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Standoff Sheds Light on Conservative Sheriffs Group Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association bills itself as 'last line of defense' against federal government overreach

By **Nicholas K. Geranios**
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The actions of two rural Oregon sheriffs during an armed standoff at a national wildlife refuge were striking: one worked with federal officials to end the siege while the other questioned the FBI's authority and offered words of support for the occupiers.

Sheriff Dave Ward of Harney County, where the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is located, cooperated with federal and state

he was on his way to meet Palmer. Palmer is a member of the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, a group that bills itself as "the last line of defense" against a federal government they contend overreaches on gun control and other issues.

They see sheriffs as the ultimate law enforcement authority in their dispute with the federal government over control of federal lands.

The group's founder said they are recruiting people to run against sheriff's that don't support

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police, urging standoff leader Ammon Bundy and his followers to stand down and respect the law.

Meanwhile in Grant County, immediately to the north, Sheriff Glenn Palmer called the occupiers "patriots." When Bundy and others were arrested during a Jan. 26 traffic stop, they were on their way to his county. An Arizona rancher who police fatally shot when they say he reached for a gun shouted

their cause and that the group's website includes lists of county sheriffs and whether they need to be "recalled or replaced."

Critics say the group's views are far outside the mainstream. Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which for decades has advocated against groups it considers extremist, called the CSPOA "a remarkably radical organization, considering who their members

are." "Many constitutional sheriffs believe they can pass a local law and forbid federal authorities from coming into a county," he said. "That is patently false."

Richard Mack, a former Arizona sheriff and CSPOA founder, said he didn't support the occupation of the wildlife refuge, "but I understand the complete frustration people have in this country towards this government."

Mack said the group will work to defeat Ward in the November election.

Mack's group, founded in 2011, claims more than 400 of the nation's more than 3,000 county sheriffs support its positions, which hold that elected county sheriffs should oppose federal agents whose conduct appears to violate the U.S. Constitution.

The CSPOA is unequivocal about gun rights. It supports the right of criminals and the mentally ill to carry firearms and opposes gun registration or background checks.

In conservative Kootenai County, Idaho, popular sheriff Ben Wolfinger has drawn two opponents who support the concept of constitutional sheriffs.



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2016 Draft Disparity Study and Proposed DBE Goal OPEN HOUSE

Monday, April 11, 2016

3:00-5:00 p.m. (presentation at 3:15)

OAME (Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs)
731 N Hayden Meadows Dr
Portland OR 97217

ODOT's draft 2016 Disparity Study is ready for public review and feedback. ODOT is hosting a series of five public meetings around the state for the public to provide feedback. You can also attend two of the meetings live online - visit the project website below for more details.

The study helps analyze the playing field for minority- and women-owned firms in the Oregon transportation contracting industry so we can better operate the federal Disadvantage Business Enterprise program (DBE).

Notice of Proposed DBE Goal: ODOT proposes an overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal for its Federal Highway Administration funded contracting of 11.6% for federal fiscal years 2017 through 2019. ODOT estimates 5.0% of the goal can be achieved through race- and gender-neutral participation on ODOT projects, and the remaining 6.6% of the overall goal will need to be met through the use of race- and gender-conscious contract goals for all DBE groups. Provide comments on the draft report and proposed DBE goals by April 30th via the website below, or to OCRIinforequest@odot.state.or.us.

Visit the project website at
ODOTDBEStudy.org

Meeting locations are ADA-accessible. Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities, and alternate formats of printed material are available upon request. Please call (503) 986-4350 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting (statewide relay 7-1-1).



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