



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.

❖ **INSTREAM RESTORATION PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY!**

The Asotin County Conservation District is sponsoring the Couse Creek PA 78 Stream Restoration Project. PA 78 was identified as a Tier 1 project in the Asotin County Conceptual Restoration Plan. The restoration design plan for PA 78 includes improving access to flood channels, controlling invasive vegetation encroachment, and organizing boulder clusters and adding large woody debris to increase complexity.

Steelhead are present in this project area and use it during migration, spawning, rearing, and holding life stages. Adding LWD to the channel will improve habitat diversity and increase key habitat features such as pools, suitable spawning habitat, and cover. LWD within flood channels will create high flow refuge in off-channel habitats. Improving access to flood channels will expedite riparian recovery by retaining water in the floodplain and encouraging fine sediment deposition. Organizing boulders near the bottom of the project area will improve habitat quality and fish passage through the high gradient section.

❖ **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 have perfect weather, it is the perfect time to tackle the end of summer 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**

Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) is a Class C listed noxious weed species in Washington. It is a perennial herbaceous vine with creeping stems that grow along the ground and on other plants and structures. Bindweed has an extensive system of rhizomes that can grow deep into the soil and can be difficult to remove once established. Flowers are white to pinkish trumpet or bell shaped and approximately one inch in diameter. Each flower has 2 small bracts located one inch below the flower. Leaves are alternate and arrowhead-shaped and have pointed lobes at the base.



Several active ingredients can be used to suppress field bindweed including 2,4-D, dicamba, and glyphosate. However, for good control of field bindweed, it's recommended to use picloram or triclopyr in rangeland, on permanent pasture grasses, and fallow grainland east of the Cascades. Pyraflufen ethyl (Edict 2SC) provides control in pastures and rangeland and doesn't have grazing restrictions once it has dried post-application. Quinclorac (ortho weed b-gon) has shown good control in lawns and ornamental settings. Higher rates of herbicide may be necessary to control field bind weed. Always read and follow the pesticide label instructions.

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



Couse Creek PA 78: site photos

FUN FACT

A bushel of wheat is a unit of dry volume typically used in the United States to measure the quantity of wheat, with a standard weight of 60 pounds. It also represents approximately one million wheat kernels. One bushel of wheat can yield around 42 one-and-a-half pound loaves of white bread or 42 pounds of pasta according to the National Association of Wheat Growers.

UPCOMING DATES

- **Labor Day: *September 1st – Office Closed***
- **ACCD Board Meeting: *September 11th at 6pm***
- **ACNWCB Board Meeting: *October 21st at 6pm***

