

DEPOT: Federal government used eminent domain to seize privately owned land in 1941

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guage reinstating the BRAC process was signed into law as part of the National Defense Authorization Act.

Chance told the board at Monday's meeting that he didn't think it was time yet to "be political" and ask Sen. Ron Wyden, Sen. Jeff Merkley and Rep. Greg Walden to go to bat for them again.

However, Congressional delegates expressed a willingness to get involved when they heard the news.

Spokeswoman Courtney Warner Crowell said Merkley was monitoring the situation but was hopeful both sides could come to an agreement.

"The Senator has worked hard in the past to make sure that this process moves along smoothly and he will continue to provide any help that he can to the community as they move forward with negotiations," she said.

Walden spokesman Andrew Malcolm called the news "surprising and disappointing."

"Greg will do all he can to help get this fixed and ensure the Pentagon honors its commitments to the community," he said.

Wyden issued a statement saying he would work with the Columbia Development Authority and the Pentagon to try to resolve the issue.

"The Umatilla community helped shoulder a deadly burden for this nation for decades," he said. "It is very disappointing to hear that the Pentagon now wants to return the favor by charging the community to have the land back."

According to Umatilla County records, before the 1940s the roughly 20,000 acres comprising the entire depot belonged to a variety of individuals, families and companies including the Great Northern Pacific Railroad and the Western Irrigation Company. Umatilla County and Morrow County also owned some of the land.

In 1941 the federal government used eminent domain to seize much of the privately owned land, usually compensating owners between \$200 and \$800 for their entire parcel. The *Hermiston Herald* also reported a suit was filed in federal court to condemn more than 4,000 acres of land owned by Umatilla County and Morrow County, valued at \$1.25 an acre.

Records show the government also paid for easements and bought more land in the late 1950s.

The Umatilla Army Depot Reuse Authority, now known as the Columbia Development Authority, was formed with the understanding that the Army would return that land to the county tax rolls through the authority. It plans to turn some land over to the Oregon National Guard for a training facility, make some into a wildlife preserve and sell or lease the rest for industrial and agricultural use.

There is precedence for the Pentagon using a no-cost Economic Development Conveyance or Public Benefit Conveyance to transfer closed military installations to local reuse authorities, including a former Naval training center in San Diego in 2000 and a former Naval air station in Alameda, California, in 2013.

In most cases the no-cost EDC was for a base much smaller than the Umatilla Chemical Depot. But a local reuse authority called Puebloplex is currently working with the Army on an EDC application to redevelop the former Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado.

CDA authority member Kim Puzey suggested at Monday's meeting that it might be time for a few authority members to take a field trip to Pueblo, as their project is "closely aligned with our situation."

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FLU: Influenza killed almost 49,000 people in 2003-04

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are reporting an influx of patients with flu-like symptoms.

Once the virus gains a foothold, "it is five-to-seven days of misery and a couple of weeks before feeling close to normal," Crowder said. "It takes quite a toll on the body."

Influenza kills thousands of people each year in the United States, but the death toll varies widely. During the 1986-87 season, 3,349 people died, while in 2003-04, influenza killed almost 49,000. The state of Washington has seven deaths this season.

The flu shot, typically the best weapon against the virus, has fallen short. The dominant strain — H3N2 — mutated in the spring, which means the bug causing the most damage is absent from the vaccine.

Waldern and Crowder still say a flu shot is worth getting.

"The vaccine is still doing a great job against influenza B," Waldern said.

Crowder said he started getting flu shots 40 years ago while serving in the military, and came down with the flu only once in 2008. He said the level of protection varies from year to year, but some protection is

better than zero. Later in the season, a subtype of the virus — one that is covered by the vaccine — is expected to circulate.

Now that influenza has arrived, "it's hard to avoid," Crowder said. "It's a respiratory illness transmitted by droplets."

First symptoms usually include aches and fever, followed by a dry cough, sore throat and occasional vomiting and diarrhea. The very young and old and individuals with such physical conditions as asthma, heart disease and diabetes, might benefit from Tamiflu, which shortens the course of the illness. The drug is most effective

within the first 48 hours of showing symptoms.

"Tamiflu works really well if administered really early in the disease process," Crowder said. "It will shorten the duration by a day or two."

The two public health officials urged people to refrain from rushing back to work and spreading the virus to co-workers.

"Stay home," Waldern said, "until fever-free for at least 24 hours and until symptoms have significantly resolved."

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FUEL: New rules will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 73M tons over the decade

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in Oregon by a total of 7.3 million tons over the next decade. That decrease is relatively small, when compared with Oregon's carbon emissions from transportation in a single year. In 2010, the latest year for which agency has data, vehicles in Oregon emitted 22.6 million tons of carbon dioxide. The average emissions decrease anticipated from the low-carbon fuels program would have translated to a 3 percent reduction in 2010.

One way that fuel pro-

ducers and importers can meet the new state standards is by blending more ethanol and biodiesel into gasoline and diesel. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality will also establish a system for entities such as electric vehicle charging stations to generate carbon credits, which fuel producers and importers can purchase to offset some of the carbon content in gasoline and diesel.

Although a majority of commissioners voted in favor of the fuel standards, some also cited concerns about the

program.

"I'm going to vote in favor of this, mainly because I think it's the Legislature that makes the policy and if it's going to get significantly altered or appealed, they need to do that," Commissioner Colleen Johnson said. However, Johnson said she was concerned that there might not be an adequate supply of low-carbon fuels necessary for the program to work and costs associated with the program could cause some employers to cut jobs.

"I think that's a downside that will affect people's lives,

and I think we should always take that seriously," Johnson said.

Jane O'Keefe, chair of the commission, voted against the low-carbon fuel regulations and said she was concerned about the impact to low-income people.

"I am worried that there will be jobs lost," O'Keefe said.

Commissioner Morgan Rider said that the state should regulate carbon emissions, but the commission also needs to receive regular updates on the program to ensure that it works.

MARIJUANA: Have until January 12 to fill out survey

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ly to tell whether the agency will need more time to implement the commercial recreational pot program.

"Everybody's trying to take a deep breath after the holidays, and trying to really clamp down and focus on getting this thing done," Patridge said.

The amount of time needed to set up the regulatory system will depend in part upon the agenda state lawmakers set in the 2015

sessions. Patridge said the OLCC must also take the time to adequately research the successes and problems with existing legal pot regulations in Washington and Colorado.

Results of the survey will help the agency to plan a statewide listening tour, the details of which it plans to announce later this month, according to an OLCC press release.

People can fill out the survey through January 12 at marijuana.oregon.gov.

FRANCE: The assault lasted 5 minutes

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One of the police officials said they were linked to a Yemeni terrorist network, and Cedric Le Behec, a witness who encountered the escaping gunmen, quoted the attackers as saying: "You can tell the media that it's al-Qaida in Yemen."

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the sensitive and ongoing investigation.

Cherif Kouachi was sentenced to 18 months in prison after being convicted of terrorism charges in 2008 for helping funnel fighters to Iraq's insurgency. He said he was outraged at the torture of Iraqi inmates at the U.S. prison at Abu Ghraib near Baghdad.

The masked, black-clad men with assault rifles stormed the offices near Paris' Bastille monument in the Wednesday noontime attack on the publication, which had long drawn condemnation and threats — it was firebombed in 2011 — for its depictions of Islam, although it also satirized other religions and political figures.

Shouting "Allahu akbar!" as they fired, the men used fluent, unaccented French as they called out the names of specific employees.

Artist Corinne Rey told the French newspaper *L'Humanite* that she punched in the security code to the Charlie Hebdo offices after she and her young daughter were "brutally threatened" by the gunmen.

Eight journalists, two police officers, a maintenance worker and a visitor were killed, said prosecutor Francois Molins. He said 11 people were wounded — four of them seriously.

After fleeing, the attackers collided with another vehicle, then carjacked another car before disappearing in broad daylight, Molins said.

Among the dead: the paper's editor, Stephane Charbonnier.

The staff was in an editorial meeting and the gunmen headed straight for Charbonnier — widely known by his pen name Charb — killing him and his police bodyguard first, said Christophe Crepin, a police union spokesman.

Rey said the assault "lasted five minutes. I hid under a desk."

Two gunmen strolled out to a black car waiting below, one of them calmly shooting a wounded police officer in the head as he writhed on the ground, according to video and a man who watched in fear from his home across the street.

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