

# Affair with a married man earns sister's disapproval

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister has been having an affair with a married man. When I asked if he was going to leave his wife, she said no, and it was fine with her. She claims his wife is fat and that they have a son with severe disabilities, and she (my sister) wouldn't want the responsibility of that, even though I'm sure the boy would stay with his mother.

She refers to him as her "honey," and he buys her things. (She has always been materialistic.) She stays in contact with him constantly on her iPad and says how much he loves her.

I would want to be open and have everyone get to know about my honey instead of sneaking around. When I say I don't believe he loves her, she gets mad and accuses me of being jealous. I also told her that if I loved someone, I'd want to be with him and not communicate via email. Gifts wouldn't make up for the person not being with me, especially if I claimed to love him.

I was in a relationship with a married man once, but I wasn't happy about it and ended it. Am I off base because I feel the way I do?

— SNEAKING AROUND IN MAINE

**DEAR SNEAKING:** You're not off base. But you're also not your sister. The two of you appear to have very different values. While you want a full relationship, the "crumbs" and goodies she's getting from her honey may be enough for her, and she may regard their stolen moments as exciting. If she were hoping for more than the status quo, I would say she's wasting her time. But she seems to know the score.

**DEAR ABBY:** I know three people who have cancer. One is terminal, one is probably terminal and the other is possibly terminal. The second and third individuals I've known for a long time. The terminal person, however, is a social acquaintance — someone I met through a close friend.

Over the last two years we have socialized a half-dozen times, but we've never had an extended conversation, and I don't especially like her. As her condition has worsened, she has withdrawn from most

socializing. I receive updates from my friend, who takes her to appointments, shopping, etc. when she can't drive herself or when she feels the woman needs company. Officially, I don't know anything. But I was told her oncologist has informed her she's got six months.

My question is: Should I contact her? I'll feel like an idiot and like I'm invading her privacy if I do, yet somehow guilty if I don't. The only thing I would say to her is that I'm sorry this has happened to her. My gut tells me I should keep quiet, but my

guilt is getting in the way.  
— FRIEND OF A FRIEND IN NEW YORK

**DEAR FRIEND:** I assume you know as much about this woman as you do because your good friend is confiding in you. If you don't know anything "officially," I assume your friend was sworn to secrecy and chose to tell you because she receives emotional support from you. I see nothing to be gained by inserting yourself at this point, and you should not feel guilty for keeping your distance. Listen to your gut.

**DEAR ABBY:** Our sister, "Dolly," is a control freak. She has been like this her whole life. Her husband died years ago, and the last thing he said to us was that he was better off dead than living the life he was living with her.

Dolly is now involved with a new man. They are living together, and she's doing the same thing to him that she did with her husband. We're not sure if we should warn him about her or leave it alone. They are planning to be married next summer. I think he is having second thoughts, but is waiting to see if she changes. We can tell he's unhappy. Should we warn him or not?

— CRYSTAL IN CLEVELAND

**DEAR CRYSTAL:** Dolly's live-in is an adult and capable of making his own choices, so it should not be necessary to announce to him that his fiancée is a control freak. If he's unhappy now -- as you say he is -- his plans could change drastically by next summer. Keep your fingers crossed and your mouths shut.



**DEAR ABBY**

# Southwestern US states get Jan. 31 deadline for drought deal

By Ken Ritter  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The head of the federal agency controlling the Colorado River said Thursday the U.S. government will impose unprecedented restrictions on water supplies to the seven Southwestern U.S. states that depend on the river unless everyone agrees by Jan. 31 on a plan to deal with an expected shortage in 2020.

Water users from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming should have had a pact to sign at an annual water users' conference this week in Las Vegas, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman said.

They didn't. However, a flurry of approvals in several states in recent weeks signaled urgency and set a stage for an overall agreement to use less water from a river beset by drought and locked into promises to deliver more water than it takes in.

Burman identified California and Arizona as the holdouts.

"Close isn't 'done,'" she told a standing-room crowd at the Colorado River Water Users Association conference at a Las Vegas Strip resort. "Only 'done' will protect this basin."

The river that carries winter snowmelt from the Rocky Mountains to the Gulf of Mexico is plumbed with dams to generate hydropower and meter water releases. It provides drinking water to 40 million people and cities including Los Angeles, San Diego, Denver, Phoenix and Las Vegas. It irrigates crops

in wide areas once deemed as reclaimed desert in the U.S. and Mexico.

The keys to contingency plans are voluntary agreements to use less water than users are allocated from the river's two largest reservoirs, Lake Powell behind the Glen Canyon Dam on the Arizona-Utah state line and Lake Mead behind Hoover Dam just east of Las Vegas.

Lake Powell is currently at 43 percent capacity; Lake Mead at 38 percent.

To date, entities including agricultural districts and municipal suppliers in five states have reached what Burman characterized as a complex puzzle of agreements.

Indian tribes also are involved, and Burman on Thursday announced publication of a report called the Colorado River Basin Ten Tribes Partnership Tribal Water Study. It charts water claims and use by tribes that hold rights to divert almost 20 percent of the water in the river.

A drought-shortage declaration next year would cut 11.4 percent of Arizona's usual river water allocation beginning in 2020, and 4.3 percent of Nevada's share. That amount of water, combined, would serve more than 625,000 homes. California would voluntarily reduce its Colorado River use by about 6 percent.

Arizona gained approvals for conservation, mitigation and payment plans from its Department of Water Resources and the key Central Arizona Project irrigation district. Unlike the other

states, it also needs state Legislature approval for water agreements. Lawmakers convene in January.

In California, the largest municipal suppliers have signed on, including the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California serving some 19 million people.

However, the sprawling Imperial Irrigation District, which holds some of the largest and oldest rights to river water, has so far granted only tentative approval. James Hanks, board president, said in an interview the district wants to be last to sign so it can see what others agree to.

It also wants government help to save the Salton Sea, a briny shallow desert lake east of Palm Springs, California, that is fed primarily by agricultural irrigation runoff. Dusty hot winds blowing across exposed former shorelines are blamed for asthma by area residents who also complain of sometimes brackish smells.

Burman didn't say what the federal government plans if it is left to impose restrictions.

But local officials warned that a free-for-all could lead to crippling lawsuits and legislative gridlock.

John Entsminger, chief executive of the Southern Nevada Water Authority in Las Vegas, predicted "complete chaos" if negotiations that he compared with nuanced scalpel work are overridden by federal sledgehammer rules.

"Everyone thinks their own water use is justified and no one else's is," observed Kathryn Sorensen, Phoenix city water services director.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Cloudy, rain beginning	Very windy, rain	A snow shower around	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42 34</b>	<b>43 31</b>	<b>41 28</b>	<b>40 19</b>
Comfort Index™	4	0	3	2	3
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46 37</b>	<b>45 36</b>	<b>45 29</b>	<b>36 22</b>
Comfort Index™	3	0	2	3	2
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44 34</b>	<b>42 32</b>	<b>45 26</b>	<b>33 18</b>
Comfort Index™	5	0	1	3	2

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## ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	42°	45°	48°
Low Sunday	37°	39°	39°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.04	0.06	0.01
Month to date	0.21	0.27	1.34
Normal month to date	0.50	0.92	1.64
Year to date	5.45	13.84	27.81
Normal year to date	9.65	15.78	22.31

## SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 81° ImmoKalee, Fla.
Low: -11° Crested Butte, Colo.
Wettest: 1.89" Tobyhanna, Pa.
OREGON
High: 62° Medford
Low: 16° Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.96" North Bend

## WEATHER HISTORY

Wind-driven lake-effect snow accumulated to 2 feet in northwestern Pennsylvania on Dec. 18, 1981. In 1984, this date seemed more like its April counterpart, with temperatures in the 60s in Pennsylvania.

## SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	7:26 a.m.	7:27 a.m.
Sunset	4:11 p.m.	4:11 p.m.
Moonrise	1:24 p.m.	1:51 p.m.
Moonset	1:26 a.m.	2:32 a.m.

## MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Dec 22	Dec 29	Jan 5	Jan 13

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

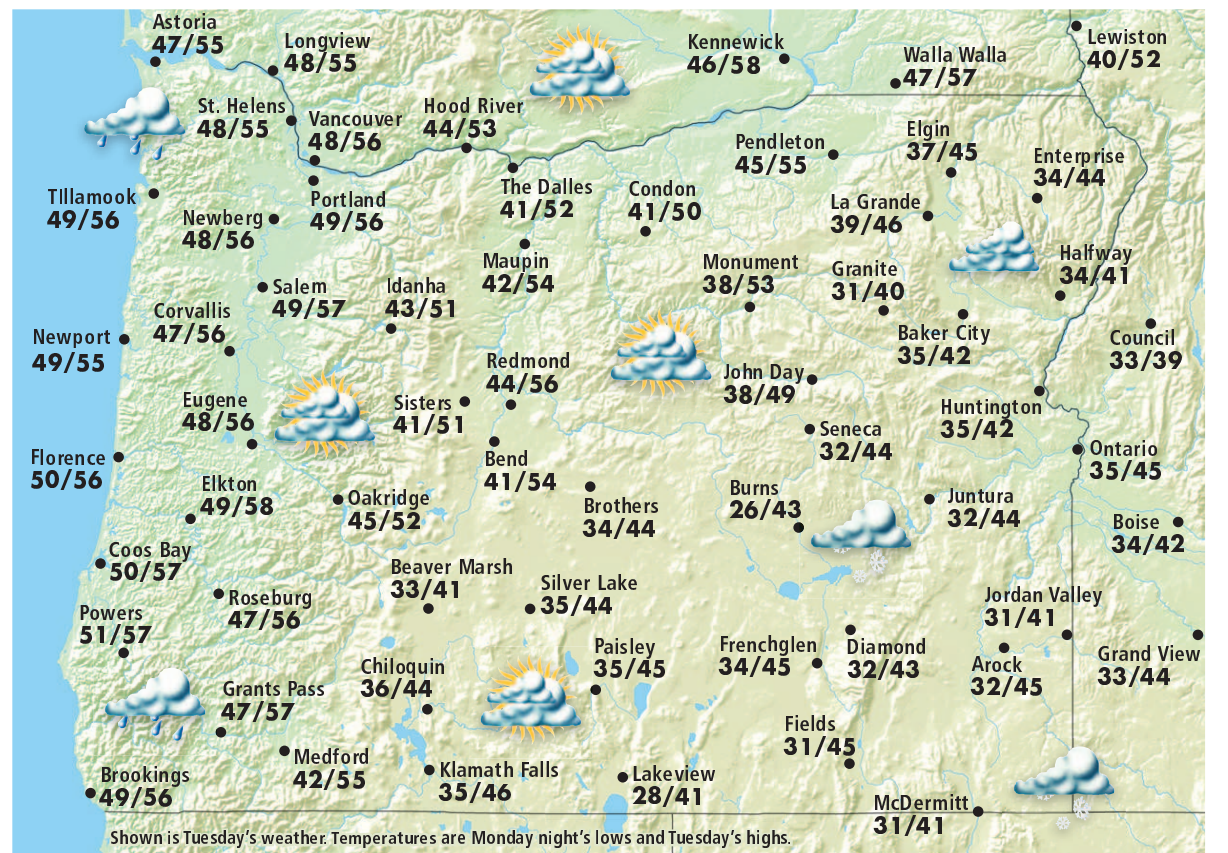
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	60%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 20 to 30 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.2
Evapotranspiration	0.07

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)

Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	21% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	34% of capacity
Mckay Reservoir	13% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	15% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	35% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	833 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	7 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	125 cfs
Minam River at Minam	N.A.
Powder River near Richland	50 cfs

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	55/45/r	52/46/c	Lewiston	52/44/r	53/39/c
Bend	54/34/r	47/36/c	Longview	55/46/r	52/45/c
Boise	42/34/c	46/32/c	Meacham	43/36/r	42/34/sf
Brookings	56/47/r	58/49/c	Medford	55/40/r	55/37/c
Burns	43/28/c	42/23/c	Newport	55/47/r	53/48/c
Coos Bay	57/47/r	57/50/c	Olympia	52/42/r	51/41/c
Corvallis	56/44/r	52/44/c	Ontario	49/33/sh	47/31/c
Council	39/31/sn	38/26/sf	Pasco	56/42/r	53/40/c
Elgin	45/37/r	45/35/sf	Pendleton	55/42/r	52/41/c
Eugene	56/45/r	53/45/c	Portland	56/46/r	53/47/c
Hermiston	58/44/r	54/38/c	Powers	57/47/r	59/49/c
Hood River	53/45/r	51/41/c	Redmond	56/32/r	51/35/c
Imnaha	48/37/r	46/35/c	Roseburg	56/44/r	53/43/c
John Day	49/36/sh	44/37/c	Salem	57/47/r	53/47/c
Joseph	43/33/r	40/31/sf	Spokane	47/36/r	42/36/c
Kennewick	58/43/r	53/39/c	The Dalles	52/43/r	51/40/c
Klamath Falls	46/34/r	47/31/c	Ukiah	46/34/sh	42/34/c
Lakeview	41/31/sh	43/24/c	Walla Walla	57/45/r	53/45/c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice

## RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Cloudy	<b>28 22</b>	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Cloudy	<b>40 31</b>
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Cloudy	<b>37 33</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> A little snow	<b>44 37</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> A little a.m. snow	<b>32 25</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Mostly doudy	<b>40 31</b>
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> A little a.m. snow	<b>42 33</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Mostly doudy	<b>54 46</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> A bit of a.m. snow	<b>42 35</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Cloudy	<b>46 39</b>

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