Rural-urban divide missing in Idaho

By SEAN ELLIS EO Media Group

BOISE — The rural-urban divide that splits many states hasn't reached Idaho yet, a new survey shows.

The University of Idaho survey found that residents of Idaho's two main urban counties see eye-to-eye with their rural counterparts in Owyhee County on many natural resource issues, such as public lands grazing and logging.

Owvhee County southwestern Idaho is heavily dependent on agriculture, particularly raising livestock. Some 80 percent of the county's economic output is tied to the farming industry.
UI surveyed 450 people

in Ada, Canyon, Elmore and Owyhee counties. Ada and Canyon county are the state's two most populous urban areas and, along with Elmore

PORTLAND (AP) — A

federal judge has denied

Oregon refuge occupier Ryan

Payne's request to withdraw

U.S. District Judge Anna J.

contingent

The Oregonian reported.

in her 32-page ruling.

unequivocal," Brown wrote

Montana, acknowledged in

July that he conspired with

others to prevent Interior

Department employees from

doing their jobs during the 41-day occupation of the

Malheur National Wildlife

Payne was one of 11

defendants to plead guilty

before others in the case went

to trial and were found not

motions to withdraw guilty

pleas. The judge hasn't issued

rulings on the other motions

co-defendants who

Payne was one of three

Payne, of Anaconda,

his guilty plea.

argued,

Refuge.

Judge denies Ryan Payne's

motion to undo guilty plea

County, border Owyhee.

Support for livestock grazing was high across the region. Residents of all four counties were also in line on many other natural resource issues, such as logging and outdoor recreation opportuni-

For example, while 90 percent of Owyhee County residents surveyed support livestock grazing, nearly 80 percent from the urban areas also support it.

"There are some very positive feelings toward agriculture and grazing," said UI agricultural economist Neil Rimbey, one of the report's four authors. "That's something you don't usually get by reading the newspapers or listening to the

Owyhee County, at almost 5 million acres, is one of the nation's largest counties, and 83 percent of it is public land,

most managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Public lands grazing is a

major issue in Owyhee County.

In response to a lawsuit, a federal judge ordered the BLM's Owyhee field office to rewrite 68 grazing permits that it renewed in 1997. The case includes 120 grazing allotments and impacts hundreds of thousands of acres in Owyhee

County. The new permits, issued in 2013, reduced grazing by 30-50 percent in most cases.

The survey results show urban residents support live-

stock grazing on public lands. Fewer than 2 percent of residents surveyed considered livestock grazing to be a serious problem facing southwestern Idaho.

Sixty-six percent of urban residents felt livestock grazing was a very healthy or somewhat healthy aspect of working

landscapes while 13 percent felt it was somewhat or very unhealthy.

Owyhee County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said the survey results were surprising

"It makes a big difference when we know citizens in urban areas realize we are utilizing the resources properly," he said.

the four-county region has increased by 65 percent in the past 25 years. It has increased by 109 percent in Canyon County and 91 percent in Ada County.

cohesion among residents in the area remains solid, said UI sociologist J.D. Wulfhorst, a report author.

He said that result is notable enced rapid growth.

but welcomed.

The overall population of

In spite of that, the social

given the area's population growth and is unheard of in other areas that have experi-

Shooting prompts Bend police to reconsider body cameras

filed by Joseph O'Shaughnessy and Eric Flores. In Nevada, he's accused organizing "armed protection" in an April 2014 standoff over impounding

Brown ruled Wednesday that Cliven Bundy's cattle. Payne's plea in the Oregon Payne's attorney had also case wasn't, as his attorney argued that his client's plea should be withdrawn because Ammon Bundy — Cliven reaching a plea agreement in Bundy's son — and others were acquitted of the same a case against him in Nevada, "Payne's factual statecharges. Brown ruled that the plea stood on those grounds ments supporting his guilty plea were both thorough and as well.

"This is not a case in which there is a new question as to Payne's factual innocence after the trial of his Co-Defendants," Brown said. "Indeed, it remains undisputed that Payne was a leader of the occupation of the (Malheur National Wildlife Refuge)."

Under the plea agreement, federal prosecutors were to recommend a 12-year sentence, but Payne could have argued for seven years. It is unclear if that recommended sentence will remain since no plea agreement has been reached in the Nevada

Payne will be sentenced at

BEND (AP) — Last officer-involved shooting in downtown Bend has the police department reconsidering an earlier decision not to purchase body cameras.

Police Chief Jim Porter told The Bulletin newspaper the department considered the cameras before, but felt the cost of equipment and other expenses was prohibi-

Porter said falling prices and the shooting of Michael Jacques have prompted the department to take another look at the viability of cameras that are worn by officers and record their daily activities.

The 31-year-old driver was shot and killed during a traffic stop Friday night. A Bend Police officer pulled him over after receiving reports of him driving erratically in a Dodge Caravan.

The shooting investigation remains active.

Porter said he initially backed away from using body cams because the department didn't have the money for it, and he didn't see the need.

"I did not feel at the time

that we had a culture that needed body cameras," he said. "We weren't getting excessive force complaints; we weren't seeing complaints about officers' attitudes on the street."

Porter said the department set aside \$40,000 during the 2013-14 budget cycle for body cameras, but then the Oregon Legislature passed regulations as to when the cameras could be turned off, and how the data has to be stored and processed. That greatly increased the cost, Porter said.

"Yes, we are looking at them again," Porter said. "There's now much easier software to work with to be able to redact information out of the videos to make it much easier to use.'

Porter and Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel declined comment on whether body cam footage would be helpful in the investigation of Jacques' death.

Hummel, a former defense attorney, said he has always been in favor of body

"Having more evidence is always better," Hummel said.

BRIEFLY

Prison restrictions in place after inmate brawls

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — A unit at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla remains on restricted movement following three recent inmate fights.

s Union-Bulletin reports that restricted movement means activities such as recreation time and showers are suspended for inmates.

The first fight had broken out in one of the prison's units on Dec. 21 and involved about 14 inmates.

The other fights happened about an hour apart on Christmas morning. Both involved about 20 inmates and took place in the outside recreation vards at the prison's West Complex.

One of the Sunday fights resulted in an inmate receiving stitches at a nearby hospital.

State Department of Corrections spokesman Jeremy Barclay says officials are working to determine the cause of the fights.

Brother says wounded OSP trooper is improving

PORTLAND (AP) — The family of wounded Oregon State Police Trooper Nic Cederberg says he was able to speak with them for the first time since he was shot Christmas night.

His brother Jeff Cederberg wrote late Wednesday on an online donation page that Nic was emotional and thanked doctors and nurses for saving his

life. He wrote that his brother's condition is improving by the hour, and "most of the major repair work has been addressed."

The Washington County Sheriff's Office says Cederberg was shot several times by homicide suspect James Tylka following a car chase. Tylka was then killed by police.

Officers pursued Tylka after finding his estranged wife dead outside his suburban Portland home.

Oregon court reverses DUI conviction of wheelchair user

PORTLAND (AP) The Oregon Court of Appeals has reversed the conviction of a wheelchair user who had been found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

James Greene of Waldport was arrested in November 2012 after entering a crosswalk in a motorized wheelchair and striking the side of a moving pickup. Police determined he was impaired by alcohol and drugs, and a jury convicted him of drunken driving.

In his appeal, Greene argued that he should have been considered a pedestrian, not subject to the DUI law.

The state disagreed, pointing to a law that treats motorized wheelchairs like bicycles when they are driven on bike lanes. In its opinion

Thursday, the Appeals Court decided legislators only intended to have wheelchairs treated like bicycles in that narrow circumstance, and users should be considered pedestrians when in a crosswalk.

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AccuWeather.com Forecast **MONDAY TUESDAY** Very cold with a Snow early this Mostly sunny and Cloudy, a bit of Partly sunny and morning chilly snow; colder snow shower frigid PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST 1° 23° 27° 29° 15° **22°** 15° 23° 29° **20°** 28° 9° 19° **4°** Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 43/31 Wenatchee 29/16 33/16 **PENDLETON**

through 3 p.m. yesterday **TEMPERATURE** HIGH LOW Yesterday **Normals** 65° (1975) -13° (1990) **PRECIPITATION** 24 hours ending 3 p.m Month to date Normal month to date 1.50' 13.42' Year to date Last year to date 10.09' Normal year to date

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Jan 12

Normal month to date

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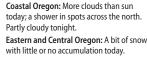
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Western Washington: A shower in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy today. Partly cloudy tonight.

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Eastern Washington: Cloudy near the Idaho border and in the mountains today; clouds breaking elsewhere.

Cascades: Considerable cloudiness today with a little snow, accumulating up to an inch; colder. Northern California: Mostly sunny today

REGIONAL CITIES

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Jerusalem	53	39	S		49	38	рс		
London	44	40	рс		48	42	рс		
Mexico City	67	46	рс		73	47	рс		
Moscow	32	29	c		35	34	sn		
Paris	37	25	рс		37	29	рс		
Rome	50	29	S		51	32	S		
Seoul	36	27	рс		42	30	рс		
Sydney	93	75	pc		81	70	pc		
Tokyo	49	38	S		50	41	S		

WINDS (in mph) Today Saturday Boardman **UV INDEX TODAY**

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day Chicag 32/29 65/51 0

warm front stationary front National Summary: As a snowstorm diminishes over northern New England, cold air and lake-effect snow will impact the Upper Midwest and Northeast today. Rain will dampen parts of California and the coastal Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 86° in Imperial Beach, Calif. Low -17° in Pinedale, Wvo.

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Houston	58	54 pc	66	58	r	Salt Lake City	29	19	рс	28	18	C
Indianapolis	35	28 pc	41	29	r	San Diego	66	55	sh	60	49	sh
Jacksonville	57	32 s	66	50	рс	San Francisco	57	44	рс	54	41	рс
Kansas City	50	30 s	40	24	рс	Seattle	43	31	C	42	33	рс
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Little Rock	56	40 s	50	42	sh	Washington, DC	44	29	C	46	39	рс

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