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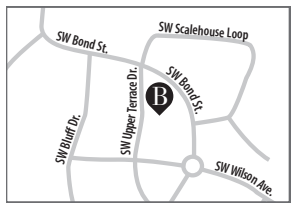
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

SOURCES: OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, DESCHUTES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, BULLETIN GRAPHIC

Total COVID-19 cases as of Wednesday, Jan. 13:

Deschutes County cases: 4,723 (89 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 31 (zero new deaths)

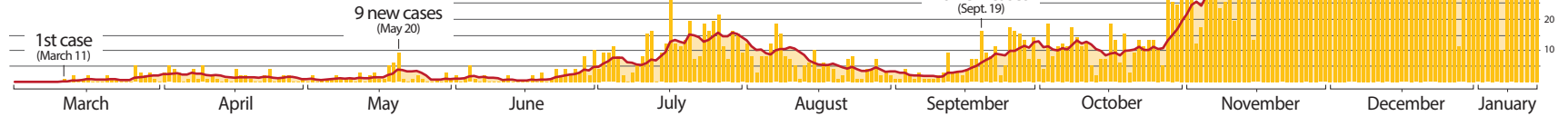
Crook County cases: 569 (19 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 9 (1 new death)

Jefferson County cases: 1,649 (23 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 24 (1 new death)

Oregon cases: 129,109 (1,346 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 1,708 (41 new deaths)

COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Wednesday: 45 (9 in ICU)

Vaccines distributed: 4,898 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccinations given through St. Charles.



What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause a range of symptoms. Some usually cause mild illness. Some, like this one, can cause more severe symptoms and can be fatal. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath.

7 ways to help limit its spread: 1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 2. Avoid touching your face. 3. Avoid close contact with sick people. 4. Stay home. 5. In public, stay 6 feet from others and wear a cloth face covering or mask. 6. Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Don Ryan/AP file

This northern spotted owl was photographed in the Deschutes National Forest in 2003.

U.S. slashes spotted owl habitat

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The Trump administration said Wednesday it would slash millions of acres of protected habitat designated for the imperiled northern spotted owl in Oregon, Washington state and Northern California, much of it in prime timber locations in Oregon's coastal ranges.

Environmentalists immediately decried the move and accused the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under President Donald Trump of taking a parting shot at protections designed to help restore the species in favor of the timber industry. The tiny owl is listed

as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and was rejected for an upgrade to endangered status last year by the federal agency despite losing nearly 4% of its population annually.

"This revision guts protected habitat for the northern spotted owl by more than a third. It's Trump's latest parting gift to the timber industry and another blow to a species that needs all the protections it can get to fully recover," said Noah Greenwald, endangered species director for the Center for Biological Diversity.

Timber groups applauded the decision, which won't take effect for 60

days. More thinning and management of protected forests is necessary to prevent wildfires, which devastated about 300 acres of spotted owl habitat in the fall, said Travis Joseph, president of the American Forest Resources Council.

Loss of the ability to log in areas protected for the spotted owl has devastated rural communities, he said. The 3.4 million acres removed from federal protections Wednesday includes all of Oregon's so-called O&C lands, which are big timber territory. The more than 2 million acres are spread in a checkerboard pattern over 18 counties in Western Oregon.

OREGON STATE CAPITOL

Lawmaker defends opening door to protesters

BY PETER WONG

Oregon Capital Bureau
Embattled state Rep. Mike Nearman offered his first response Tuesday night to disclosures that he let anti-lockdown protesters enter the closed Capitol during a Dec. 21 special session of the Legislature.

The Republican from Independence made no apologies for his action.

"I do think that when ... the Oregon Constitution says that the legislative proceedings shall be 'open,' it means open," he said in a statement. "And as anyone who has spent the last nine months staring at a screen doing virtual meetings will tell you, it's not the same thing as being open."

Nearman also went on the attack

against House Speaker Tina Kotek, a Democrat from Portland who disclosed on Jan. 7 that Oregon State Police confirmed to her that it was Nearman depicted on video as the man opening a Capitol door.

The video of Nearman's action has gone viral, triggering an outpouring of criticism of Nearman. "I hope for due process, and not the mob justice to which Speaker Kotek is subjecting me," he said in the statement.

Nearman is under criminal investigation by Oregon State Police.

Any criminal charges would likely be decided by the Marion County district attorney.

Kotek did take three actions against Nearman on Monday.

She stripped him of his two committee assignments. She fined him \$2,000 for the cost of damage to the door. She also joined other members to file a complaint against Nearman with the Legislative Equity Office.

"For the last few days, I and my family have been subjected to criticism, attacks at my home and threats via email, social media and phone," he said in his statement. "Many of these messages have been hate-filled and profanity laced."

Nearman also accused Kotek of distributing the video, a statement that is false.

Her spokesman said Tuesday night that she does not possess a copy. The spokesman declined further comment beyond what Kotek said Monday.

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Oregon Guard activated for possible rallies ahead

Gov. Kate Brown has activated the Oregon National Guard because of possible violence at the state Capitol and elsewhere following the violent storming of the U.S. Capitol last week by a pro-Trump mob.

The Oregon State Police said in a statement Wednesday the guard would be used as necessary and its deployment locations wouldn't be made public. The Oregon Legislature convenes Tuesday.

Oregon State Police Superintendent Terri Davie requested that the National Guard be activated to assist authorities.

The Capitol has seen near weekly protests since November's elections, and some have turned violent. Federal authorities have warned of possible unrest in all 50 state capitols this weekend and into next week.

— Associated Press

Shooting

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The incident received little attention at the time because it occurred as a riot seized the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

"Upon review of this incident, evidence supports the conclusion that Sergeant Brown was justified in using deadly physical force under the circumstances and it was reasonable for him to believe that his life and Officer Kathrein's lives were endangered by ABBE's actions," Jefferson County District Attorney Steven Leriche wrote in a statement released Tuesday night.

Abbe's attorney, Ricky Nelson, did not return a request for comment.

An overview of the facts of the incident was provided by Leriche, though the probable cause affidavit in Abbe's case remains sealed from the public.

A person called police around 10:30 a.m. Jan. 6 to report Abbe was agitated that

day and acting erratically. Officers declined to contact Abbe at that time because he was not suspected of breaking the law and police did not want to "escalate" his behavior, Leriche wrote.

"Officers were familiar with Abbe from prior contacts and elected not to contact Abbe at that time, as officers did not want to further agitate Abbe," Leriche said.

At 11:51 a.m., Brown and Kathrein were parked at a business when they heard the screeching tires of a silver Chevrolet Monte Carlo as it pulled into the parking lot. Security camera footage shows the driver, Abbe, driving doughnuts around their patrol vehicles, Leriche said.

The officers told investigators that as Abbe stared at them, making eye contact, he nearly drove into their cars.

"Both officers told investigators they had never seen such unusual conduct throughout their careers in law enforcement," Leriche wrote. Abbe allegedly continued

driving and led the officers into a residential neighborhood, periodically slamming his brakes in an apparent attempt to cause a rear-end collision, police say.

In the 400 block of NE Oak Street, Abbe reportedly crashed into Kathrein's vehicle. The officers say at this point, Abbe "focused his attention" on Brown, who had gotten out of his vehicle. A witness said Abbe revved his engine.

"At that point, having no less-lethal option available to him and having no way to return to his own vehicle without

giving Abbe the opportunity to strike him, and Abbe having already shown a willingness to use the deadly force of his vehicle against law enforcement, Sgt. Brown fired into Abbe's vehicle," Leriche wrote.

Abbe continued to stare at Brown as the officer fired 12 rounds into Abbe's windshield. He made no effort to duck or avoid the gunfire, according to Brown.

Abbe was taken to St. Charles Madras, where he was treated for minor injuries. He was released and arrested.

Abbe is charged with seven

criminal counts — fleeing a police officer and two counts each of unlawful use of a weapon, menacing and reckless endangering. He's scheduled to be arraigned on those charges Thursday.

Brown was hired by Madras Police in 1996 having previously worked as a military police officer. Kathrein was hired in 2009 having previously worked for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Warm Springs Tribal Police Department.

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