

U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden sought federal disaster aid for Malheur and "other Eastern Oregon counties" Jan. 26. A federal disaster

In addition to ranchers and farmers simply being too busy saving crops to bother with damage reports right now, many residents of Eastern Oregon counties may simply not know their building has been

Snowfall in Wallowa County has been heavier still. John Duckworth of Wallowa, who operates an official NOAA weather station at his home, recorded over 6 feet of snow, 73 inches, by Feb. 5.

The ice forming as snow melts and runs down the roof and then refreezes that causes ice dams on the eaves of roofs, leading to water backup behind the dam, which makes its way under shingles and begins leakage damage inside the house. Although the melt over the weekend took out many of those dams, the possibility of another buildup remains. Most surprising to ranchers, who have deliberately built

Wallowa Public Works Director Travis Goebel reported that attempting to clean the

Insurance agencies have advised the Chieftain that although walking on a frozen roof can cause damage in and of itself, it is usually far less concerning than the damage that could be cause by allowing ice dams to continue to build.

That means lots of snow in the basin beyond the snow measuring sites. "What's so different about this year is that it's spread out through the whole watershed and normally we don't see that," Chamberlin said. "We're going to get water from areas we're not used to getting water from."

Chamberlin said it's possible the reservoir, which can hold more than 700,000

OSU Extension cropping

Sean Ellis of the Capital Press contributed to this report.

Concerned about flooding,
Long said the city contracted

He said the biggest cost for this winter's snow removal is an increase in fuel consumption, but relatively low gas prices have kept spending in check. Instead of overtime, he said the crew members are accruing compensation time, saving the county money. The state road crews have been hit the hardest keeping up with this winter's

Strandberg said travelers should be reminded to give winter maintenance equipment room to do their job and to be aware of the dangers of passing snowplows, especially on the right.

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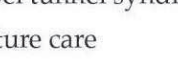
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