

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.

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.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CERTIFIED

On behalf of the WA State Conservation Commission, the election for Levi Luhn, Chairman, was certified and announced at the WSCC meeting in May. This means that Levi will continue to be on the Board of Supervisors for ACCD for the next three-year term!

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

It is that time of year again when all Asotin County residents should be alert, proactive and prepared for wildfires. This is our chance to get ready before the fire season is fully upon us and being proactive now will empower you to make sensible decisions in the event of a wildfire. Here are a few things to consider, so when the fire comes, you and your property are ready:

- Get Ready: Prepare your property
- Get Set: Plan your evacuation routes and emergency plan
- Go!: Evacuate if you receive notice

❖ 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

Dalmatian toadflax is a class B perennial with multiple narrow stems growing from a single woody base. It can grow up to five feet tall. Leaves are heart-shaped, light green and waxy like a spurge species. Flowers are bright yellow and resemble snapdragon flowers. Flower petals have two lips with the upper lip 2 lobed and the lower lip 3 lobed. Flowers from May through August. Fruits are small egg to cylinder shaped capsules that contain many small seeds. It reproduces by seed and horizontal creeping roots.

Dalmatian toadflax is found in pastures, rangeland, waste areas and roadsides. It tends to be aggressive and outcompete desirable native species. It contains quinazoline alkaloids that can pose toxicity problems to livestock if ingested in large quantities.







Hand pulling or digging in small populations can be successful if done for 5 to 6 years. Multiple broadleaf selective herbicides will control dalmatian toadflax including picloram (Tordon), imazapic (Plateau), and dicamba (Weed Master). A defoliating moth biological control is available for long term control of large established populations. 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.



Asotin County Noxious Weed Tour

June 26, 2025, 8:00am-1:00pm

- Biological Control Agent Collection Demonstration
 - Mediterranean Sage Treatment Site Visit
 - Drone Application Demonstration
 - Japanese Knotweed Treatment Site Visit

RSVP by June 20th Call (509) 552-8117 or Email weeds@asotincd.org



FUN FACT

Since ancient times, the summer solstice has been marked on calendars with celebrations honoring the sun and as a way to mark the seasons.

UPCOMING DATES

- ACNWCB Board Meeting: June 17th at 6pm
- Juneteenth: June 19th Office Closed
- Independence Day: July 4th Office Closed
- ACCD Board Meeting: July 10th at 6pm