

**RECOVERY:** Search and rescue teams came together for effort

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for the arrival of a helicopter from Leading Edge Aviation to transport Freepons to Metolius Meadows in Camp Sherman where family and friends were waiting.

“My heart aches for David Freepons’ family and friends during this most difficult time,” the sheriff stated. “I can’t imagine the pain of losing a friend in such a manner and being helpless to help or recover David from such a remote and precarious location, and having to wait so long to get him off the mountain.”

Atkins said, “I want to personally thank Sergeant David Pond for his caring and tireless pursuit to gather so many experts from other counties to get the job done. When he reached out to other search and rescue coordinators in Oregon, their expertise and knowledge were able to put a recovery plan into action. I’m so thankful for our working relationship with other sheriff’s SAR teams.”

Leading Edge Aviation of Bend provided a helicopter for the effort.

Teams involved included: Corvallis Mountain Rescue Team with Benton County SAR; Eugene Mountain Rescue with Lane County SAR; Mountain Rescue Team with Deschutes County SAR; Lane County amateur radio operators; Linn County Posse members (shuttling gear for teams); and volunteers of the Jefferson County SAR team who were support and command.

The remote location where the accident occurred is located on the east side of Mt. Jefferson, within the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area, within the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation, in Jefferson County.

“I’m proud to be able to help our friends from the Warm Spring Police Department who don’t have a mountain rescue crew, but were able to assist financially to make this operation happen,” Sheriff Atkins stated. “Thank you to Chief William Elliot and tribal council.”

**KNAPWEED:** Weeds must be disposed of properly

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Oregon is the adopted home of six different knapweeds and here in Sisters the spotted knapweed is the one causing trouble. It is tough to control, spreads its seeds easily, and requires aggressive eradication efforts. The best time to deal with them is when they are nothing more than a small broadleaf rosette and can be pulled. If they have already gone to seed, if there are only a few, very carefully pull them by hand so as to not spread the seed.

There is a great deal of knapweed information on the internet. For larger areas of knapweed, biological control using insects is proving very effective. Each knapweed species has biological enemies (insects) that attack different parts of the knapweed at different times of the year. For example, knapweed flower weevil larvae feed in the seed heads, destroying the knapweed seeds before they mature. The biological control agents can be ordered online.

Spotted knapweed is a perennial herbaceous plant that grows two- to three-foot tall and produces light purple flowers. People who don’t know what a noxious weed they are have been known to cultivate them in their yard.

Knapweed is a native of Europe and Asia. It was introduced to North America in the 1890s as a contaminant in agricultural seed and through soil discarded from

ship ballast. It has become a serious problem in pastures and rangeland in the western U.S. and Canada. Cattle avoid eating it and, if it invades, it will reduce usable grazing land. What we do or don’t do can have consequences for people we don’t even know.

Spotted knapweed can be found growing in places like gravel pits, railroad beds, and field margins, from where it can spread to adjacent intact woodlands and prairies. A prime example of a knapweed infestation can be seen in Sisters in the field at the corner of Camp Polk Road and West Barclay Drive. The City is currently working with the property owner to find a way to mitigate the situation.

The City of Sisters addresses noxious weeds like spotted knapweed in the Sisters Municipal Code, 8.15.060 (2) (a) (i and ii) which reads:

(2) Weed and Brush Removal. The owner or person responsible for the care of any property located in the Sisters city limits shall:

(a) Remove or destroy all invader weed species, including but not limited to knapweed, Russian and domestic thistle, Scotch broom, and cheat grass from private property, as follows:

(i) All invader weed species that are in flower shall be hand-pulled and bagged, and subsequently removed from the premises.

(ii) If not in flower, by using the most efficient and practical means available. [Ord. 479 § 3 (Exh. A), 2017; Ord. 444 § 1 (Exh. A), 2014; Ord. 282 § 1, 1997. Code 2002 § 8.12.042].

**Stopping the spread of knapweed**



Knapweed is a perennial herbaceous weed (returns every year) that is on full display around Sisters, ready to release 1,100 seeds per plant, to be carried by the wind to surrounding areas. Seeds can remain viable for seven to 10 years before they produce another plant. So, what can the ordinary citizen do to help quell its spread?

In the broadest sense, weed management strategies have three objectives: to prevent the introduction of new weeds; to discourage weeds so they can’t compete with desired plants; to stop weeds from going to seed, thus reducing, over time, the weed seed burden in the soil.

Cultivate a relationship with your neighbors that allows for a coordinated approach to creeping perennials like spotted knapweed and cheat grass. Good weed management can be done without using herbicides, but

if you do use them, be sure you have the right one for your purposes and follow the directions on the container to the letter.

Don’t till the weeds into the soil. Hand pull them when they first appear. Don’t wait until they have gone to seed to do something about them. Use of good thick mulch can keep some weeds from ever sprouting.

Don’t put spotted knapweed that has gone to seed in the yard-waste bin. Bag in black plastic bags and put in trash.

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