

ACCD NEWSLETTER

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From The District Manager

Our Annual District Meeting was another great success. The exception of course was the caterer sending the wrong sandwiches. We were given "cold" deli sandwiches instead of the "hot" barbecued beef on a bun we were supposed to receive. But then again, what would our annual meeting be if we didn't have some kind of snafu? At least we didn't have a snow blizzard like we usually do!

The meeting was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We had great speakers who provided a lot of useful information and we truly appreciate their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules to speak at our meeting. Thank you speakers!

Board Chairman Keith Ausman presented a plaque to Ken Hafer extending the District's appreciation for his outstanding service and dedication to Asotin County's natural resources.

We had one candidate, incumbent Rich Witters, running for the position of District Supervisor. It appears Rich will be with us another three years, but that will not be confirmed until the election is certified by the Commission sometime in May. All of us here at the District congratulate Rich and look forward to him continuing on as one of our dedicated Board members.

A 'BIG THANKYOU' we must extend to all of our sponsors. Some donated money, some gift cards and we even received a beautiful handmade antler lamp. Without the sponsors we would definitely not be able to have this annual event and we greatly appreciate their support.

On behalf of all of us here at the District, we thank everyone for coming to the ACCD Annual Meeting and for those of you who were unable to attend, we hope you can be with us next year.

Sandy Cunningham, District Manager



2010 ACCD Annual Meeting



Board of Supervisors

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Keith Ausman

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Rich Witters

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District Staff

Sandy Cunningham

District Manager

Megan Stewart

Financial Coordinator / Res. Tech.

Casey Scott

Resource Technician / CREP

Mike Miraglio

Resource Technician / Firewise

Pat Worle

Office Assistant

NRCS Staff

Jim Schroeder

Courtney B. Smith

Board Meetings

All District Board meetings are open to the general public and are normally held on the Thursday of the first full week of the month and the Thursday of the third full week. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. during the winter (Nov – Mar) and at 7:30 p.m. during daylight savings time (Apr – Oct). Meetings are held at the District Office located at 720 6th Street, Suite B, in Clarkston, WA.

**8th Annual Conservation
Tree Sale**



Friday, March 26th
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
and

Saturday, March 27th
9 a.m. to Noon

**Please Pick Up All Pre-Orders
At The Tree Sale!**

**For More Information On The
Sale And The Trees, Go To
www.asotincd.net**

THANK YOU!

TO OUR 2010 ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS:

Jim Schroeder, NRCS

Nick Waldher, FSA

Lisa Naylor, RC&D

Steve Martin, Snake River Salmon Recovery

Paul Brusven, Nez Perce Bio-Control Center

Nelle Murray, Asotin County Weed Coordinator

Mark Heitstuman, County Extension Agent

**Your excellent presentations
at our annual meeting were enjoyed
and appreciated!**



Leftovers for the cleaning crew!

THANK YOU!

TO OUR 2010 ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORS:

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**Your support and sponsorship of our annual
meeting is greatly appreciated!**

Italian and Musk Thistles

Italian thistle and musk thistle are aggressive non native thistles that are potential problems without early detection and rapid treatment.

Italian thistle is listed as a Class A weed in the State of Washington because of its ability to out compete native vegetation in rangeland, pasture, and riparian plant communities. It may grow up to 6 feet tall with spiny-winged stems. This thistle has been found upriver from Asotin County in the Hells Canyon area and also in Whitman County. To date, it has not been identified in Asotin County.

Musk thistle is listed as a Class B weed in the State of Washington. The distribution in Asotin County is limited to one remote draw above the South Fork of Asotin Creek. Musk thistle may grow to 6 or 7 feet in height.

If you see a thistle, or any plant that you don't recognize, gather a sample of the flowering head, stems and leaves. Carefully put the plant material in a plastic bag and keep it on ice or in the refrigerator until you can drop it off at the Weed Office in Asotin. Tie the bag securely closed to prevent any seed dispersal. Identifying small populations of newly invading weeds is the key to healthy plant communities.

Nelle Murray, Coordinator ~ 509-243-2098

Asotin County Noxious Weed Control

Board



Conservation Mission Statement

"To advocate, educate and assist people in responsible land management and agricultural practices that conserve and improve air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat for present and future generations."



Think Ahead

It is important for landowners interested in utilizing District cost-share to think ahead and plan for projects that they want to implement in the next few years. The days of apply for cost-share and starting the work the day after the board meeting are pretty much over. While the District has continuous sign up for cost-share for many practices, there are some that require us to seek competitive funding for projects, such as manure management practices. Since there is a limited amount of funding available, the application will be put on a first come first serve statewide waiting list. When funds are available for your project the Washington State Conservation Commission awards the cost-share to the District so we can start work. Another issue that will delay projects is addressing cultural resource requirements. The District has been working with independent archeologists to complete cultural resource surveys for District and NRCS projects. This is a requirement for many funding sources and can be a lengthy process. We understand that this is a frustrating process for landowners, but we need your help during the planning stages to ensure cultural resource requirements are addressed prior to the start of construction. The last thing we want is to delay your project so let's plan ahead. If you are interested in utilizing District funding, please contact us as soon as possible.





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ACCD BULLETIN BOARD

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/26-27/10 ~ ACCD Annual Tree Sale



4/8/10 ~ ACCD Board Meeting

5/2010 ~ Envirothon 2010

6/24/10 ~ WSU Tour

Be sure to check the Asotin County Conservation District website for meeting dates and time, news, information and updates on programs and cost-share rates.

www.asotincd.net

AG-BURN PERMITS

Remember to get your 2010 Spot Burn Permit!

Please contact Casey Scott with any questions at (509) 758-8012 or caseyaccd@cablone.net.

SMALL ACREAGE PROGRAM

The Asotin County Conservation District has been offering a cost-share program to assist landowners with addressing resource concerns on properties with 1 to 20 acres. The District's goal is to provide cost-share based on cost rates set by the board of supervisors. Recently the District increased the rate for fencing in order to be reflective of actual implementation costs.

Financial assistance is available for water developments, cross fence, heavy use area protection, windbreaks, roof runoff systems and pasture planting. The small acreage program is still limited to \$8,000 per landowner and is available on a first come first served basis.