



## ***Western States Leaders Give Oregon Update!***

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We at Coalition of Western States are deeply saddened by the death of LaVoy Finicum, a dear American Patriot. LaVoy was a friend, husband, father, and grandfather that will be missed by many. As LaVoy's last video communication proves, he loved America, he loved his people, and he loved the land that God has given us to steward over. Most of all, LaVoy loved his family which is why he stood in peaceful protest to defend Liberty, our Constitution, and our land.

It has come to our attention, through eye-witness accounts of the event, that unnecessary force may have been used by government agents resulting in LaVoy's death, as well as injuries to at least two other individuals. We promise to gather all the facts available and vow to investigate any wrong doings to the fullest of our ability. Coalition of Western States will use every available resource to bring justice and expose any wrongdoing and unnecessary use of force committed under the color of government authority.

The Coalition of Western States is extremely proud of our members who were on scene and their efforts to maintain a peaceful dialogue with the federal government. Our members were able to negotiate with the FBI for safe passage for all those who wanted to leave the refuge including the remaining women and children there. As of this morning, all of the people who wanted to leave the refuge are safe.

We mourn with the LaVoy family and all Americans for our loss. We encourage all who are upset by this loss to channel that emotion into constructive and peaceful protests and education to the defense of our Liberty and our Constitution. We at Coalition of Western States promise to never abandon our resolve to secure The Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. We promise to honor our oaths; to uphold and enforce the Constitution of the United States. We promise to never quit until Life, Liberty, and Property are returned to the People as the Constitution demands, and having done all, to stand.

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*The Coalition of Western States represents over 50 legislators, elected delegates and grassroots leaders predominantly in the Western United States dedicated to stopping government overreach. – COWS and it's members from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Montana, New Mexico stand ready to oppose continued federal overreach and abuse, support the rule of law and restore management of public lands to the States where it Constitutionally belongs.*

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