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**For Your Situational Awareness:**

BLM Oregon is seeing a militia response to the Grants Pass area related to a BLM administrative Notice of Noncompliance on a mining claim. An unknown number of Oath Keepers and others have responded, or are in the process of responding, to the mining claim to provide protection against any perceived BLM actions against the miners..

The BLM is in fact addressing this noncompliance issue through standard administrative processes, and those processes have only recently begun. No BLM action is imminent and BLM law enforcement has no involvement other than to ensure employee safety as they perform their official duties at the office and throughout the Medford District.

Regardless of these facts, the story is going viral on social media, and more groups appear to be buying into the conspiracy theory. As such, we may see local militia groups, as well as those in other states, respond to this perceived "threat." **Please ensure personnel increase their situational awareness during this period.**

If you receive any media inquiries please send those requests to Jody and Michael here in the State Office.

Thanks JP

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