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The Washington State Department of Agriculture eradicates an Asian giant hornet nest Aug. 25 in Whatcom County, Wash.

Asian giant hornets slaughter paper wasps; scientists take note

By DON JENKINS Capital Press

Asian giant hornets are apparently seeking out and attacking paper wasp nests in Whatcom County, Wash., a preference scientists hope will help them find and eradicate hornet nests.

Even hidden paper wasp nests, such as in pipes, are drawing Asian giant hornets, according to reports from residents. Scientists will try to duplicate the attraction to bait traps, Washington State Department of Agriculture entomologist Sven Spichiger said.

"Obviously, we're going to exploit that to the fullest extent," he said, speaking at a press conference the day after the department destroyed an Asian giant hornet near the Canadian border.

"Our main goal is to get a better attractant based on the smell or whatever is attracting them to paper wasp nests," Spichiger

The department was tipped off to the nest's general area by a landowner's photo of hornets swarming a paper wasp nest. It was the first confirmed sighting of a live Asian giant hornet this year in Washington, compared to several by this time last year.

The department netted a hornet and tied on an electronic device. Coincidentally, the department was nosung a training session for other agencies on tracking the hornets. Oregon Department of Agriculture entomologist Jessica Rendon and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service plant health specialist Stacey Herron found the nest Aug.

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18 in a rural area east of

The nest was the first one eradicated this year and the second since live Asian giant hornets were sighted in late 2019 in Whatcom County and British Columbia. The department destroyed a nest last October in the same area.

The hornets are known to attack and kill honey bee colonies, posing a threat to agriculture. In Washington, the hornets have eaten flies, bees, wasps and other insects, according to a state agriculture department analysis.

One Whatcom County resident reported that Asian giant hornets were grabbing paper wasps, chopping their heads off and dropping them to the ground, Spichiger said.

"This is actually what's described as the 'slaughter phase behavior,' which we're obviously worried about with our honey bee population," he said.

Attacks on paper wasps aren't alarming the department. They also are an invasive species.

The nest destroyed Aug. 25 was three times larger than the nest eradicated last year. The department collected 1,473 hornets in some stage of life, including one queen.

The hornets also were more aggressive. They flew out of a hole in the rotting tree at Spichiger, entomologist Chris Lootrapping supervisor Nathan Roueche and outreach coordinator Cassie Cichorz.

The four were wearing foam suits too thick for the hornets' stingers to penetrate.

The suits are "fairly uncomfortable," Spichiger said, "but it's got to be more comfortable than being stung."

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Judge OKs \$3.8M legal fee in Easterday bankruptcy case

Capital Press

The judge presiding over the Easterday bankruptcy has approved a Los Angeles law firm's \$3.8 million legal bill, overruling objections by a U.S. trustee that the firm's average hourly rate of \$1,058 was too high by Eastern Washington standards.

The bill covered February through May and doesn't include \$1.3 million billed for June by Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Whitman Holt in Yakima said the national firm shouldn't have to cut its rates to match local attorneys.

"I think the Pachulski firm brings unique qualifications to this case," Holt

A new board of directors for Easterday Ranches and Easterday Farms hired the firm in February after Cody Easterday resigned declared bankruptcy.

Easterday defrauded



Tyson Fresh Meats and another company out of \$244 million and has promised federal prosecutors he will make restitution. He is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 5.

Legal bills are mounting as the Easterdays liquidate their assets, including several farms bought for \$209 million by Farmland Reserve Inc., owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Assistant U.S. Trustee Gary Dyer asked Holt to trim Pachulski Stang's bill. He said the L.A. firm's hourly rates are double or triple rates charged by other law firms involved

Dyer said the bankruptcy case wasn't as complex as the firm claimed.

Holt disagreed. "I think

have been significant, highly complex," he said.

Prior to being appointed judge, Holt practiced law in L.A. and said he worked with Isaac Pachulski, whose hourly rate is \$1,695.

"Isaac Pachulski is perhaps the smartest person I've ever met in any context anywhere in my life. He's a veritable supercomputer of bankruptcy law," said Holt, a Harvard Law School graduate.

"Whatever rate that Pachulski Stang charges for Isaac is probably too low," he said.

Holt praised also Pachulski's brother, Richard Pachulski, whose hourly rate is \$1,592.

"I have a hard time contemplating a rate that would be unreasonable for (Richard Pachulski) to charge,' the judge said.

Two Seattle firms are also working on the Easterday bankruptcy. The lead attorney for Davis Wright Tremaine charges \$800 an

the challenges in this case hour, while the lead attorney for Bush Kornfeld bills \$450 an hour.

said Pachulski Dyer Stang's rates exceeded the \$800 an hour billed by senior members of a law firm that restructured Astria Health, a Yakima County health-care provider. Liquidating farm properties will be simpler, Dyer argued.

Holt was in accord with Richard Pachulski, who said his firm has had to reconcile parties with competing interests and sort out complex ownership issues.

"This case was as complicated as you could have," Richard Pachulski said. "This could have been a complete disaster."

Holt said it would be unfair to make top national firms reduce rates if they took on a case in Eastern Washington.

"Ultimately, it's bad for the district because I think it drives cases elsewhere," he said. "As long as I'm on the bench in Yakima that's not how things are going to

Tyson rejected sharing feedlot profits with Easterday

By DON JENKINS

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Washington cattleman Cody Easterday offered to share profits from his feedlot to work off his debt to Tyson Fresh Meats, a plan distrustful Tyson leaders had little interest in, according to newly filed court records.

Tyson's leadership was more interested in Easterday simply turning over the strategically located North Lot in Pasco to begin making amends for bilking Tyson out of \$233 million, according to an email from last December.

Easterday instead sold the lot in January for \$16 million to Tyson competitor Agri Beef. He then filed for bankruptcy and later pleaded guilty to fraud. He is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 5.

Tyson is seeking to undo sale to Agri Beef in U.S. Bankruptcy Court and regain the lot for its cattle. Both beef companies have nearby processing plants.

Tyson contends Easterday sold the lot for too little to its competitor, compounding his fraud.

Easterday raised cows for Tyson. He billed Tyson for more than 200,000 head that existed only on invoices, according to federal prosecutors.

Tyson says it was blindsided by the feedlot's sale to Agri Beef and is willing to pay \$25 million for it. Tyson needs permis-

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Cody Easterday



Miller

to continue its effort to undo the sale to Agri Beef. hearing is set for Sept. 15. Lawyers for the bank-

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rupt Easterday Ranches filed documents Aug. 24 to support their contention that Cody Easterday kept Tyson informed about his plan to sell the lot for much-needed cash. Tyson "made a terri-

ble business decision" by not making a cash offer and lost the feedlot to Agri Beef, according to Easterday Ranches. Agri Beef paid a fair

price, Easterday Ranches

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contends, stressing that a post-sale appraisal valued the lot at only \$9 million.

Even if Tyson out-

legal fees as the sides fight uncovered over ownership, Easterday Ranches argues. Ranches Easterday also has sought to cast

doubt that Tyson's \$25 million offer is even sincere, especially considering that Tyson doesn't own At Easterday Ranches' request, Judge Holt ordered

Tyson to produce any documents it has showing that company leaders have authorized buying the lot for \$25 million.

"We want to know if the \$25 million offer is a real offer or not, as we think," Easterday Ranches attorney Alan Kornfeld said.

Holt also ordered Tyson to send its in-house appraisal of the North Lot to Easterday Ranches' lawyers.

Easterday Ranches suspects Tyson's appraisal will value the lot at less than \$16 million, undercutting its claim that Agri Beef paid too little.

Easterday Ranches also

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will get to question Tyson Fresh Meats' chief operat-

ing officer, Shane Miller. Miller and Cody Eastbids Agri Beef, the differ- erday were in contact last ence will be eaten up by December after Tyson Easterday's

In a Dec. 14 email to Easterday, Miller reviewed options Easterday presented for working off his debt. The profit-sharing option projected Cody Easterday repaying Tyson

over 10 to 15 years. "As I figured, that one had very little interest due to the concerns over trust and due to the timing to receive a significant portion of the debt owed to

Tyson," Miller wrote. "Right now the leadership has interest in pursuing the North yard and the ER brand transfer to

Tyson," Miller wrote. Easterday Cody responded Dec. 17 with a memo proposing that he reduce his debt to Tyson by selling the lot to someone "who wants to be in the

cattle feeding business." Easterday warned that if Tyson took control of the feedlot it was assuming the risk of losing various government permits.

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