



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.

❖ ASOTIN COUNTY FAIR

This year, we were thrilled to unveil an updated spot! Not only did we have a large booth space right next to the Kerri Lynn Johnson Memorial Playground, but we took over management of the playground after signing a ten-year agreement with Asotin County and the Fair board. We were excited to showcase the transformation of the space. It is a family friendly space for young children to play in while promoting low impact landscaping concepts. We hope to bring beauty and joy to the fair for all generations.

❖ CLOSING OUT THE FISCAL YEAR

As the end of our fiscal year quickly approaches, June 30th, cost-share projects need to be completed. Please coordinate with your technician regarding the status of your projects to ensure proper close out.

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! Planning ahead gives our staff ample time to plan the specific details of your project and coordinate with our funding sources.

❖ NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL COST-SHARE PROGRAM 2025

Cost-share is available for all class B and C noxious weed treatment. Acres enrolled in CRP, CREP and CCRP or acres in a cropping rotation are not eligible for the program. (Please submit your applications soon, available cost-share funds are limited this year.)

The following are two options available:

(landowners may only participate in one of the options)

Ground application will be 50% cost-share not to exceed a payment of \$25 per acre with a cap of \$500 per landowner. Landowners may do the work themselves or hire a contractor to do the spraying. (See the ACCD Contractor's List for licensed contractors in the area, other licensed contractors may be used as well.)

Aerial applications will be 50% cost-share not to exceed a payment of \$25 per acre with a cap of \$500 per landowner.

Please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or kodie@asotincd.org for more information.

❖ **EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

Now that the days are becoming longer and warmer, it is the perfect time to tackle 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 ACCD at (509) 552-8117 or info@asotincd.org

❖ **NOXIOUS WEED SPOTLIGHT**

Houndstongue is a class B biennial or short-lived perennial. First year rosettes develop a large woody taproot and have long, tongue-shaped green leaves covered in short hairs giving it a rough texture. Second year plants grow up to four feet tall with alternating leaves 4 to 14 inches long. Flowers are dull reddish purple, drooping slightly on long, coiling stems. Flowers produce bur like seed pods about 1/3 inch long that cling to animal fur, clothing, and machinery. Plants reproduce by seed and are self-pollinating. One plant can produce up to 2,000 seeds that are typically viable for two to three years.

Houndstongue is toxic to humans and livestock. Leaves and seeds contain pyrrolizidine alkaloids that are liver toxins in all livestock, especially horses. However, it produces a distinctive scent that seems to deter animals from consuming actively growing plants. Toxins remain even when plant parts dry out. Most poisonings occur when animals eat contaminated hay over long periods of time.



Houndstongue is common throughout Asotin County, and control is recommended. It grows in a wide variety of habitats including shaded forests, pastures, dry brushy draws, and riparian areas. Digging or pulling can be effective but be sure to sever the root crown. No biological controls are registered for distribution in the United States. Several herbicide products are labeled for Houndstongue control including Plateau (imazapic), Escort XP (metsulfuron), and Telar XP (chlorsulfuron). You may need to use a higher rate on bolting plants. Always read and follow the herbicide label instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or kodie@asotincd.org.



FUN FACT

In 1958, the 4-H and FFA grand champion steers were sold for \$0.50 a pound at the Asotin County Fair livestock sale.

UPCOMING DATES

- **ACCD Board Meeting: June 5th at 6pm**
- **ACNWCB Board Meeting: June 17th at 6pm**