

Four key details in Finicum report

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Several new details came to light Thursday regarding the circumstances of the officer-involved shooting death of Robert "LaVoy" Finicum.

Finicum, an Arizona rancher and one of the leaders of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation, was killed by law enforcement during a Jan. 26 operation. The Central Oregon Major Incident Team released 360 pages of documents Thursday, including photos, a list of autopsy evidence, interviews with Oregon State Police officers and diagrams of the fatal traffic stop along Highway 395 north of Burns.

The report is only part of the investigation. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office said more documents would be made available as redactions are complete.

Here are some key takeaways from the report:

1. Two OSP officers shot Finicum, but a third nearly fired

Investigators said Tuesday that Finicum was shot three times by two different officers. During interviews, both officers said they saw Finicum reaching into his jacket where he had a 9 mm handgun. For

that reason, both officers said they opted to shoot.

Another OSP officer had also already reached that decision.

"At that point, I made the decision to shoot and was reaching out to get my safety off," the officer told investigators. By the time the safety was off, the officer said, Finicum had already been hit, and it was no longer necessary to shoot.

2. OSP was expecting another vehicle to be involved in the stop

According to statements from two of the officers, in briefings before the traffic stop, law enforcement planned for a third vehicle in the traffic stop.

In addition to those driven by Ammon Bundy and LaVoy Finicum, officers at the scene were also expecting a rancher in a maroon SUV, according to the report.

3. Two citizen vehicles approached police roadblocks

A white pickup and another pickup towing a horse trailer approached police roadblocks along



Finicum

Highway 395 at some point during the incident, according to the report. It's not clear how much, if anything, these people were able to witness from the scene, but two OSP officers said they collected statements from them, but those statements are not included in this document release.

4. Investigators wanted to know if shell casings were taken

In interviews during the days after the shooting, investigators repeatedly asked OSP officers about gun shell casings from the scene.

"Did you happen to see ... anybody, um picking anything up? Like, specifically the rifle brass," asked the interviewer, after an officer told him he had noticed two casings at the scene of the shooting.

OSP officers said they did not see anyone actively removing shell casings from the scene.

The documents do not make it clear why investigators inquired about the shell casings. But in a Tuesday press conference, investigators said they eventually learned that FBI agents did not immediately reveal they had fired two shots as Finicum exited his truck.

Malheur County voters voice resounding 'no' to Owyhee monument

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An overwhelming majority of voters in Malheur County rejected Tuesday the idea of a national monument in a corner of southeast Oregon known as the Owyhee Canyonlands.

The vast and rugged area is known for its stunning red rock geology and canyons, extreme remoteness and wildlife habitat. It's also an important area for cattle grazing and hunting.

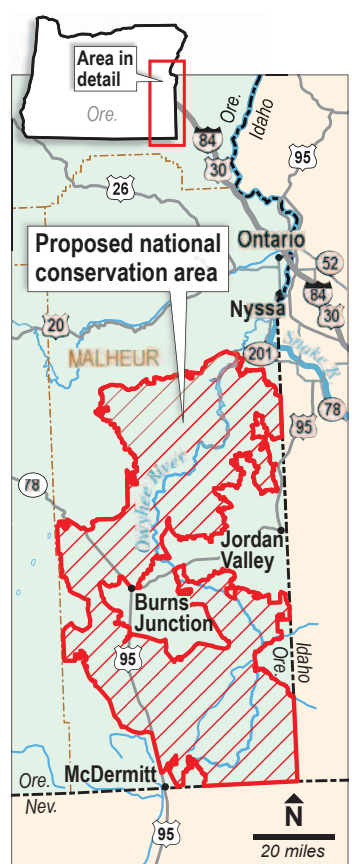
The idea of an Owyhee National Monument is championed by Keen Footwear. The Portland-based company led a petition campaign to convince President Obama to designate the monument, using his executive authority through the Antiquities Act.

Malheur County leaders decided to put the idea to citizens with an advisory vote, and County Clerk Deborah DeLong says voter turnout was high for a special election — higher even than some primary elections. Ninety percent of voters rejected the monument proposal. In some rural precincts, 100 percent of voters voted no.

"It's amazing to me that the difference in the vote was 90 percent no and 10 percent yes," said DeLong. "That's a huge statement."

Malheur County resident Tim Davis leads the grassroots group Friends of the Owyhee in Malheur County. He voted yes on the monument proposal, because he said it's important "to have areas like this for people to explore and love."

"Now that the people of Malheur County have spoken loudly and clearly against a 2.5 million acre federal monument, it's time for Gov. (Kate) Brown and our U.S. senators to speak out against it as well," said Steve Russell, Chairman of the Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition, in a statement. "Oregon already has millions of acres of protected lands, rivers



Alan Kenaga/Capitol Press

Brown signs landmark anti-coal bill into law

PORTLAND (AP) — With the stroke of Gov. Kate Brown's signature Friday, Oregon became the first state to eradicate coal from its power supply through legislation and now boasts some of the most stringent demands for renewable energy among its state peers.

The new law will wipe out coal-generated energy in phases through 2030 and requires utilities to provide half of customers' power with renewable sources by 2040, doubling the state's previous standard.

"Oregon is known to be a leader in clean-energy programs, investing in energy efficiency and recognizing the risk of climate change," said Brown, who signed the measure surrounded by students at a Portland elementary school that's powered by solar panels.

Environmental experts and advocates say the law's coal phase-out component is precedent-setting for lawmakers considering similar moves in their own states, although Hawaii and Vermont have long-standing histories of running coal-free.

The renewables portion thrusts

Oregon to the top ranks of a handful of other states that have renewable mandates of 50 percent or more. Hawaii, for instance, has a 100-percent requirement by 2045 while Massachusetts has 1-percent annual increase indefinitely, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Coal and renewables are among the key talking points that drive the national debate over climate change, which is a top agenda item for Democrats and the party's presidential campaigns this year. Oregon's new law also aligns with some of President Obama's statements on the topic over the years.

"We've got to accelerate the transition away from old, dirtier energy sources. Rather than subsidize the past, we should invest in the future — especially in communities that rely on fossil fuels," Obama said during his final State of the Union address in January.

But Democrats' efforts for tighter regulations on the energy industry are at odds with Republicans



Brown

who are trying to block Obama's Clean Power Plan in court.

Even for progressive Oregon, the new anti-coal law — a negotiated deal between the state's utilities and environmentalists — wasn't an easy pass.

Oregon GOP lawmakers, the minority party in both statehouse chambers, went to great lengths to stop the measure with tactics that slowed down the entire legislative process. The GOP raised concerns about cost increases to consumers' energy bills and questioned whether the environmental benefits were overstated.

"Today, Gov. Brown gave her stamp of approval to a new renewable energy mandate that will cost residential electricity customers in Oregon \$190 more each year until 2040," Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, among the law's most outspoken opponents, said Friday.

He argued the law "lines the pockets of the green energy industry at the expense of working Oregonians who get nothing in return."

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
A couple of showers	Becoming very windy; p.m. rain	Cloudy with a couple of showers	Mostly cloudy with a shower	Mostly cloudy

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

52°	37°	54°	37°	50°	36°	50°	36°	54°	34°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

57°	34°	57°	38°	54°	37°	55°	37°	58°	33°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 53°	35°
Normals 54°	34°
Records 72° (2007)	16° (1950)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.05"
Month to date 0.64"
Normal month to date 0.41"
Year to date 3.01"
Last year to date 1.59"
Normal year to date 2.96"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 53°	34°
Normals 56°	33°
Records 76° (1930)	16° (1956)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
Month to date 0.51"
Normal month to date 0.35"
Year to date 2.00"
Last year to date 1.07"
Normal year to date 2.62"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:57 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:31 a.m.
Moonset today	10:49 p.m.

First Full Last New
Mar 15 Mar 23 Mar 31 Apr 7

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Windy today with rain, some heavy; cooler across the north.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today with a couple of showers. Mainly cloudy tonight.

Cascades: Snow and rain today with snow levels mostly near 3,500 feet; 4-8 inches.

Northern California: Heavy rain today, except a bit of snow in the interior mountains.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today	Sun.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Astoria	50 42 r	52 41 r
Baker City	50 29 sh	50 27 sh
Bend	42 34 sh	44 31 sh
Brookings	49 45 r	52 42 r
Burns	45 30 sh	47 29 sh
Enterprise	51 32 sh	47 29 sh
Eugene	50 42 r	51 39 r
Heppner	52 34 sh	53 35 r
Hermiston	57 34 sh	57 38 r
John Day	52 36 sh	52 35 sh
Klamath Falls	44 33 r	46 31 r
La Grande	51 31 sh	51 33 sh
Meacham	48 30 sh	48 31 r
Medford	51 41 r	52 38 r
Newport	50 45 r	52 42 r
North Bend	53 46 r	54 43 r
Ontario	58 39 pc	57 37 sh
Pasco	57 36 c	56 40 r
Pendleton	52 37 sh	54 37 r
Portland	51 42 r	51 40 r
Redmond	47 32 sh	49 30 sh
Salem	51 43 r	51 40 r
Spokane	49 32 sh	47 33 r
Ukiah	47 31 sh	50 31 r
Vancouver	49 43 r	50 42 r
Walla Walla	54 40 sh	55 39 r
Yakima	56 32 c	51 31 r

WORLD CITIES

	Today	Sun.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Beijing	51 28 pc	53 22 s
Hong Kong	65 61 r	71 60 r
Jerusalem	71 60 pc	72 57 c
London	52 36 pc	51 37 pc
Mexico City	75 42 s	79 46 s
Moscow	37 25 c	34 23 i
Paris	52 34 pc	51 34 pc
Rome	63 46 sh	63 46 pc
Seoul	44 34 pc	46 32 c
Sydney	84 72 s	82 71 pc
Tokyo	49 40 c	51 42 r

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Sunday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	SW 8-16
Pendleton	WSW 8-16	SSW 12-25

UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low; 3-5, Moderate; 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Showers and embedded thunderstorms will extend from the southern and central Plains to the Carolina coast today. Rain will soak the Pacific coast from northern California to Washington with showers inland.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Chandler, Ariz. Low 13° in Alma, Mich.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today	Sun.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Albuquerque	61 37 pc	69 41 s
Atlanta	79 62 c	74 58 t
Atlantic City	58 48 pc	55 45 sh
Baltimore	60 50 sh	57 48 sh
Billings	69 39 c	60 38 pc
Birmingham	75 62 t	77 60 pc
Boise	58 41 pc	55 38 sh
Boston	59 43 s	55 38 pc
Charleston, SC	82 62 pc	79 62 t
Charleston, WV	72 57 c	71 55 t
Chicago	60 45 c	57 49 r
Cleveland	59 44 c	59 42 r
Dallas	70 56 sh	78 52 pc
Denver	71 39 pc	65 36 pc
Detroit	60 43 pc	53 45 sh
El Paso	74 49 s	75 49 s
Fairbanks	26 7 s	23 6 pc
Fargo	63 45 pc	55 36 c
Honolulu	81 72 t	81 71 sh
Houston	74 59 c	82 57 s
Indianapolis	62 55 c	67 55 r
Jacksonville	83 63 pc	80 62 pc
Kansas City	63 53 sh	68 50 sh
Las Vegas	71 51 pc	71 54 pc
Little Rock	69 57 sh	74 54 t
Los Angeles	66 51 pc	67 53 pc
Louisville	72 60 sh	68 57 t
Memphis	73 60 r	72 58 t
Miami	82 71 pc	83 71 pc
Milwaukee	53 39 sh	48 41 r
Minneapolis	66 47 pc	54 47 sh
Nashville	77 60 sh	72 59 t
New Orleans	76 63 sh	80 65 s
New York City	61 48 s	60 42 c
Oklahoma City	68 50 c	70 47 pc
Omaha	59 50 sh	67 48 c
Philadelphia	64 50 pc	61 47 sh
Phoenix	74 52 s	78 57 t
Portland, ME	57 37 s	54 30 s
Providence	57 44 s	59 39 pc
Raleigh	72 59 c	74 60 c
Rapid City	73 48 pc	65 43 sh
Reno	55 42 r	58 36 pc
Sacramento	58 52 r	57 50 t
St. Louis	65 57 sh	67 55 t
Salt Lake City	61 43 pc	59 43 sh
San Diego	65 55 pc	65 58 pc
San Francisco	61 56 r	60 55 r
Seattle	50 40 r	48 39 r
Tucson	71 44 s	78 48 s
Washington, DC	62 51 pc	61 50 sh
Wichita	66 49 c	72 44 s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.