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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A morning shower; mostly cloudy	Warmer	Sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny and mild

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
60°	41°	70°	45°	66°
41°	70°	45°	74°	47°
66°	42°	66°	42°	66°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
64°	40°	73°	42°	77°
40°	73°	42°	77°	46°
77°	46°	70°	39°	70°
39°	70°	41°	70°	41°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	55°	42°
Normals	57°	37°
Records	76° (1939)	18° (1965)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.04"
 Month to date 0.81"
 Normal month to date 1.07"
 Year to date 2.36"
 Last year to date 3.61"
 Normal year to date 3.58"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	60°	43°
Normals	60°	36°
Records	80° (1939)	13° (1965)

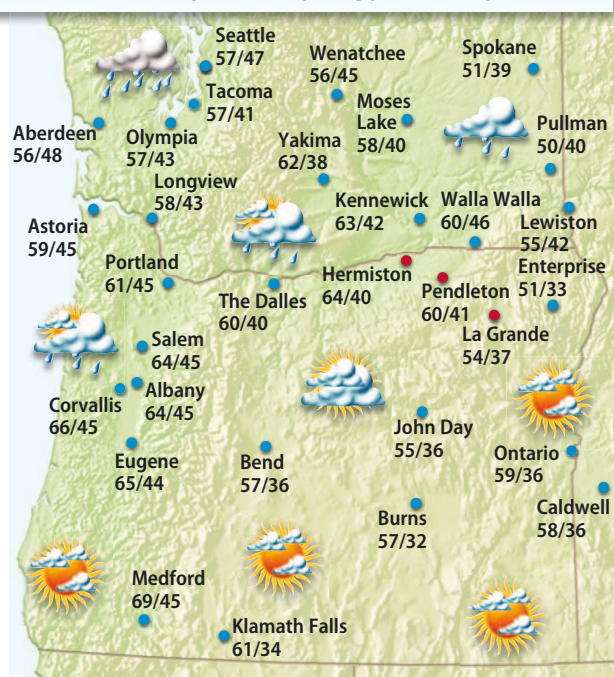
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.03"
 Month to date 0.25"
 Normal month to date 0.71"
 Year to date 1.31"
 Last year to date 2.23"
 Normal year to date 2.95"

SUN AND MOON

	First	Full	Last	New
Sunrise today	6:50 a.m.			
Sunset tonight		7:14 p.m.		
Moonrise today		10:29 a.m.		
Moonset today		12:38 a.m.		

Mar 26 Apr 4 Apr 11 Apr 18



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: A little rain today; in the morning in central parts, any time across the north.

Eastern Washington: Cloudy today with a passing shower.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy today. Milder; a shower in spots across the north.

Cascades: Sun and clouds today with a shower in the area; milder.

Western Washington: Periods of rain today. Mainly cloudy tonight with a shower in places.

Northern California: Intervals of clouds and sunshine today; warmer. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	59	45	r	66	47	pc
Baker City	54	30	c	66	34	s
Bend	57	36	pc	71	40	s
Brookings	60	48	pc	61	49	s
Burns	57	32	pc	67	33	s
Enterprise	51	33	c	62	35	pc
Eugene	65	44	pc	71	47	s
Heppner	57	39	pc	70	41	s
Hermiston	64	40	c	73	42	pc
John Day	55	36	c	67	41	s
Klamath Falls	61	34	pc	70	35	s
La Grande	54	37	c	67	40	pc
Meacham	50	34	c	64	35	s
Medford	69	45	pc	78	48	s
Newport	57	45	r	61	47	s
North Bend	62	48	pc	66	49	s
Ontario	59	36	pc	67	39	s
Pasco	64	41	c	72	42	pc
Pendleton	60	41	c	70	45	s
Portland	61	45	sh	73	49	s
Redmond	59	34	pc	72	37	s
Salem	64	45	sh	72	47	s
Spokane	51	39	c	61	42	pc
Ukiah	53	36	c	67	40	s
Vancouver	61	44	sh	72	46	s
Walla Walla	60	46	c	71	50	s
Yakima	62	38	c	72	43	pc

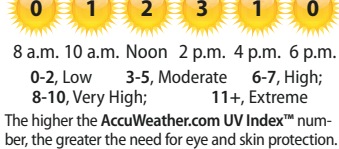
WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	66	44	s	70	48	s
Hong Kong	75	68	c	77	70	c
Jerusalem	68	50	pc	71	56	s
London	49	38	sh	52	36	sh
Mexico City	76	52	pc	74	49	t
Moscow	44	26	c	36	24	c
Paris	50	31	sh	48	39	sh
Rome	59	52	sh	63	49	c
Seoul	55	29	s	57	32	s
Sydney	73	63	pc	80	59	s
Tokyo	53	40	pc	54	44	s

WINDS

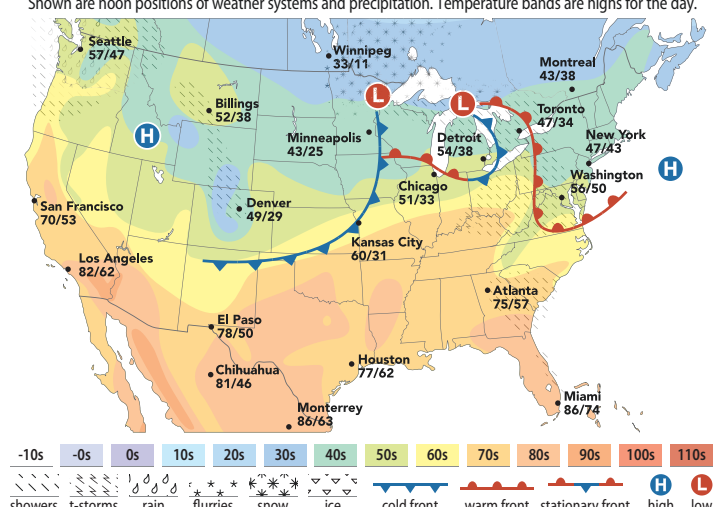
	Today	Thursday
(in mph)	WSW 4-8	WNW 3-6
Boardman	WSW 4-8	WNW 3-6
Pendleton	WSW 4-8	NW 3-6

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Areas of rain and thunderstorms will stretch from the Midwest to the Southeast states today. Locally severe storms will erupt from Texas to the Ohio Valley. Showers will dot the Rockies and the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 90° in Brady, Texas Low -11° in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	67	36	pc	65	39	s
Atlanta	75	57	pc	77	44	t
Atlantic City	48	47	pc	59	45	sh
Baltimore	51	46	c	71	43	t
Billings	52	38	sf	62	44	sn
Birmingham	77	56	pc	73	39	t
Boise	56	39	pc	66	43	s
Boston	45	37	pc	55	44	sh
Charleston, SC	74	62	pc	81	62	sh
Charleston, WV	71	55	sh	69	34	r
Chicago	51	33	pc	44	22	c
Cleveland	58	38	t	43	29	r
Dallas	80	50	s	65	45	t
Denver	49	29	sh	61	38	c
Detroit	54	38	r	49	26	r
El Paso	78	50	pc	68	44	s
Fairbanks	41	14	s	42	24	pc
Fargo	40	21	sn	36	24	c
Honolulu	82	69	pc	82	71	pc
Houston	77	62	pc	72	50	t
Indianapolis	63	42	pc	49	27	r
Jacksonville	80	62	pc	84	63	sh
Kansas City	60	31	r	53	29	s
Las Vegas	79	55	pc	81	57	s
Little Rock	80	54	pc	62	42	t
Los Angeles	82	62	s	94	64	s
Louisville	76	55	t	75	52	r
Memphis	76	57	pc	58	39	r
Miami	86	74	pc	86	75	t
Milwaukee	51	32	pc	43	20	sn
Minneapolis	43	25	c	38	18	c
Nashville	75	60	c	66	34	r
New Orleans	78	63	pc	76	55	t
New York City	47	43	pc	64	45	r
Oklahoma City	80	42	t	63	42	s
Omaha	48	26	c	51	23	s
Philadelphia	51	46	pc	69	46	t
Phoenix	88	63	pc	91	61	s
Portland, ME	43	25	c	50	38	r
Providence	45	37	pc	56	42	sh
Raleigh	64	57	c	78	47	t
Rapid City	48	24	pc	48	30	sh
Reno	67	40	pc	74	43	s
Sacramento	79	50	s	82	53	s
Salt Lake City	54	36	pc	62	41	pc
San Diego	75	60	pc	88	62	s
San Francisco	70	53	s	73	54	s
Seattle	57	47	r	66	48	pc
Tucson	82	53	s	84	55	s
Washington, DC	56	50	c	75	47	t
Wichita	65	33	r	59	34	s

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

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Report says beetles don't make forests more likely to burn

DENVER (AP) — Mountain pine beetles have left vast tracts of dead, dry trees in the West, raising fears that they're more vulnerable to wildfire outbreaks, but a new study found no evidence that bug-infested forests are more likely to burn than healthy ones.

In a paper released Monday, University of Colorado researchers said weather and terrain are bigger factors in determining whether a forest will burn than beetle invasions.



In this June 2013 file photo, dead, brown, beetle-killed trees mix with live trees as a wildfire burns west of Creede, Colo.

The findings could provide some comfort to people who live near beetle-infested forests, if those trees are statistically no more likely to burn than healthy forests.

But the study acknowledged that other researchers have found that beetles pose different fire risks. Previous studies by the U.S. Forest Service found that once sparked, beetle-killed trees ignite faster and burn more quickly than healthy trees, posing a danger to firefighters.

The new findings were published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Researchers studied the three worst fire seasons in the past 12 years, when the

weather was unusually hot and dry.

The study didn't look at years with more moderate weather, but Sarah Hart, the lead author of the report, said she believes the results would be the same if it had.

The study said beetle outbreaks and wildfires increased at the same time but that drought was behind the worsening fires.

Matt Jolly, a Forest Service research ecologist at the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory in Montana, said the findings are valid but stressed that

previous research has shown beetles affect fires in other, more threatening ways.

Trees infested with beetles have only about 10 percent of the moisture of healthy trees, Jolly said. Because they are drier, beetle-infested trees are more vulnerable to igniting from embers or burning branches carried by wind and heat waves, he said. "How that fire is burning is the most important thing," he said.

Nearly 36,000 square miles of trees have been attacked by mountain pine beetles in the West since 1996.

Timber county payment extension in the works

GRANTS PASS (AP) — U.S. Rep. Greg Walden said Tuesday that House Speaker John Boehner has agreed to include a two-year extension of subsidies to Oregon timber counties in a bipartisan agreement to overhaul the way doctors are paid by Medicare.

The Oregon Republican said the agreement made good on a commitment he and Boehner made last December to secure an extension of the Secure Rural Schools program by March 31.

The House is expected to vote on the Medicare bill Thursday. It then would go to the Senate, where it would have to be resolved with a different version.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said bipartisan Senate support has already been shown in an 18-4 committee vote that included a three-year extension of Secure Rural Schools in

the Senate Budget.

"It is good news the House leadership has decided to stop playing politics with the safety net for Oregon counties," Wyden said in a statement.

The House twice passed a bill last year to ramp up national forest logging, but it made no progress in the Senate, and faced a veto threat from the White House due to reduced environmental protections.

Oregon Democratic U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio said the proposal from Republicans originally included provisions for changing national forest policy, which were dropped after Democrats objected. DeFazio added some Democrats who opposed the payments in the past have retired, and there was strong support from rural California Democrats.

Walden said in a statement, "This two-year extension gives us time to continue work on a long-term plan to reform federal forest policy" to create jobs, improve forest health, and fund schools and roads.

Boehner spokesman Michael Steel said the speaker understood the needs of rural timber communities and was committed to renewing the payments program.

The longstanding subsidies make up for declines in federal timber revenues shared with counties since logging on national forests was cut back to protect the northern spotted owl and salmon in the Northwest. They expanded from Northwest counties to timber counties around the country. Set to decline 5 percent a year, the subsidies provided about \$100 million to 33 Oregon counties last year and \$500 million nationally. Since 2000 the program has given \$2.8 billion to Oregon counties.

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