

# DEVICE

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Scot Heisel/Chieftain

The explosive device was discovered underwater in the small channel (background, right) that feeds into the Wallowa River.

notified state and federal authorities. An FBI dive team was then assembled and tasked with removing the device. Representatives from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and that county's dive team also participated as backup for the federal dive team.

Members of the Oregon State Police also were brought in to handle the device once it was removed from the water. OSP Explosives Specialist Dennis Wagner from the Hermiston office described the device as a cylinder "about one inch in diameter and eight inches long and wrapped in black tape."

Wagner and another OSP trooper took the device to a safe location outside of Joseph and detonated it soon after it was removed from the lake.

Wagner said it was difficult to estimate how powerful the pipe bomb was since

other explosives were used to initiate detonation. However, he agreed that it certainly was more powerful than an M80 and closer to a stick of dynamite.

"In my opinion, it probably was some teenagers who made this and left it there," Sheriff Rogers said. "Our main concern was the safety of the public. There was concern that this thing would be dragged out onto the bank, dry out and then detonate."

The device was discovered just east of the public beach and boat launch area at the north end of the lake. It was in the small channel that feeds into the Wallowa River.

# New-to-Oregon invasive weed discovered in county

## Wetted thistle may be from North Dakota

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Earlier this spring, Wallowa County Vegetation Department Manager Ryan Oberhelman called rancher Todd Nash about spraying some Musk Thistle on Pratt Road. The spraying was arranged and then, before he rang off, Nash dropped what proved to be a bombshell.

By the way, he told Oberhelman, there's a weird thistle on the corner of Brock and Eggleston Roads out on Alder Slope south of Enterprise.

He sprayed it, Nash said, but Oberhelman might want to take a look at it because it didn't look like anything Nash had seen before.

"It looked like plumeless thistle," Oberhelman said. "That's an A-List, worst-of-the-worst thistle."

Only it didn't look exactly like plumeless thistle.

Oberhelman pulled a sample of the weed up and then sprayed the remaining plants for a second time.

He showed his sample to Mark Porter, Oregon Department of Agriculture Invasive Weed Management Coordinator, and both agreed they might have something "weird" here, all right.

They sent the thistle to Oregon State University, where



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Wallowa County Vegetation Manager Ryan Oberhelman and his helper "Metchka" examine a big wetted thistle at the edge of an alfalfa field on Alder Slope.

it was genetically tested.

"The answer came back July 19," Oberhelman said. "It is a *Carduus Crispis*, or wetted thistle, also sometimes called a curly plumeless thistle. It's never been seen in Oregon before. The nearest its ever been reported is North Dakota and British Columbia."

Wallowa County just got famous in the worst weedy-way possible. The wetted thistle is an A-List weed in its

own right.

"We need to get on top of this thistle because we can," Oberhelman said. "It hasn't had time to spread widely and get out of control."

Porter and Oberhelman immediately began searching for more of the thistle, sprayed the edges of Mark Vanderzanden's alfalfa field where it was discovered, arranged with Vanderzanden to destroy any baled hay up to 15 feet into the field, and walked

the irrigation ditch.

"It's all along Lower Alder Slope Ditch," Oberhelman reported. "It appears upstream to the fence line of Vanderzanden's field and abruptly stops, but it goes downstream to Aspen Grove Road."

All discovered sites have been sprayed, but Porter and Oberhelman estimate the weed has been in Wallowa County for about four years and may have gone out in bales of hay to other locations.

The weed warriors, with the assistance of Vanderzanden and other farmers, are tracking down any folks who bought hay from the immediate area to make sure no weed seed traveled to a new location. Fortunately, Oberhelman said, Vanderzanden has excellent records and the weed only appeared at the very edge of his field.

What's more alarming, Oberhelman said, was that they have no idea how it got here. It most likely started in the ditch, as ditches are common vectors for weed seed. But how did it get into the ditch?

"Who is bringing in ditch equipment from North Dakota?" Oberhelman mused. "We will probably never know for sure how it got here. But we'll get in touch with every single person on this ditch system and warn them to watch out for it. We'll be monitoring this weed for a long, long time."

The weed is not poisonous to livestock, but grazing is not a reliable control. If it is grazed early in the spring, it will have time to re-flower and spread.

If you see a "weird thistle," please contact Ryan Oberhelman at roberhelman@co.wallowa.or.us or 541-426-3332.

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  - Not bright
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  - Game Cache File
  - One who believes in a supreme being
  - Carnival worker
  - Gnawing animals
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Pastor Cherie Johnson  
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Lostine

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541.398.0597  
Hwy 82, Lostine  
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Worship Services  
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Worship Hour 11:00 a.m. - Noon  
Pastor Jonathan DeWeber

# WOLF

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ODFW wildlife biologist Mike Hansen suggested that a wolf or wolves from a new and unnamed pack — or even remnants of the Imnaha Pack — may have been responsible for the depredation. He said wolves from the Snake River or South Snake River packs may be expanding their territory.

"We just don't know enough about them," Hansen said. "We don't have radio collars on them, so we don't have reliable or consistent enough information about them yet."

So far this year, state officials have determined 14 possible depredation incidents as either "confirmed" or "probable," and nine of those cases occurred in Wallowa County.



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