



Courtesy of Move Oregon's Border for a Greater Idaho
This map shows the June 3, 2020, progress of efforts to the Oregon/Idaho border to include rural Oregon counties into the more conservative state. A ballot measure similar to one that failed in Wallowa County in November 2020 may be voted on this year.

Measure to discuss Oregon's border may return to ballot

Commissioner Hillock, county Clerk Lathrop, file to run again

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ENTERPRISE — A variation of a measure that just missed passage in Wallowa County in the November 2020 general election will be on the ballot this year, proponents hope.



Hillock

Measure 32-007, which would require the county commissioners twice a year to meet to discuss the relocation of Idaho's border, will be voted on in November should those pushing for the measure gather enough signatures.

If the measure sounds similar, that's because it is. Measure 32-003, in the 2020 general election, required county commissioners to meet three times a year to discuss the interests of the county joining Idaho, part of the Move Oregon's Border movement that has gained traction in recent years. The measure passed in several counties in 2020, but fell by a razor-thin margin in Wallowa County, receiving 2,478 yes votes and 2,519 no votes.

"I thought we would be like Union County and it would pass here in Wallowa County was what I antici-



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Wallowa County Clerk Sandy Lathrop, shown with ballots to be mailed in October 2020, has filed for another term as county clerk.

patated," Commissioner Todd Nash told the Chieftain following the failed 2020 vote and referring to neighboring Union County's passage of the measure. "I think there's some sentiment and frustration with the way Oregon has legislated, and so I thought that it might be tilted a little bit more. Not completely surprised, either, that it failed."

The measure that would be voted on this year is almost verbatim of what was voted on in 2020. The main difference is commissioners would be required to meet just twice a year — on the fourth Wednesday of February and August — "to discuss how to promote the interests of Wallowa County that would be relevant to a relocation of state borders, and to prepare the county for becoming a county of Idaho."

"The commissioners, if the voters vote it in, we'll comply with what they said," Commissioner John Hillock said.

Two positions are also up for election: Position 3 on the county board of commissioners, held currently by Hillock, and the county clerk, which currently is Sandy Lathrop.

Both Hillock and Lathrop have filed to run again for their respective positions. Currently, nobody else has filed to run in opposition. "I've been honored to serve the county, and feel like I still have some energy left to carry on another four years. I think things have been running relatively good in county government," Hillock said.

The filing deadline was March 8, and as of 1 p.m. that day, no one else had filed for the two spots.

FOR THE RECORD

- FEB. 28**
- 6:02 a.m.** — Hazardous road conditions in Enterprise. Referred to Oregon Department of Transportation.
 - 6:07 a.m.** — Motorist assist in Enterprise.
 - 6:44 p.m.** — Report of road hazard in rural Enterprise; referred to ODOT.
- MARCH 1**
- 2:39 a.m.** — Report of large boulder in east bound lane of Highway 82 just east of Minam. ODOT advised.
 - 7:54 a.m.** — Two-vehicle, noninjury, motor-vehicle crash reported in rural Lostine.
 - 9:19 a.m.** — Road hazard reported in rural Wallowa on Highway 82.
 - 11:42 a.m.** — Report of scam/fraud in rural Enterprise.
 - 2:51 p.m.** — Public assist in Elgin.
 - 3:18 p.m.** — Attempt to locate in Enterprise.
 - 3:29 p.m.** — Attempt to locate in Enterprise.
 - 7:38 p.m.** — Traffic complaint in Enterprise.
 - 8:21 p.m.** — Report of suspicious person in Joseph.
- MARCH 2**
- 8:26 a.m.** — Fraud reported in rural Joseph.
 - 10:17 a.m.** — Assault reported in Wallowa.
 - 11 a.m.** — Scam/fraud call reported in rural Enterprise.
 - 1:50 p.m.** — Fraud reported in rural Wallowa.
 - 3:03 p.m.** — Theft complaint in Enterprise.
 - 3:27 p.m.** — Public assist in rural Enterprise.
- MARCH 3**
- 10:57 a.m.** — EPD attempt to locate for statewide warrant.
 - 11:15 a.m.** — EPD attempt to locate in Enterprise for statewide warrant.
 - 12:50 p.m.** — Commercial fire alarm activation in Joseph.
 - 2:51 p.m.** — Theft reported in Enterprise.

- 2:59 p.m.** — Agency assist in Enterprise.
 - 4:09 p.m.** — Civil dispute in Enterprise.
 - 5:41 p.m.** — Theft complaint in rural Wallowa.
 - 8:01 p.m.** — Disturbance reported in Wallowa.
- MARCH 4**
- 7:52 a.m.** — Scam reported in Enterprise.
 - 9:20 a.m.** — Civil dispute in Wallowa.
 - 12:07 p.m.** — Traffic stop in rural Lostine; Wallowa County Sheriff's Office issued warning for speed.
 - 3:18 p.m.** — Traffic complaint in Wallowa.
 - 4:06 p.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.
 - 4:22 p.m.** — Attempt to locate in Enterprise.
 - 5:33 p.m.** — Domestic disturbance reported in rural Enterprise.
 - 7:44 p.m.** — Noise complaint in Lostine.
 - 8:34 p.m.** — Alarm activation in Joseph.

- 9:01 p.m.** — Patrick Angelo Maroney, 63, of Enterprise, arrested by the EPD on a charge of probation violation.
 - 9:15 p.m.** — Traffic stop in Enterprise; EPD issued a warning for failure to display/lighting.
 - 9:50 p.m.** — Trespassing reported in Enterprise.
- MARCH 5**
- 2:39 p.m.** — Report of lost item in Enterprise.
 - 4:03 p.m.** — Report of suspicious person in Wallowa.
 - 7:09 p.m.** — Traffic stop; driving without insurance in Enterprise.
 - 7:22 p.m.** — Disturbance call in rural Joseph.
 - 8:49 p.m.** — Criminal mischief reported in Wallowa.
- MARCH 6**
- 10:49 a.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.
 - 2:21 p.m.** — Traffic complaint in rural Wallowa.

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