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Solar eclipses happen when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun.

"Totality" occurs when the moon completely covers the sun, temporarily casting a portion of the Earth's surface in a shadow of daytime darkness.

Bremner said most hotels in the county are filled except for those that had planned to start booking a year out.

She added the county's population could double that weekend, which she said is a modest estimate.

The chamber is holding monthly meetings about the eclipse.

Their last meeting on July 6 drew a crowd of about 75.

Scientist Darlene Yan will speak at a town hall hosted by the chamber from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at the Canyon City Community Hall.

A program coordinator for Multiverse at the University of California Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory, Yan will share knowledge about next year's eclipse.

The eclipse will be seen by people across a horizontal swath of land across the U.S.; however, experts say the most valuable viewing spots will be in less populated places with no city lights.

Bremner said Newport will be the first city in the state to experience the eclipse, but she said that area is often foggy in the morning. Portland will not be in the path of totality.

"For me, it's exciting to think that so many people want to travel here to be a part of a once-in-a-lifetime event," Bremner said.

She added Travel Oregon



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Jenny Shaw, manager of Historic Hotel Prairie, says they became booked up at the hotel in 2014 for a solar eclipse, which will occur in August of next year.

estimates 50 percent of those visiting the state for the eclipse will be from out of the country.

John Day city officials are also planning for the influx of visitors.

City manager Nick Green said forms are available for temporary use permits for lodging and concessions at city hall.

"If people want to have guests that come and pay rent from out of town, they'll need a temporary use permit," he said.

Those selling concessions, such as bottled water, ice, sno-cones, etc., are also required to have a temporary use permit.

He added the city doesn't plan to provide concessions.

Green said the city intends

to host at least 104 RV campsites at the city-owned industrial park.

"We're going to try to use this as an economic development opportunity in partnership with the chamber and Grant County Economic Development as well as Travel Oregon," he said. "We're encouraging public feedback."

Shaw said one "eclipse chaser" she spoke with has traveled the world, including Greece, to view solar eclipses.

The man was too late for a room at Hotel Prairie but was able to secure a nearby cabin rental.

Shaw said he told her, "This is 'the spot' to see the eclipse."

Firefighters contain Scott Canyon blaze near Condon

Type 3 team called in from central Oregon

By George Plaven
EO Media Group



Contributed photo/Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center

The Scott Canyon Fire has burned 33,587 acres in rural Gilliam County between Condon and Arlington.

Firefighters expected to fully contain the Scott Canyon Fire in rural Gilliam County by Monday evening, according to a spokeswoman with the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center.

The blaze, which started Thursday on private land near the John Day River, has burned 33,587 acres between Condon and Arlington. A Type 3 incident management team responded Saturday from the Deschutes and Ochoco national forests, as well as the Bureau of Land Management's Prineville District, to assist local firefighters.

The fire was human-caused, though investigators are still working to determine exactly how it

started. High winds fanned the flames up and down several canyons in the area, making for tricky firefighting conditions. Crews on the ground were supported by six single-engine air tankers and three helicopters, which dumped water and retardant around the fire perimeter over the weekend.

The fire did destroy one old homestead, which was unoccupied. No other structures

were damaged. Lisa Clark, fire information officer with the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center, commended the initial response for keeping local farms and ranches safe.

Another fire in central Oregon also erupted Sunday about 13 miles east of Warm Springs. That blaze is now roughly 4,800 acres, but wasn't immediately threatening homes.

Key Oregon refuge occupier pleads guilty; Bundys stay in jail

Steven Dubois
Associated Press



Ryan Payne

PORTLAND — A military veteran accused of taking leadership roles in two armed standoffs involving federal authorities pleaded guilty last week in Oregon to a conspiracy charge and is expected to do the same involving charges in Nevada, prosecutors said.

Meanwhile, a federal judge decided to keep brothers Ammon and Ryan Bundy behind bars as they await their September trial in Portland on conspiracy charges.

The brothers have been accused of leading the standoffs at a wildlife refuge in Oregon and their family ranch in Nevada.

At the federal courthouse in Portland, Ryan Payne of Anaconda, Montana, acknowledged that he conspired with others to prevent Interior Department employees from doing their jobs this winter during the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

In a plea deal that included talks with prosecutors in Nevada, the U.S. attorney's office in Oregon recommended that Payne's likely 3½-year prison sentence run at the same time as the punishment he could receive for his role in a 2014 standoff with federal agents at a Nevada ranch owned by Cliven Bundy, Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Gabriel said.

In Nevada, the deal calls for Payne to plead guilty to three charges, with one involving the brandishing of a firearm

that carries a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years, Gabriel said.

Nevada prosecutors plan to recommend 12 years in prison, and Payne's defense will push for less, Gabriel said.

Payne, 32, told U.S. District Court Judge Anna J. Brown in Portland that his first adult decision was joining the military, where he took an oath to uphold the Constitution.

Payne said he came to Oregon last year to do that by defending two ranchers he believes were wrongly imprisoned for setting fires.

He and others, including Ammon and Ryan Bundy, occupied the refuge from Jan. 2 until their arrests nearly a month later. A few holdouts continued the armed protest until Feb. 11.

"In pursuing that effort, I have come to understand that folks who work for the government perceived my actions as intimidating and threatening," Payne said in court.

Payne was arrested during a traffic stop while traveling with Arizona rancher Robert "LaVoy" Finicum and others to a community meeting off the refuge.

Payne complied with officers and left the vehicle. Finicum and the others drove away, and Finicum was fatally shot by authorities at a roadblock.

Gabriel said Payne, the eighth man to plead guilty in the Oregon case, took a leadership role in the occupation, coordinating armed guards and providing tactical training.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 18 but that date could get pushed back based on developments in Nevada, where authorities say Payne recruited gunmen and led an armed assault on federal officers who attempted to round-up the Bundys' cattle near Bunkerville.

Ammon and Ryan Bundy are also charged in that case, and would have likely been sent to a Nevada jail if U.S. District Court Judge Robert Jones had not decided Tuesday to keep them in custody at a downtown Portland jail.

Jones previously granted pretrial release to many of the men and women indicted on conspiracy charges in the case. But in a written opinion, Jones said the Bundys are not good candidates for release because the confrontations show they believe they are justified in refusing federal orders and might not appear for trial Sept. 7.

"More dangerously, they may attempt to recruit another standoff or occupation," he wrote.

The judge also cited what jailhouse deputies described as an effort by Ryan Bundy to escape. A search of his cell on April 8 yielded a rope made with multiple sheets tied together, authorities said.

"I reject his excuse that he was practicing braiding," Jones wrote.

Palmer tentatively agrees not to delete emails

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle



Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer

Their attorney, Brad Daniels, said he and the defendants' attorney had reached a tentative agreement that would preclude the necessity for the restraining order.

On behalf of Palmer, the sheriff's office and records employee Sally DeFord,

who was also named as a defendant, attorney Zachary Hostetter said the tentative agreement included the stipulation that all emails would be maintained in electronic form from July 25 forward.

Hostetter said, even before the agreement, Palmer and the sheriff's office complied with email retention rules by retaining printed copies of emails when needed.

Oregon law says every person has a right to inspect any public record of a public body in the state, except for certain exempt records. It is a Class A misdemeanor for a person, without lawful authority, to knowingly destroy any public record.

If the parties are unable to reach a final agreement, a new hearing on the motion for the temporary restraining order was scheduled for 2:45 p.m. Aug. 3.

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concern about foreign mining interest, tapping the minerals, we have a mineral withdrawal."

Instead of creating a national monument through a presidential proclamation, he said his bill would have to be approved by Congress, though it would not prevent

the president from proclaiming a monument.

The bill would prevent any new mining activities in the 2,065,000-acre withdrawal area it would cover. The bill also contains provisions creating grant programs for water improvements, infrastructure and firefighting, an Agriculture Center of Excellence in Malheur County and a study for rural air services at the airport in Ontario.

Responding to other questions at the town hall:

• Wyden said he supports "common sense steps" to reduce gun violence that do not violate the Second Amendment. He said terrorists and people with domestic violence convictions should be prevented from owning guns but that the government should be liable for penalties if it prevents someone from purchasing a gun who should not have been. He also said limits on research into gun violence should be lifted.

• He said a conference committee between the House and Senate would be meeting in September to work on legislation that could end "fire borrowing," where agencies are forced to use funds intended for fire prevention to cover the cost of fighting fires.

• Wyden said infrastructure would be his first priority in January, and he hopes to find funding through tax reform.

• He said he would not support term limits for Congress.

• He said he believed pharmacists should play a larger role in rural health care.

• When asked if he supports Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, Wyden said he does not make endorsements at town halls.

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- 3 ADULT (OVER 18)
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- 6 JUNIOR (0-8)

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