

In farm bill, a familiar fight over wildlife management

Delegation divided over logging

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Congress passed a new farm bill last week that also contains several provisions aimed at reducing the severity of Western wildfires. And that left the Oregon delegation divided along familiar battle lines.

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, a Republican who represents fire-prone eastern Oregon, criticized Democrats in the Senate for blocking provisions that would have eased environmental rules on logging.

“(W)hen we’re losing towns and people and firefighters, and our communities are choked with smoke, we can do better,” Walden said on the House floor. He wound up voting for what



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The Eagle Creek Fire as seen from the Bonneville Fish Hatchery in 2017.

he said was overall a “pretty good bill” that authorizes a wide range of agricultural programs.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, said he successfully pushed to increase the amount of money for forest-thinning projects overseen by collaborative groups from \$40 million to \$80 million.

“The process involves bringing together all kinds of different stakeholders to work out a plan” for thinning and brush removal projects, Merkley said in an interview. “And that keeps it out of the courts.”

He argued that the Republican proposals would have taken logging on federal lands “back to authorizing

clearcuts on a massive scale with basically no environmental review.” He argued this would worsen the problem by allowing the removal of larger, more fire-resistant trees, opening the way for denser forests that burn hotter.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, said in a statement that the farm bill contains “proven wildfire approaches.” And he said the “provisions Congressman Walden is complaining about failing to get in the most recent farm bill were simply masking a Republican Christmas wish list for further environmental degradation.”

The House version of the farm bill would have doubled — to 6,000 acres — the size of logging projects exempted from environmental review. And it also included provisions to allow additional salvage logging in

burned areas.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and other Trump administration officials also argued for loosened logging rules in the wake of the deadly wildfires that hit California in the last several months.

“For too long, our forest management efforts have been thwarted by lawsuits from misguided, extreme environmentalists,” Zinke said in a September op-ed in The Sacramento Bee following the massive Carr Fire in California. “The time has come to act without flinching in the face of threatened litigation.”

But Senate Democrats — along with some Republican colleagues — pushed back against the changes, which were also fiercely opposed by environmental groups.

In addition to adding money for collaborative forestry work, the legislation

gives local and state government more funding and authority to work on projects aimed at reducing fuel loads on forests and rangelands.

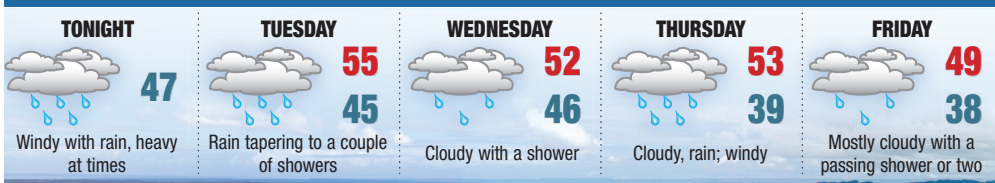
Hemp, meanwhile, is about to get the nod from the federal government that marijuana, its cannabis plant cousin, craves.

A provision of the farm bill removes hemp from the list of federally controlled substances and treats the low-THC version of the cannabis plant like any other agricultural crop. THC is the cannabis compound that gives pot its high.

The change sets the stage for greater expansion in an industry already seeing explosive growth because of growing demand for cannabidiol, or CBD, a nonpsychoactive compound found in hemp that many see as a way to better health.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.
Temperatures
 High/low 55°/49°
 Normal high/low 48°/36°
 Record high 61° in 1980
 Record low 15° in 1964
Precipitation
 Sunday 0.91"
 Month to date 4.08"
 Normal month to date 5.26"
 Year to date 57.47"
 Normal year to date 62.63"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:31 p.m.
 Sunrise Tuesday 7:53 a.m.
 Moonrise today 1:47 p.m.
 Moonset today 1:50 a.m.

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The double cluster are at the north-west corner of Perseus, the hero.

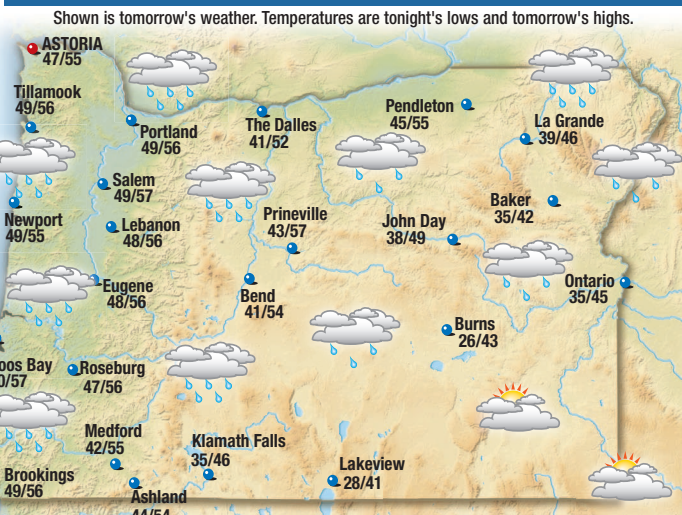
TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Low
9:26 a.m.	8.7 ft.	3:02 a.m.
10:29 p.m.	6.9 ft.	4:22 p.m.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	61 38 pc	56 41 s
Boston	47 26 c	34 24 pc
Chicago	39 24 s	44 32 s
Denver	57 31 s	54 33 s
Des Moines	49 29 s	51 36 pc
Detroit	39 25 pc	39 27 s
El Paso	58 40 pc	61 37 s
Fairbanks	-5 -9 c	-3 -10 c
Honolulu	81 67 s	81 67 pc
Indianapolis	43 25 s	46 28 s
Kansas City	55 32 c	54 39 pc
Las Vegas	60 43 pc	61 43 s
Los Angeles	64 50 c	68 50 s
Memphis	56 36 pc	54 41 pc
Miami	73 53 s	75 62 pc
Nashville	56 32 s	51 33 s
New Orleans	63 47 pc	64 54 pc
New York	47 30 pc	39 28 s
Oklahoma City	57 38 pc	57 44 pc
Philadelphia	46 30 pc	41 25 s
St. Louis	52 28 s	53 34 s
Salt Lake City	42 32 c	42 34 pc
San Francisco	59 47 r	61 51 pc
Seattle	53 47 r	54 46 r
Washington, DC	54 34 pc	45 30 s

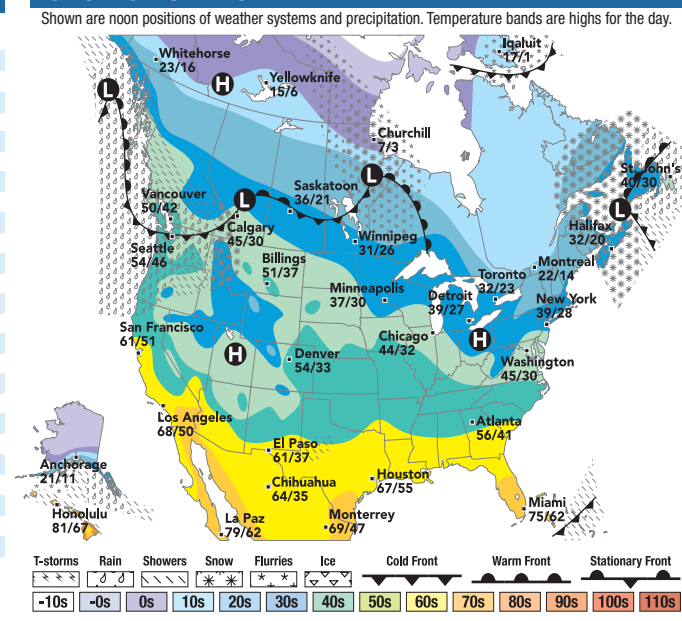
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	42 35 sn	42 34 c
Bend	47 41 c	54 34 r
Brookings	53 49 c	55 46 r
Eugene	53 48 r	56 45 r
Ilwaco	52 49 r	54 47 r
Klamath Falls	45 35 c	46 34 r
Medford	53 42 c	55 40 r
Newberg	53 48 r	56 46 r
Newport	52 49 r	55 47 r
North Bend	55 49 r	57 47 r
Olympia	52 46 r	52 42 r
Pendleton	54 45 c	55 42 r
Portland	54 49 r	56 46 r
Roseburg	53 47 r	56 44 r
Salem	54 49 r	57 47 r
Seaside	52 49 r	55 47 r
Spokane	43 38 c	47 36 r
Springfield	54 48 r	56 45 r
Vancouver	53 48 r	56 46 r
Yakima	46 40 c	51 37 r

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Marion 'Greta' Passetti

Seaside
Oct. 17, 1932 — Dec. 11, 2018



Marion 'Greta' Passetti

Marion “Greta” Passetti, age 86, passed away in Portland, Oregon, on Dec. 11, 2018. She was born Oct. 17, 1932, in Los Angeles, California, to George and Helmi Wilson. Greta was one of four daughters, and was raised on a small farm outside of Astoria, Oregon.

She married Peter Passetti, and together they had two sons and one daughter. Together they lived in San Francisco, California, Guam (during his Naval service) and the majority of their years in Sonoma, California. They enjoyed camping and recreational vehicles, hosting friends and family, traveling and dancing.

In her working years, Greta was a school secretary, a family business CEO for Passetti Trucking, a family jewelry store clerk and a winery executive assistant — there was a short modeling gig in there, too.

As a widow, Greta moved to Seaside, Oregon. She had a strong passion for the organizations that served veterans and their families, as well as seniors and children, volunteering thousands of hours with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion (and auxiliary), the Lions Club, retirement communities, schools and hospitals. She

taught through example, “sisu” and pride in her Finnish heritage, serving in the Finnish Brotherhood for many years.

Throughout her life she loved to share her voice, singing in Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. She found fulfillment in life’s simple blessings; lunch with good company, a beautiful pair of shoes, a refreshing walk on the beach, a good book, a dog chasing a ball, relaxing with public radio and, of course, her famous home cooking. Her love of life and all its joys were evident as she lit up a room, almost floating from one person to another. May she continue to float into God’s embrace as she leaves this life.

She is survived by her sisters, Evelyn Helmhout, age 90, of Memphis, Tennessee, and Louise Suvan, age 88, of Washington; her children, Vince Passetti and Tony Passetti, both of Sonoma, California, and daughter, Teresa Fonseca, of Cotati, California; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Seaside, Oregon, on Dec. 21, 2018, at 11 a.m.

Please visit hughes-ransom.com to sign the online guest book.

DEATHS

Dec. 16, 2018
WEBER, Edward Paul, 79, of Astoria, died in Portland. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.
Dec. 13, 2018
KERANEN, Duane, 82, of Seaside, died in Tigard. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.
Dec. 14, 2018
RAY, Virginia Ellen, 94, of Seaside, formerly of War-

renton, died in Seaside. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.
Dec. 3, 2018
KISTLER, Kevin Ray, 57, of Naselle, Washington, died in Naselle. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY
Jewell School Board, 6 p.m., Jewell School library, 83874 Oregon Highway 103
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
TUESDAY
Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 10 a.m., Astoria Transit Center, 900 Marine Drive.
Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.
Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, 5:15 p.m.,

Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 1-8-5-4
4 p.m.: 1-1-4-9
7 p.m.: 1-4-6-0
10 p.m.: 1-7-1-6
Sunday's Lucky Lines: 4-7-12-16-19-24-25-32
 Estimated jackpot: \$18,000
Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-8-0-2
4 p.m.: 3-1-4-2
7 p.m.: 6-4-0-6
10 p.m.: 3-5-7-3
Saturday's Lucky Lines: 3-8-12-15-18-23-28-30
 Estimated jackpot: \$16,000
Saturday's Megabucks: 14-20-23-26-27-42
 Estimated jackpot: \$5.6 million

Saturday's Powerball: 8-38-43-52-55, Powerball: 17
 Estimated jackpot: \$262 million
Friday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 7-0-3-6
4 p.m.: 8-4-4-8
7 p.m.: 5-9-4-1
10 p.m.: 0-2-4-7
Friday's Lucky Lines: 1-6-10-15-20-23-26-29
 Estimated jackpot: \$15,000
Friday's Mega Millions: 5-22-26-43-49, Mega Ball: 23
 Estimated jackpot: \$284 million
WASHINGTON
Sunday's Daily Game: 2-4-0
Sunday's Keno: 04-08-23-24-26-29-30-33-39-40-42-43-44-52-58-59-73-74-76-78
Sunday's Match 4: 05-07-11-22
Saturday's Daily Game: 0-7-4-29-36
 Estimated jackpot: \$160,000
Saturday's Keno: 02-06-07-09-15-18-26-27-31-32-41-42-47-50-54-62-65-73-74-75
Saturday's Lotto: 03-04-14-15-26-33
 Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 million
Saturday's Match 4: 02-09-12-18
Friday's Daily Game: 1-8-5
Friday's Keno: 06-21-24-25-30-31-35-39-41-42-46-51-53-56-58-62-67-69-76-80
Friday's Match 4: 11-18-19-23

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