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Oregon Comes Out on Top in National Reddit Competition

Majority Leader Bowman responds to Oregon being the last state standing after a month-long competition, encourages Oregon to celebrate the win

SALEM, Ore. – After nearly 50 rounds of voting, Oregon emerged as the final state standing in a [viral Reddit competition](#). The competition began in r/geographymemes as a daily “delete a state” game where users voted one U.S. state out each round, with eliminated states merging into neighboring regions and creating increasingly chaotic fictional alliances and lore along the way.

What started as a small internet meme, snowballed into a weeks-long online campaign, with state subreddits rallying supporters, brigading vote threads, and inventing mock nations like “Megasota” and an expanded Oregon-led Pacific Northwest coalition.

Statement from House Majority Leader Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger, S Beaverton):

“As someone who’s always believed Oregon is a special place, this is fun to see. We’ve still got work to do, but Oregon really is worth celebrating — and protecting. I’ll gladly use this as an excuse to pour a way-too-hoppy glass of IPA and pretend to enjoy it.”

After winning the tournament, Oregon inspired celebration posts, timelapses, and tongue-in-cheek declarations of Oregonian supremacy across Reddit.

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