025 is currently held by Levi Luhn. The new term will commence May 2025 and expire in 2028.

Eligible voters are registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the District. The last day and time that voters can request absentee ballots from the District is February 20, 2025, by 4:00pm. Absentee ballots can be requested from Asotin County Conservation District staff located at 1397 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA - Telephone: (509)552-8117

Read full resolution on our website <https://asotincd.org/>

❖ **SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM**

Our annual educational program is starting to ramp up. For many years, the District has teamed up with WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Asotin County schools to give students a hands-on experience with raising fish in the classroom. Students learn about the Salmon life cycle from January – June, all while watching Rainbow Trout eggs transform into fry. We are excited to have nine tanks up and running in elementary, middle, and high school classrooms.

❖ **NOXIOUS WEED SPOTLIGHT**

Common Teasel is a class C listed species in Washington that grows up to six feet tall and has a stout taproot. Leaves are dark green with a light green midvein, appear wrinkled, and have small spines on the upper leaf surfaces and the underside of the midvein. The stems are hollow, tall, and branched with prickles going up the stem. Stem leaves are opposite and prickly. Flowerheads grow in two rings around the flowerhead and are usually pale or dark purple. Flowerheads have linear prickly bracts at the base. Reproduces solely by seed but can spread rapidly.

Common Teasel invades pastures, roadsides, disturbed areas, along creeks, and pond edges. Rosettes can be dug out by hand but be sure to remove the entire taproot. Mowing can be an effective control method but needs to be repeated throughout the growing season to prevent seeding. There are currently no biological control agents available. Herbicide is an effective control method and has shown the best results when applied to actively growing rosettes. Recommended herbicides include dicamba, imazapic (Plateau), metsulfuron (Escort), and triclopyr. If you have any questions, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or kodie@asotincd.org.



❖ EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Even though the mornings are now frosty, it is the perfect time to plan for 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 trowel
- 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@asotinacd.org

❖ BOARD MEETING SCHEDULES

If you would like to receive email notices for the ACCD or the ACNWCB meetings, please call or email info@asotinacd.org.

ACCD Board Meeting Schedule

January 9, 2025 at 12pm

February 6, 2025 at 12pm

March 6, 2025 at 6pm

April 10, 2025 at 6pm

May 8, 2025 at 6pm

June 5, 2025 at 6pm

July 10, 2025 at 6pm

August 7, 2025 at 6pm

Sept. 11, 2025 at 6pm

Oct. 9, 2025 at 6pm

Nov. 6, 2025 at 12pm

Dec. 11, 2025 at 12pm

ACNWCB (Weed Board) Meeting Schedule

February 4, 2025 at 1pm

April 15, 2025 at 6pm

June 17, 2025 at 6pm

Oct. 21, 2025 at 6pm

Dec. 16, 2025 at 1pm

Save The Date!

Annual Meeting & Election

Thursday, March 13th

A schedule of events will be sent out soon!

Save the Date!

Annual Tree Sale

March 20th & 21st

Be on the lookout for pre-orders in your emails & mailboxes soon!

FUN FACT

Snow cover can help protect winter pastures and forage crops from extreme cold by acting as an insulating layer.

UPCOMING DATES

- **Martin Luther King Jr Day – Office Closed: January 20th**
- **ACNWCB – Weed Board Meeting: February 4th at 1pm**
- **ACCD Board Meeting: February 6th at 12pm**
- **Presidents Day – Office Closed: February 17th**