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Transfer of public lands draws officials to Baker City

• **REP. KEN IVORY OF THE AMERICAN LANDS COUNCIL SPENDS THREE DAYS IN AREA**

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Utah State Representative Ken Ivory visited Baker County for the second September in a row last weekend with a three-day

stay in the area this time. Ivory also serves as President of the American Lands Council (ALC), and along with colleague David Holloway, that same organization's Colorado State Coordinator, not only held a full-day seminar on the topic of public lands transfer, free to the public, but toured the areas burned in the 103,000-acre Cornet/Windy Ridge Fire. Fresh from the Boise Airport, Ivory's first stop was a two-hour visit

with Rep. Cliff Bentz in Ontario, who expressed his interest in learning more about the ALC's primary goal: releasing federally managed lands back to state-level control. From there, Ivory and Holloway gathered with a group of around 20 citizens for a public meet and greet Friday evening to discuss whatever came to mind. One local opponent of the idea, attended briefly, but the remainder of the attendees were in support of

the transfer of public lands. Saturday morning, the banquet room at the Sunridge was packed as Ivory's official seminar began. Oregon State Representatives Greg Barreto from Cove and Mike Nearman from Independence traveled to attend, as did Planning Commissioner Les Poole of Gladstone and Union County Commissioner Jack Howard.

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Submitted Photo.

L-R: Baker County NRAC member Kody Justus, Rep. Ken Ivory, David Holloway and forester Arvid Andersen look at the burn area on Dooley Mountain.



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Old and young alike gathered to give thanks to first responders and remember those who were lost during the September 11, 2001 attack on American soil.

9/11 vigil held in front of local armory for 2nd year



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Top: Firefighters at the Baker Fire Department respectfully removed their hats prior to folding the flag. Lower: Lorrie Harvey at left, with vigil organizer Carole Dyke of Baker City.

• **FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNS OUT TO PAY RESPECTS, REMEMBER THOSE WHO FELL**

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Early in the evening of Friday, September 11, a group of local residents gathered on the sidewalk in front of the Baker County Armory on Campbell Street. Flying proudly above was the American Flag suspended from an extended ladder on a Baker City Fire Department (BCFD) fire truck. Among the group were members of the BCFD, Baker County Emergency Management and County Commission Chair Bill Harvey, several Precinct Committee-people from the Baker County Republicans, along with a couple of dozen Baker residents. This was the second "official" annual 9/11 or Patriots Day remembrance observance for Baker City, both initiated and organized by Carole Dyke. Dyke, the driving force behind the event, greeted the attendees. She welcomed everyone, and spoke a few words about what the program would contain. Dyke then introduced Kody Justus as the keynote speaker, who also led an invocation.

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Accident ignites Dry Gulch Fire



Photo courtesy of Heidi Justus.

The Dry Gulch Fire jumped Hwy. 86 Sunday at the top of the grade between Halfway and Richland.

• **NEW BRIDGE, RICHLAND, HALFWAY AREAS RECEIVE EVACUATION NOTICES**

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An explosive single-vehicle rollover was the cause of the Dry Gulch Fire, which started on Saturday. According to Sheriff Travis Ash, his office responded to the accident at about 3:10 p.m. on September 12.

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Wingville Cemetery gets marker

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Local community members and others from across the state came together on what could be described as a climatically perfect Patriots Day last Friday morning, for the Wingville Cemetery Historic Marker Dedication, sponsored by the local Lone Pine Tree Chapter of the Oregon State Society Daughters Of The American Revolution (OSSDAR).

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Friday Mostly sunny and mild, highs in the mid to upper 60s. Partly cloudy and cool at night with lows near 40.

Saturday Mostly sunny and mild, highs in the mid 70s. At night, partly cloudy and cool, lows in the mid-40s.

Sunday Mostly sunny and warm, highs near 80. Mostly clear at night with lows in the mid 40s.

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