

Interior Secretary to Greg Walden: Not Aware of Any Plans for a Monument Designation on the Owyhee Canyonlands

In response to questions from U.S. Rep. Greg Walden (R-Hood River) at a U.S. House hearing Tuesday, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell said she is not aware of any coordination between her department and the White House on a potential large national monument designation on the Owyhee Canyonlands in Malheur County that has faced strong local opposition. She pledged to notify Walden if such a process were to begin.

"The concept of Owyhee Canyons came from, I think, Keen Footwear. It's been kicking around. It's one of those things people have recommended to us. But we have not held any community meetings, and we haven't had any discussions in those communities. People haven't been actively in my office asking about it," Jewell stated.

Walden reiterated to Jewell the strong local opposition to such a monument proposal, and told her of concerns of a "dark of night" designation like in prior administrations.

School Board Chair Advocates to Governor

By Gina Perkins

5J School Board Chairman, Kevin Cassidy, who also serves as a board member on the Oregon School Board Association, received an exclusive invitation to attend a special reception with Governor Kate Brown last week at Mahonia Hall in Salem. Important discussions were held on Career Technical Education and Cassidy said it was an honor to be with the decision makers and to represent Eastern Oregon.

"It was an excellent networking opportunity and I had the chance to meet many people and talk to the Governor one-on-one. She and her husband were very gracious to all of us and it was interesting to tour Mahonia Hall," said Cassidy.

Cassidy said that the gathering of about 50 people was very informal and the Governor gave a short address to the attendees about education. Cassidy said that while he may not agree with the Governor's decisions on such things as the recent passing of the minimum wage increase, having those doors open and bridges available to cross in other areas is vital to the school district.

"My job is to advocate for our school district and our kids and I take that seriously," said Cassidy.

As a result of the networking meeting, Lindsey Capps, the Governor's Advisor on Education will be traveling to Baker City to tour Baker Technical Institute.



Submitted photo
Governor Kate Brown and Kevin Cassidy

Spring Bazaar Planned for April

The seniors at Community Connection will have their 21st Annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 2, 9-2 p.m. at Community Connection, 2810 Cedar Street, Baker City. Vendor tables are now available to rent, for displaying their handcraft, gift, food, and collectible items.

According to Mary Jo Carpenter, chairman of the Bazaar, there will be a luncheon featuring Taco Salad served from noon - 1 p.m., for a minimal charge. The proceeds from the bazaar will go to the senior nutrition program, and is a part of the regular fundraising activities of the Baker Seniors, who raise an average of \$8,000 per year to support senior programs.

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