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## Trump signals shift from Obama's foreign policies

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For eight years, President Barack Obama's foreign policy doctrine has been rooted in a belief that while the United States can take action around the world on its own, it rarely should.

"Multilateralism regulates hubris," Obama declared.

His successor, President-elect Donald Trump, has derided some of the same international partnerships Obama and his recent predecessors have promoted, raising the prospect that the Republican's "America First" agenda might well mean an America more willing to act alone.

"The United Nations has such great potential but right now it is just a club for people to get together, talk and have a good time," Trump tweeted days after the UN Security Council approved a resolution condemning Israeli settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. Both Israel and Trump called on the U.S. to use its veto power to block the measure, but the Obama administration instead abstained.

Trump's criticism of the United Nations is shared by some in his party, including a handful of GOP lawmakers who have called for Congress to withhold funding for the body following the settlements vote.

Some of Trump's other positions have drawn swift rebuke from Republicans, particularly his criticism of NATO during the presidential campaign and his suggestion that the U.S. might not defend partners that don't fulfill financial obligations to the long-standing U.S.-Euro-

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- Donald Trump appoints Bush-era aid to his national security circle and a Trump Organization figure to make international deals.
  - Israel says it has "iron-clad" information that the White House helped craft a U.N. resolution declaring Israeli settlements in occupied territories illegal.
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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Trucks and cars exit from the eastbound lane of Interstate 84 at exit 216 Tuesday after the freeway was closed from Pendleton to Ontario.

## Winter weather stalls traffic through the Blues

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It's been a brutal cold season for the Eastern Oregon section of Interstate 84.

The Oregon Department of Transportation has closed traffic at Cabbage Hill several times due to winter conditions this year, including Tuesday when ODOT closed all lanes of traffic between Pendleton and Ontario from the early morning to the mid-afternoon because a storm brought fresh batch of snow and ice. Some state highways in the mountains were closed as well.

The telltale sign of a road closure formed at the base of the Blue Mountains — a line of semis parked at the side of the road near Exit 216, which leads drivers to the Wildhorse Resort & Casino and Arrowhead Travel Plaza.

The influx of blocked travelers seems like it would be a boon to the Wildhorse complex, which features a hotel, casino, movie theater, multiple restaurants and



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Trucker Timothy O'Rourke chills after he was forced to leave the freeway at exit 216 Tuesday after Interstate 84 was closed from Pendleton to Ontario because of wintry weather and crashes.

a gas station.

Wildhorse spokeswoman Tiah DeGroff said road closure do bring some economic benefits.

"The restaurants are little more busy, the parking a little more full, especially with trucks," she said.

But any benefit is balanced by the road closure itself, which keeps away some of Wildhorse's customer base.

Instead of gambling or catching a movie, DeGroff said the wintry conditions keep some of their customers at home.

## Backers of state control of U.S. land gear up for new push

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Backers of a plan to force the federal government to turn over control of millions of acres of land to Nevada are gearing up for new efforts in Congress and hoped-for support from President-elect Donald Trump.

They're starting with plans to convince a skeptical public that state control of nearly 7.3 million acres currently under the U.S. Bureau of Land Management wouldn't disrupt hunting, wildlife and off-highway riding — or stick taxpayers with big bills for fighting wildfires.

"If they put this on the ballot today it would fail," said Nevada state Sen. Pete Goicoechea, R-Eureka, who supports the effort.

"We are just looking for the opportunity to showcase the state can manage these lands better," he told the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

The most detailed plan is a former

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## PENDLETON EOCI still on lockdown after Christmas brawl

By PHIL WRIGHT  
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State prison inmates brawled with corrections officers on Christmas night, sending one staff member to the hospital, according to a prison official.

Jackie Peck, spokesperson from Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, Pendleton, said in an email the "altercation" occurred Sunday around 9:55 p.m. on an east-side housing unit and ended with 10 inmates going to the medium-security prison's disciplinary segregation unit. St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, also treated and released the employee who suffered a non-serious injury, according to Peck.

EOCI remains on lockdown status due to the incident, she said, though video visits and phone lines are open. Peck did not return a call Tuesday afternoon for more information.

One corrections officer took to Facebook and posted the inmates were "drunk on homemade prison alcohol" and assaulted six prison staff. He later removed the posting, but other corrections sources who do not have the authority to speak officially for the prison confirmed the report.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Mark Gentry referees Tuesday during a basketball tournament at Nixyaawii Community School.

OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

## New air controller also ready with the ref's whistle

By PHIL WRIGHT  
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Mark Gentry has his eyes on Pendleton skies. The 6-and-half-foot-tall, 230-pound former Navy man is the air traffic controller at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport, Pendleton.

"... I love my job," he said, "so to me it's like I don't work."

Gentry, 57, said he and his wife, Nadine, a former x-ray technician, moved to Pendleton on Sept. 26 from Indianapolis, where for a few years he ran a limousine service. But he said he missed air traffic control so much, he sold the cars, found a job opening, applied and landed in the Round-Up City.

Gentry said he joined the Navy at 18 and learned the air traffic trade there. When he got out of the military, he took a civilian air traffic job and worked in the field for almost 35 years.

While Indianapolis has a population more than 50 times that of Pendleton's, Gentry said he and Nadine love it here.

"When we were in Indianapolis, everything there was flat," he said, and they come from the same small town of about 10,000 people in Pennsylvania near the scenic Pocono Mountains. Gentry said Pendleton and the surrounding area looks a lot like where they grew up.

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