

# Flooding concerns rise in fire-ravaged area near John Day

The Associated Press

PENDLETON — With rain and even a little snow falling on a destructive wildfire near John Day, local officials were able to breathe a sigh of relief that flames are largely controlled, but another concern is emerging: the potential for catastrophic flooding.

Grant County has asked an engineering firm to investigate what can be done to ensure fire damage doesn't cause flooding for cities and homes located beneath the charred mountains.

A significant amount of the Canyon Creek drainage has been damaged by fire, much of its steep slopes are now filled with half-burned debris, downed trees and ashy ground. Without vegetation to keep debris anchored to the hillside, the potential for catastrophic flooding and erosion increases, the East Oregonian reported.

"I'm just scared to death of what could happen," Grant County Commissioner Boyd Britton said. "We don't have any vegetation now in much of that watershed."

The fire has destroyed 43 homes and burned more than 170 square miles south of John Day and Canyon City. Firefighters reported over the weekend that parts of the fire continued to burn but spreading was minimal. Crews are dropping water and strengthening containment lines.

Doug Ferguson of Ferguson Surveying

and Engineering will act as a liaison between the multiple local, state and federal agencies that will conduct rehabilitation efforts in areas of the Canyon Creek drainage harmed by the fire.

"The silt and ash and debris that could come down that creek could be devastating. Everybody is still pretty focused on fighting the fire. But I am worried about the possibility of imminent flooding problems," Ferguson said. "We just don't have anything left to hold back a flood."

Ferguson met with officials from the U.S. Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service and other agencies Sept. 2 to begin hashing out a plan.

Restoration efforts to help control flooding, including soil stabilization and erosion control projects will be conducted as quickly as possible, Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin said Wednesday.

"We're moving as fast as we can," he said. "My directions to my team are: Let's have those investments down before the snow flies."

Grant County Court Judge Scott Myers, the county's top elected official, said the flooding concern is legitimate.

"If we were to have a gully washer or sudden downpour, with all the vegetation upstream of Canyon City virtually gone, we could get an influx of mud and debris rushing into Canyon City," he said.

# Eugene mayor wants council to discuss homeless 'travelers'

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EUGENE — Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy says she wants the city to have a conversation about young vagabonds occupying public spaces downtown.

The mayor sent an email to the city manager and councilmembers saying she doesn't want so-called "travelers" taking over public spaces. She said she's not judging people by their looks or lifestyle but wants public spaces to be for everyone to use.

"I don't want travelers actually controlling, living on our corners, our plazas, our public spaces," she wrote. "I welcome them to use them as I would expect everyone else to do. And I want benches and inviting places

for all the public to freely use."

Piercy tells The Register-Guard that the travelers have chosen a lifestyle of moving from place to place. She says they're different than a traditional homeless population.

Piercy said she wrote the message to prompt discussion among Council and city staff about the topic, which could lead to a conversation with the public.

It's unclear what Eugene could do to prevent people from sitting in public places.

Local ordinances prohibit people from blocking sidewalks, but courts have ruled as unconstitutional local laws that ban loitering, panhandling and other behaviors common among homeless people and travelers.

Downtown for decades has been a magnet for transients, generating complaints from store owners and others. Civic leaders hoped redevelopment of the city center would bring more activity and residents to the area, shrinking the portion of city-center occupants who were transients.

To discourage loitering on sidewalks and plazas, the city has removed public benches and walls that transients formerly sat or slept on, she said.

Downtown is "very different than it was before," she said. "But we still have the issue of travelers in our communities, people who go up and down the I-5 corridor" and stop in Eugene and other cities.

The Council was split on whether the issue was one it should take up.

## Deaths

Sept. 2, 2015

JOHNSON, Michael E., 59, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Sept. 3, 2015

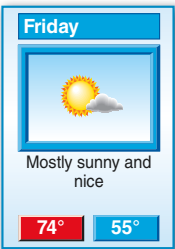
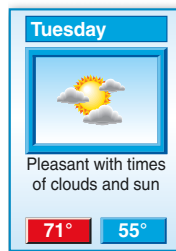
NORDGREN, John Arvid, 97, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

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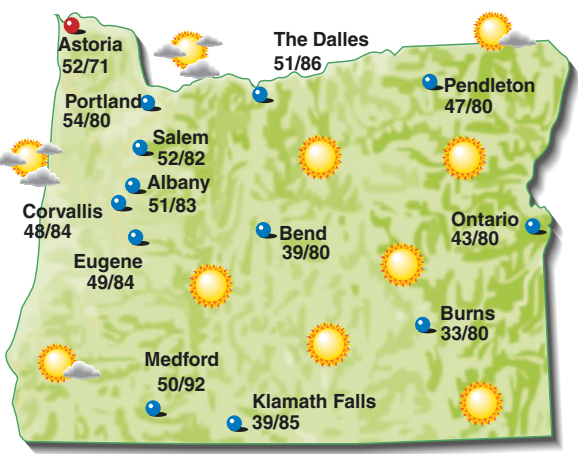
### Astoria 5-Day Forecast



Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs



### Oregon Weather



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### Almanac

Astoria through Sunday.

**Temperatures**

High ..... 65°

Low ..... 54°

Normal high ..... 69°

Normal low ..... 51°

**Precipitation**

Yesterday ..... 0.51"

Month to date ..... 1.05"

Normal month to date ..... 0.36"

Year to date ..... 30.16"

Normal year to date ..... 38.46"

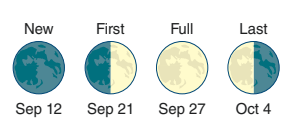
### Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight ..... 7:43 p.m.

Sunrise Tuesday ..... 6:44 a.m.

Moonrise today ..... 1:25 a.m.

Moonset today ..... 4:30 p.m.



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### Regional Cities

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	68	32	s	76	36	s
Bend	72	39	pc	80	46	s
Brookings	73	55	s	75	56	pc
Eugene	78	49	pc	84	52	pc
Ilwaco	65	55	pc	67	56	pc
Klamath Falls	79	39	s	85	41	s
Medford	86	50	s	92	55	s
Newport	64	49	pc	67	51	pc
North Bend	69	53	s	71	55	pc

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	71	49	pc	75	51	pc
Pendleton	72	47	pc	80	54	s
Portland	75	54	pc	80	58	pc
Roseburg	82	52	pc	88	55	pc
Salem	77	52	pc	82	56	pc
Seaside	67	53	pc	69	56	pc
Spokane	66	47	c	72	50	s
Vancouver	74	52	pc	79	56	pc
Yakima	77	46	pc	82	51	pc

### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: At 2.9 million light-years away, the Andromeda Galaxy (M31) visible above the eastern horizon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

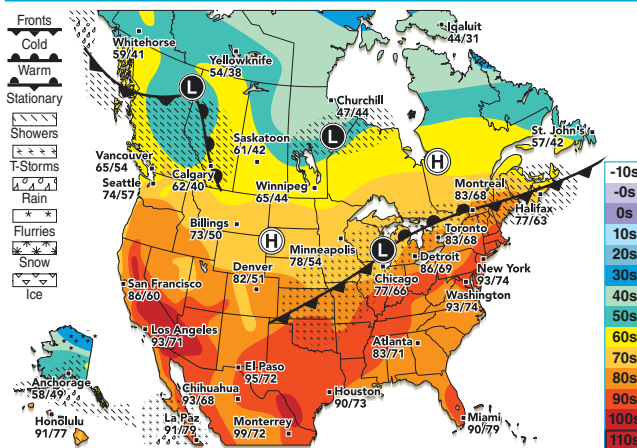
### Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
11:10 a.m.	6.8 ft.	4:52 a.m.	0.0 ft.
10:47 p.m.	7.6 ft.	4:47 p.m.	2.2 ft.

### National Cities

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	85	70	t	83	71	t
Boston	90	71	s	91	72	s
Chicago	86	70	t	77	66	t
Denver	86	53	t	82	51	s
Des Moines	84	70	t	80	61	t
Detroit	89	72	s	86	69	t
El Paso	97	72	t	95	72	pc
Fairbanks	62	45	c	59	44	c
Honolulu	89	76	r	91	77	pc
Indianapolis	92	71	pc	90	70	pc
Kansas City	90	72	t	80	65	t
Las Vegas	98	77	s	100	78	s
Los Angeles	89	65	s	93	71	s
Memphis	94	74	pc	94	75	pc
Miami	90	78	t	90	79	t
Nashville	91	71	pc	90	72	pc
New Orleans	90	76	t	89	76	t
New York	90	73	s	93	74	s
Oklahoma City	96	75	pc	94	70	t
Philadelphia	90	70	s	94	74	t
St. Louis	95	78	pc	92	71	t
Salt Lake City	80	55	s	82	58	pc
San Francisco	85	60	s	86	60	s
Seattle	71	55	pc	74	57	pc
Washington, DC	90	72	pc	93	74	s

### Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

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

## Public meetings

**TUESDAY**

**Cannon Beach City Council**, work session, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St., Cannon Beach.

**Clatsop Community College Board**, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave.

**Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board**, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

**Warrenton-Hammond School Board**, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School, 1700 S.E. Main Ave., Warrenton

**WEDNESDAY**

**Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District Board**, 10 a.m., Conference Room 231, OSU Seafood Lab Center, 2001 Marine Drive.

**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 5 p.m., work session, 6 p.m., regular meeting, Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

**Wickiup Water District Board**, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

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