

Plant: Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*). This is **NOT** an Idaho State listed noxious weed.

Identification: This is a biennial thistle, with extremely hairy, deeply lobed leaves. It is usually dark green, and grows up to 4 feet tall. The seed heads are approximately the size of a golf ball, with pink to purple flowers. The rosettes can get up to 24 inches across, and grow in pastures, rangeland, crop areas, and lawns. It is a very competitive plant and can grow in well vegetated areas.

Defense: Mechanical control can be effective, such as cutting the root with a shovel and pulling the weed. Many chemicals are also effective, such as Milestone, Opensight, and Escort XP.

**Always read and understand the label and restrictions on any pesticide you are using.
The label is the law.**

