



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.

❖ CONSTRUCTION ON ASOTIN CREEK

Steelhead are known to occupy most of the Asotin Creek mainstem throughout the year; however, degraded habitat conditions in Project Area 3.2 (PA 3.2) limit distribution because there is very little low-velocity habitat available. These apparent population bottlenecks include rearing conditions and migration patterns, particularly for juvenile fish.

The project will increase instream habitat complexity by placing complex structures such as large woody material (LWM) and boulders within the channel. Increasing channel complexity will primarily be focused on all freshwater life stages of Snake River steelhead, which will also benefit other native salmonids such as Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout.

❖ NEW PROJECT FUNDS

July 1st marked the beginning of the new fiscal year and new funding! Now is the opportune time to think about new projects, whether it is a new windbreak, a water development, a riparian project, or an ag stewardship plan for your entire property; we can help. Come talk to us so we can help you get the planning underway!

❖ WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

It is that time of year again when all Asotin County residents should be alert, proactive and prepared for wildfires.

- Create your defensible space – Create and maintain 30-100 feet of defensible space around your home.
- Harden your home – Use ember-resistant building materials to protect your home.
- Get your kit ready – Create your own emergency supply kit
- Create your own wildfire action plan – Develop your family communication and evacuation plans.
- Prepare now! – Wildfire danger is on the rise. Prepare your home and family now.

❖ **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 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@asotincd.org

❖ **NOXIOUS WEED SPOTLIGHT**

Rush Skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*) is a class B listed noxious weed species in Washington state and control is required in Asotin County. It is an herbaceous biennial that grows up to five feet tall. Flowers are yellow with green bracts and approximately ½ inch in diameter. Stems are hairless and smooth except the stem bases have coarse downward pointing hairs. Stems are mostly leafless and have thin branches that give it the appearance of a "skeletonweed". Seeds are approximately 0.1 inch with ribbed surfaces and white bristles (pappus) on one end that aid in wind dispersal similar to a dandelion seed. Rush skeletonweed has a simple, woody taproot that can grow 7 feet deep. Reproduces by seed and vegetatively from root fragments. One mature plant can produce up to 20,000 seeds.



Controlling rush skeletonweed can be difficult due to its deep taproot and lack of leaf surface area. It is recommended to apply herbicide when it's in the rosettes stage and has the most leaf surface available for herbicide uptake. Several herbicide products are recommended for rush skeletonweed post-emergent control including tordon (picloram), milestone (aminopyralid), and transline (clopyralid). For pre-emergent control recommended herbicide products include rejuvra (indazaflam) and plateau (imazapic).

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



Asotin Creek PA 3.2: before site photos

FUN FACT

Wildfires can travel at speeds of up to 14.27 miles per hour, but the rate depends on the environment and fuel type:

- Grasslands: Wildfires can travel up to 14.27 miles per hour in grasslands.
- Forests: Wildfires can travel up to 6.7 miles per hour in forests.
- Uphill: Wildfires move faster uphill because heat rises

UPCOMING DATES

- **ACCD Board Meeting: August 7th at 6pm**
- **ACNWCB Board Meeting: October 21st at 6pm**

