

# Interagency Weed Command



*Ochoco National Forest  
and the Prineville  
District Office of the  
Bureau of Land Management*

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# Meet...

Syd Starthistle, alias *Centaurea solstitialis*, or as some call him, the Yellow starthistle.

Syd has been seen choking native vegetation on public lands on the Prineville District of the BLM and Ochoco National Forest.



# Interpol: Information Bulletin...

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Syd comes from the Mediterranean region of Europe. He escaped capture and spread quickly to the United States. Weed authorities have confirmed sightings in California, Washington and Idaho.

Syd likes to hang out along roadsides, waste areas, and rangelands. He likes a variety of soils and precipitation zones.

Syd is in Central Oregon.

# Syd's Gang...



Russian  
Knapweed



Dalmatian  
Toadflax



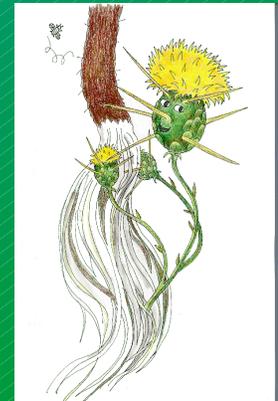
Leafy  
Spurge

Syd has many friends...

# Don't be fooled...

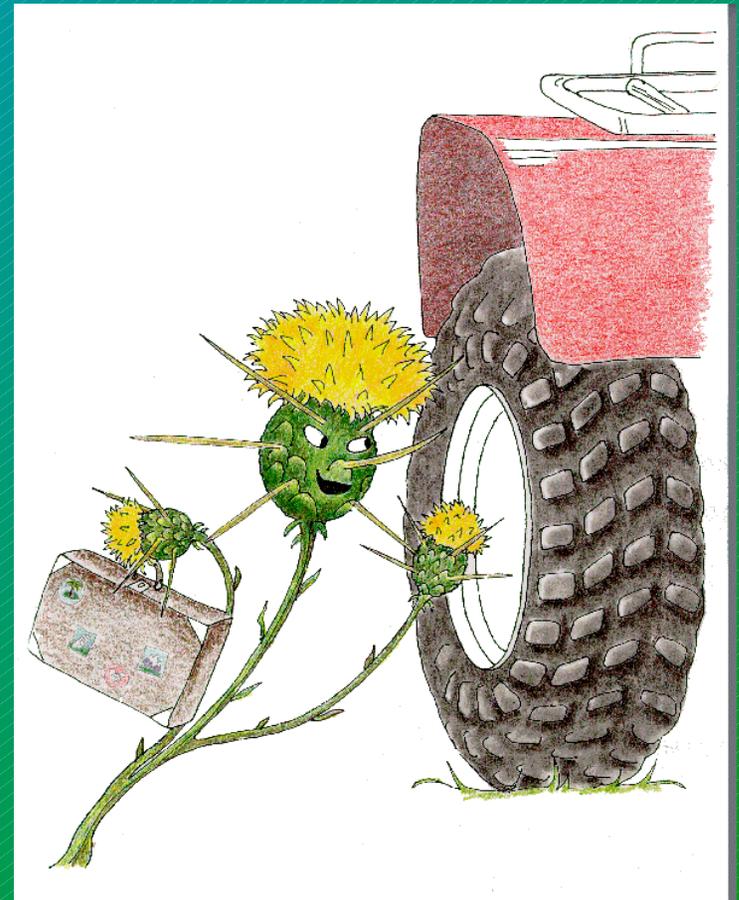
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- In a mature state Syd can grow to be over 3 feet tall.
- He has sharp spines that deter people, livestock and wildlife.
- Syd is toxic to horses.
- Syd affects other native vegetation.



# Known as the Hitchhiker...

Syd likes to hitch rides and has been known to travel on All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs). Make sure that you approach your vehicles with extreme caution. Syd could be hiding.



# Approach with extreme caution...

Gloves are one of the safe ways to remove Syd from tires and the scene or roadside area.

He has extremely Sharp spines.



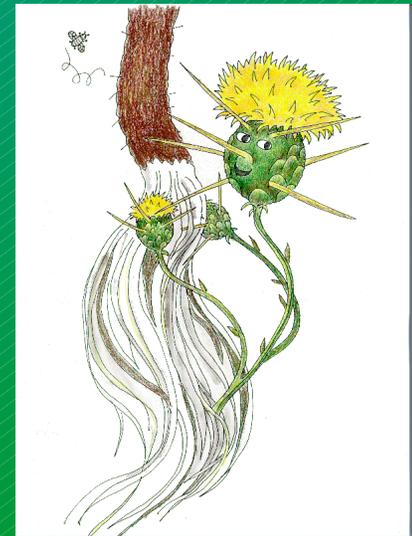
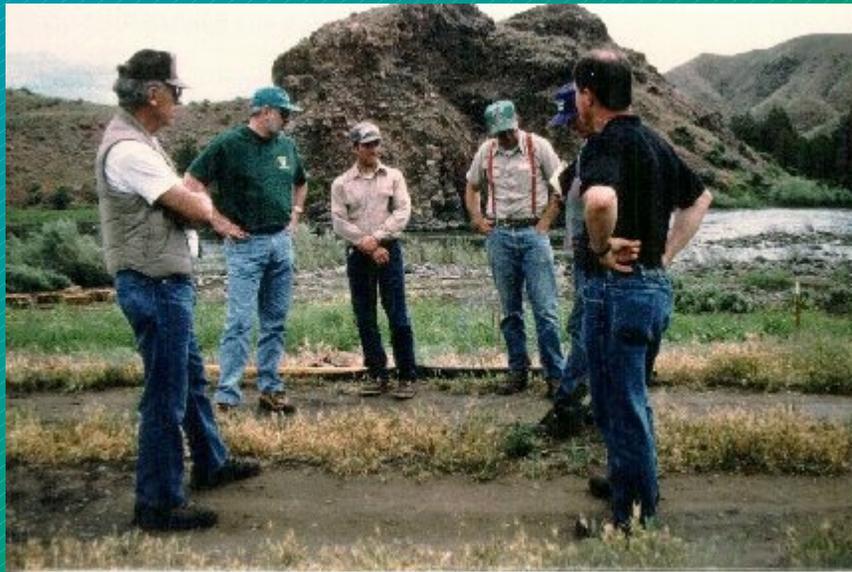
# The Problem...

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- Weed seeds left behind by Syd attach to vehicles and fall off further down the road. Syd has prolific offspring.
- Some folks have taken Syd home as a flower arrangement , little did they know that this is Syd's favorite way to dodge authorities and spread to different parts of the west.
- Syd loves to attach himself to camping gear and thats how he gets the ride to the next campsite.

# What were authorities to do...

- It was clear that if the public agencies did not integrate quickly under one strategy\_\_ with one common mission, Syd was on his way to ruling the world.





# Prineville District BLM and Ochoco National Forest



# I BRAKE FOR WEEDS



Noxious Weed Information Available from:  
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An Integrated Weed Management and community awareness program was needed and the *I Brake for Weeds* noxious weed information and prevention program was created by BLM and USFS employees of Prineville to target Syd and some of his friends to bring them to justice.

# Goals and Objectives...

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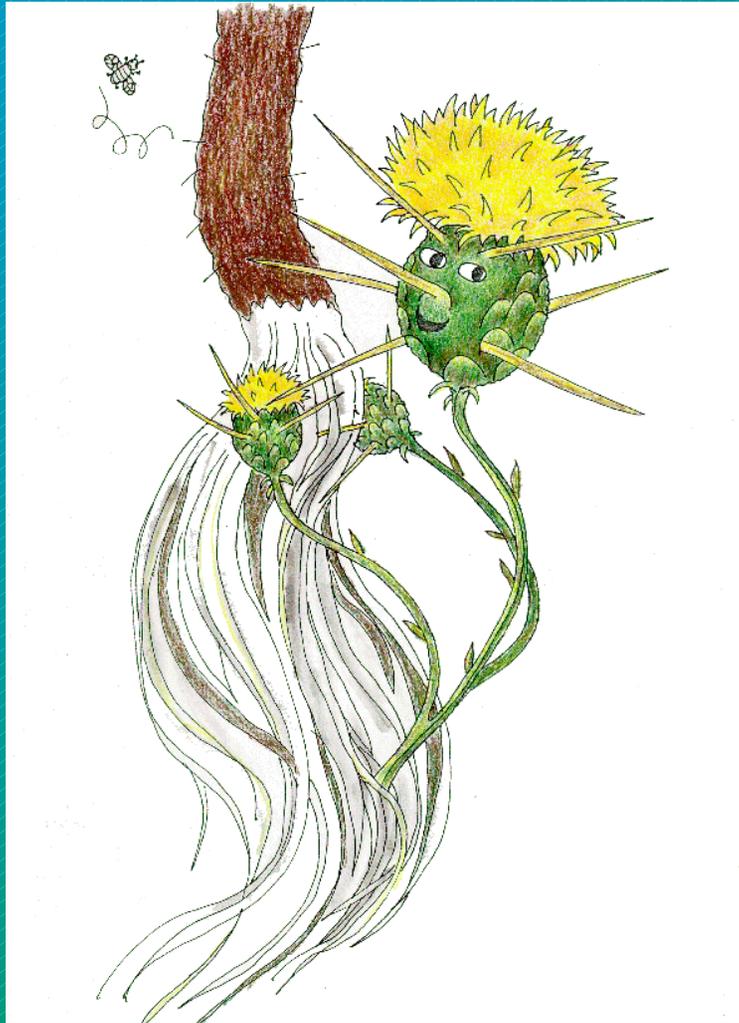
- I Brake For Weeds is a local program designed to teach employees, adults, and children how to recognize noxious weed invaders like Syd and his friends.
- In addition... the program teaches the public how not to spread weed species to private and Public Lands in Central Oregon.

# Key Messages...



- Drive only on established roads and trails away from weed infested areas.
- Don't pick flowers of noxious weeds and take them home.
- Don't pick and transport wild flowers that you can't identify.
- Don't camp or drive in weed infested areas.
- Let the BLM or the USFS know where you found Syd and his gang.

# Why should you care...



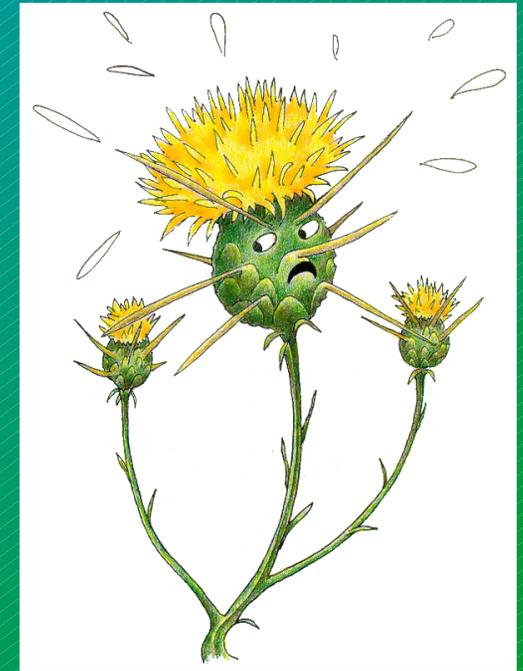
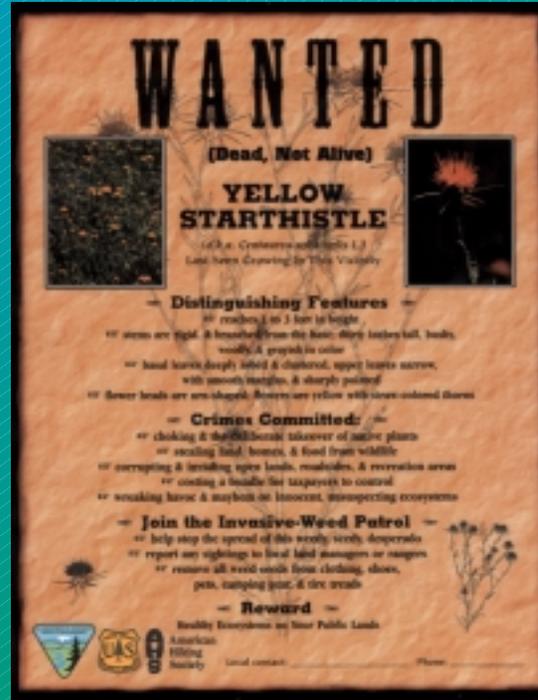
- When noxious weeds like Syd spread and migrate, they rapidly displace native plant species that provide habitat for wildlife, food for people, and livestock.

# Spread the Word...

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Syd is getting a little worried,  
and we want to make sure that he knows  
we are hot on his trail.

# Key Contacts...



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## Other Agencies:

Crook County Weed Department	541-447-7958
Jefferson County Weed Dept.	541-475-4459
Grant County Weed Dept.	541-575-1554

## Web Sites:

[www.or.blm.gov/Prineville](http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville)

# Credits...

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- Mark Lesko                  Botanist, Co-Creator
- Mike Crumrine              Weed Specialist, GIS

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