

# Oregon standoff: Call for supplies

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BURNS (AP) — The occupation of national wildlife area by a small, armed group upset over federal land policies stretched into its second week as the mother of the group's leader asked supporters to send supplies — everything from warm blankets to coffee creamer.

The group that seized the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon's high desert country on January 2 planned no media briefings. It was quiet at the entrance to the refuge Sunday.

The leader of the occupation, Ammon Bundy, has repeatedly rejected calls to leave buildings at the refuge despite pleas from the county sheriff, from many local residents and from Oregon's governor, among others. He has said the group will leave when there is a plan to transfer control of federal land to locals.

So far, the authorities have not moved in to remove Bundy's group. Ammon Bundy is the son of rancher Cliven Bundy, who was involved in a 2014 Nevada standoff with the government over grazing rights.

On Saturday, Ammon Bundy's mother, Carol Bundy, sent an email to supporters asking them to send her son's group supplies from a list of more than 80 items, including sleeping bags, wool socks, cigarettes, toiletries, food, coffee and "French Vanilla Creamer."

An Oregon state legislator met with the group on Saturday, despite requests from local officials that he not do so.

Rep. Dallas Heard, a Republican from Roseburg,

talked with the group, *The Oregonian* reported. Heard's legislative district is in western Oregon, outside the area where the standoff is occurring. Rep. Cliff Bentz, the Republican state representative whose district includes the wildlife refuge, told Heard not to come because it would be "inappropriate."

Harney County Judge Steven Grasty, another local official, says he too advised Bentz against the visit. Grasty said Bentz and five other out-of-state elected officials from Washington, Idaho and Nevada accompanied Heard. It wasn't clear who the other elected officials were. Heard did not return a call Sunday from The Associated Press.

Also Saturday a separate group of armed men arrived but left several hours later after occupation leaders told them they weren't needed.

The Pacific Patriot Network showed up Saturday in a convoy of about 18 vehicles, carrying rifles and handguns and dressed in military attire and bulletproof vests. They said they were there to help with security. They departed the refuge area after LaVoy Finicum said the network's help was appreciated, but "we want the long guns put away."

The standoff is the latest flare-up of tensions over federal management of Western lands.

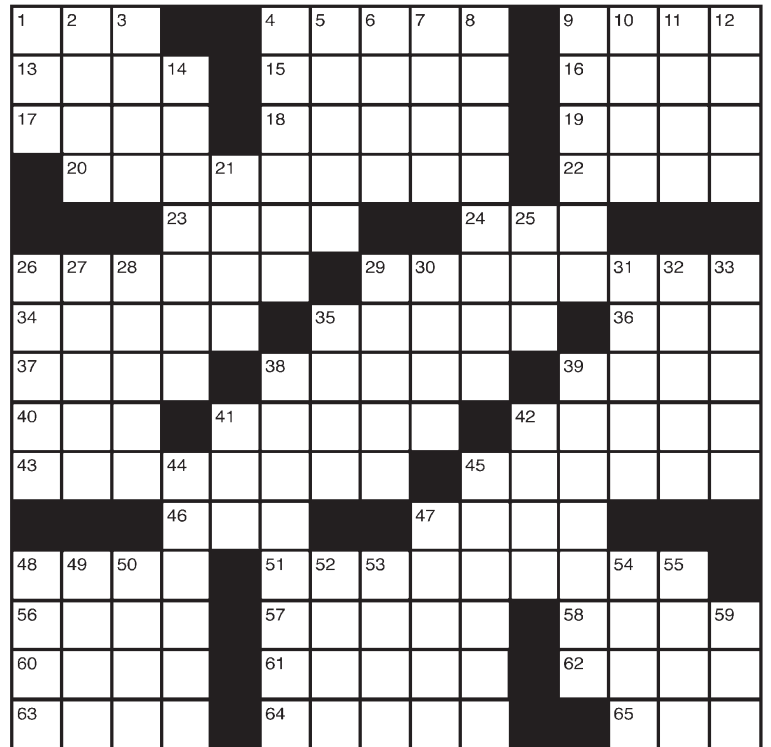
The federal government manages most of the land in many Western states, including 53 percent of Oregon. While ranchers and others object to what they say are unfair rules, environmentalists say mining, logging and ranching have run roughshod for decades on public land and left a legacy of pollution for taxpayers to clean up.

## The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Road \_\_; discourteous driver
  - 4 Deep hole
  - 9 Fundamentals
  - 13 Amazes
  - 15 Hillside
  - 16 Store event
  - 17 Camp shelter
  - 18 Cake ingredient
  - 19 \_\_-or-false test
  - 20 Benumbing
  - 22 Subsides
  - 23 \_\_ in; interfere
  - 24 Cochlea's place
  - 26 Orchard fruits
  - 29 Actress Carol
  - 34 Armada
  - 35 Kitchen mixer speed
  - 36 Prefix for profit or fat
  - 37 Cereal grains
  - 38 Skirt fold
  - 39 Facts & figures
  - 40 "Cat \_\_ Hot Tin Roof"
  - 41 Church table
  - 42 Poet Stephen Vincent \_\_
  - 43 Any TV show
  - 45 Human beings and kangaroos
  - 46 Nov.'s follower
  - 47 Baby horse
  - 48 Lose traction on a wet road
  - 51 Purse or hat
  - 56 Prefix for war or biotics
  - 57 Namesakes of skater Lipinski
  - 58 Overwhelming defeat
  - 60 \_\_ it; freak out
  - 61 Clear the slate
  - 62 Engrave
  - 63 "\_\_ the night before Christmas..."
  - 64 Amounts owed
  - 65 Firmament

- DOWN**
- 1 Sombrero or Stetson
  - 2 Signed an IOU
  - 3 Actress Tierney
  - 4 Valuables
  - 5 Not tactful
  - 6 Cartoon bear
  - 7 Reach across
  - 8 Army rank
  - 9 Toward the back of a ship
  - 10 Fishhook, e.g.
  - 11 Black card
  - 12 Looks at
  - 14 Horse shelters
  - 21 Song for two
  - 25 "Pomp \_\_ Circumstance"
  - 26 Under way
  - 27 Sky sight
  - 28 Piece of a daisy
  - 29 Shoe bottom ridge
  - 30 Listen
  - 31 Senseless
  - 32 Famous
  - 33 Small flies
  - 35 Sandwich types, for short
  - 38 Soothed
  - 39 Hate
  - 41 Highest heart
  - 42 Prejudice; unfair slant
  - 44 Albert & Fisher
  - 45 Supervisors
  - 47 Lavish meal
  - 48 \_\_ and pepper
  - 49 Recognize
  - 50 "\_\_ jungle out there!"
  - 52 Be concerned
  - 53 Grouch
  - 54 Goes bad
  - 55 "This tastes terrible!"
  - 59 Your, to Shakespeare



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