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Harney County Calls on Protestors to Stand Down

Work collaboratively on public land issues

Burns, OR – Harney County Judge Steve Grasty responded to demonstrations across the state by the environmental community, urging them to stand down. “Thank you for your concern over the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge,” Grasty said. “However, this group thrives on attention and the more attention they get, the longer they’ll stay.”

Harney County is looking for a peaceful end to the occupation and counter-demonstrations only serve to escalate the situation. Further, Harney County has been at the forefront of working collaboratively on public land issues, bringing together county, state and federal partners, ranchers and the local environmental community to create real solutions to public land management issues. This valuable work cannot move forward until the occupation ends.

“I look forward to working with any environmental organization that wants to find real solutions, rather than locking up large swaths of land through lawsuits or by administrative fiat,” continued Grasty. “I invite every group demonstrating today to join us at the table to work on solutions that benefit the land and the community.”