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wolves,” which can encompass all or part of a pack’s AKWA.

When wolves kill livestock in AKWAs, ranchers have a little more recourse under Oregon law than they did under the federal law. Now, they’d be allowed to kill those wolves, but only if they satisfy two requirements. First, they must have used at least one non-lethal measure to protect their livestock from wolves “prior to and on the day of the incident of depredation,” according to the law. Second, they must have removed or neutralized “reasonably accessible unnatural attractants of potential wolf-livestock conflict,” such as bones or carcasses, at least seven days prior to the depredation incident.

In areas of depredating wolves (ADWs), landowners have the additional requirement of implementing at



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife/Contributed Photo

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Jan. 4, 2021, formally removed the gray wolf species from the endangered species list in the lower 48 United States. In Oregon, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife manages wolves.

least one nonlethal measure in the area-specific conflict deterrence plan that is specific to the location, type of livestock operation, time of the year and/or period of livestock production associated with the depredation. That measure may, in some cases, be the same as the nonlethal measure used to fulfill the AKWA requirement.

Financial assistance for livestock producers who’ve lost animals to wolf conflicts or who wish to implement nonlethal measures to prevent those losses is available through the Department of Agriculture. For more information, visit oregon.gov/oda.

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REACTION

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and notify EMS and the ER of the reaction. We transport to the ER as quickly as possible.”

It’s not yet known which ingredient in the vaccine caused the reaction.

Neither Hernandez nor Pace knew for sure if the individual would opt out of the second inoculation shot, though Pace believed the individual would elect not to take the follow-up dose. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend an individual who has a reaction not take the second dose, and Hernandez said OHA echoes that view.

“OHA is aligned with CDC recommendations that if a person has had an immediate allergic reaction — even if it was not severe — to any ingredient in a COVID-19 vaccine, they should not get either of the currently available COVID-19 vaccines,” Hernandez said.

The reaction is the first such reported by the OHA, and appears to be the first known COVID-19 vaccine reaction in Oregon out of more than 50,000 administered doses. Hernandez, though, said adverse events — like a reaction — are not reported to the health authority, and instead are reported to Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. OHA learned of this individual’s reaction because of its tie to Wallowa County as its local public health authority.

“They are generally reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting



Ashley Sullivan/Contributed Photo

Enterprise Mayor-elect Ashley Sullivan receives a first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. “I am proud to be doing my part to help stop the spread of COVID-19,” she said. A hospital worker in Wallowa County suffered an adverse reaction to the vaccine Dec. 31, 2020, but has recovered.

System (VAERS), which means to the federal government for aggregation across the country,” Hernandez said of adverse reactions. “We became aware of this particular severe reaction in our role as local public health authority for Wallowa County.”

The VAERS system online shows reactions to a range of vaccines — including COVID vaccines — through Dec. 24.

Vaccine update in Wallowa County

To date, all 100 doses from the initial shipment

of the Moderna vaccine to Wallowa County have been administered, Pace said. Wallowa County last week received its second shipment of 100 doses, Pace said, and also received an additional 200 doses for the second round of shots to complete the inoculation process for those individuals.

The county had a brief uptick in COVID-19 cases over the weekend, with OHA reported one case each Friday and Saturday, and two cases Sunday. There were no new cases on Monday, putting the county total at 80.



Andrew Harnik/AP Photo

People shelter in the House gallery as protesters try to break into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington.

CHAOS

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of proceedings that Trump had clearly lost.

The ordinarily mundane procedure of Congress certifying a new president always was going to be extraordinary, with Republican supporters of Trump vowing to protest election results that have been certified by the states. But even the unusual deliberations, which included Pence and McConnell defying Trump’s demands, were quickly overtaken by the chaos.

In a raucous, out-of-control scene, protesters fought past police and breached the building, shouting and waving Trump and American flags as they marched through the halls. One person was reported shot at the Capitol, according to a person familiar with the situation. That person’s condition was unknown. At least one explosive device was found that was detonated.

The protesters abruptly interrupted the congressional proceedings in an eerie scene that featured official warnings directing people to duck under their seats for cover and put on gas masks after tear gas was used in the Capitol Rotunda.

Senators were being evacuated. Some House lawmakers tweeted they were sheltering in place in their offices.

The Pentagon said about 1,100 District of Columbia National Guard members were being mobilized to help support law enforcement at the Capitol.

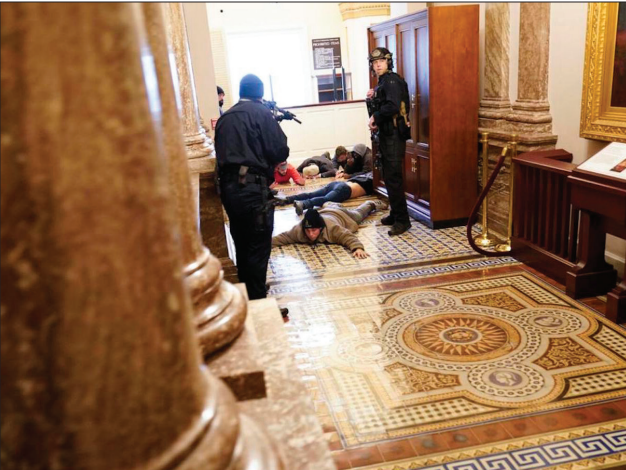
Pence was closely watched as he stepped onto the dais to preside over the joint session in the House chamber.

Pence had a largely ceremonial role, opening the sealed envelopes from the states after they are carried in mahogany boxes used for the occasion,



Julio Cortez/AP Photo

President Donald Trump supporters try to break through a police barrier, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at the Capitol in Washington. As Congress prepared to affirm President-elect Joe Biden’s victory, thousands of people gathered to show their support for Trump and his claims of election fraud.



Andrew Harnik/AP Photo

U.S. Capitol Police hold protesters at gunpoint near the House Chamber inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington, D.C.

and reading the results aloud. But he was under growing pressure from Trump to overturn the will of the voters and tip the results in the president’s favor, despite having no legal power to affect the outcome.

“Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!” Trump tweeted Jan. 6.

But Pence, in a statement shortly before presiding, defied Trump, saying he could not claim “unilateral authority” to reject the electoral votes that make Biden president.

Despite Trump’s repeated claims of voter fraud, election officials and

his own former attorney general have said there were no problems on a scale that would change the outcome. All the states have certified their results as fair and accurate, by Republican and Democratic officials alike.

Arizona was the first of several states facing objections from the Republicans as Congress took an alphabetical reading of the election results. Then the chaos erupted.

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Oregon lawmakers appalled by U.S. Capitol violence

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WASHINGTON — Oregon’s congressional delegation found themselves trapped by protestors who stormed the Capitol in protest of the Electoral College vote to verify the election of Joe Biden as President.

Pro-trump protestors broke into the main part of the Capitol, forcing senators and House members to lock themselves inside the chambers.

“Lock the doors, lock the doors,” Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, shouted.

In the House, one door was barricaded as well as locked. Protestors later were able to break in, trashing the chambers as

well as briefly occupying offices, before officers with tear gas drove them out.

When he was finally in a shelter-in-place position with security, Wyden said the violence that led to at least one death was the fault of the resident of the White House at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

“What’s happening today in our nation’s Capitol is a direct assault on democracy, a riot by insurrectionists that caps off four years of Donald Trump fanning the flames of fanaticism,” Wyden said in a statement. “Every Republican lawmaker who supported his efforts to overturn a legitimate election shares responsibility for the

violence at the heart of our democracy.”

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, had started live-tweeting the events in Congress, writing “Stop the Coup!”

“GOP Senators just officially objected to counting the votes in a state Trump lost with one goal: keeping Trump in power despite his election loss,” Merkley wrote. “This is a direct assault on our We the People Constitution.”

The tweet string went silent as protestors made their way up the stairs and into the Capitol shortly after the beginning of the debates in the House and Senate.

He later held a press conference on the phone from

a “secure” room he and others had been moved to at an undisclosed location.

Merkley also said Trump and his supporters pushing the objections in Congress were responsible for inciting a riot that put all the lawmakers, staff and law enforcement in danger.

“That’s what we heard on the floor today — we should listen to the mob. And that’s why we should stop the election of Joe Biden,” Merkley said. “It should never have come to this,” he said.

Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, who was sworn in as the new representative of Oregon’s 2nd Congressional District just days earlier, had joined last month with

fellow Republican representative-elects in a statement to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., calling for an investigation into the 2020 presidential election.

“I have joined many of my colleagues in asking for a congressional investigation and review into what has happened in states where election irregularities have been observed,” the statement said.

A commission or some other investigation into the election that would delay the Electoral College vote had been put forward by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and other leaders of the move to object to the official count.

Bentz has repeatedly declined to give a yes or no

answer to the question of whether he would join in the objections.

Bentz was not on the floor when protestors broke into the House chamber. House members rotated to the floor because of COVID-19 distancing protocols.

Bentz said the objections to the Electoral College votes were going on “according to the rules” and that those backing the effort should have let it proceed.

“There’s no reason to be breaking in and putting people in fear,” Bentz said.

Oregon’s four other House members are Democrats who supported the Electoral College result in Biden’s favor.

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