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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day

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Kansas City 76/60

50s 60s 70s

cold front

Louisville

Memphis

Milwaukee

Minneapolis Nashville

New Orleans

Omaha Philadelphia

Portland, ME

Providence

Rapid City

Phoenix

Raleigh

Reno Sacramento

St. Louis

Seattle

Tucson

Wichita

Salt Lake City

San Francisco

Washington, DC

San Diego

New York City Oklahoma City

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National Summary: Much of the Fast will stay summerlike today. Drenching showers and

storms will affect areas from Texas to Wisconsin. Cool rain will fall on the northern Plains.

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Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

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Storms will dot the Appalachians and Rockies.

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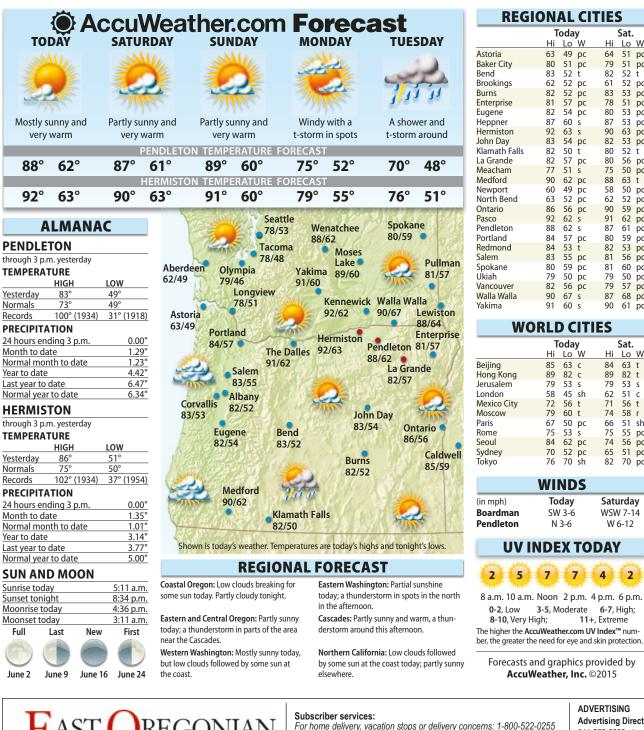
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Rules aim to protect sage grouse habitat in 10 states

By MEAD GRUVER Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. Sally Interior Secretary Jewell revealed plans Thursday to preserve habitat in 10 Western states for an imperiled groundthreatened or endangered listing would devastate the region's economy.

Congress voted late last year to withhold funding to implement any listing until September 2016. Other measures pending before U.S. lawmakers aim to posta Republican who took part in the announcement. "That's a fact. Some like it, some don't.'

Several environmental groups welcomed the plans. "The sage grouse's listing under the Endangered Species Act is an outcome from which no one stands to gain, least of all public lands sportsmen," said Land Tawney, executive director of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. In what some environmentalists view as an accommodation to industry, the rules would not seek to block development across sage grouse habitat. The government still intends to

honor valid and existing rights to develop resources on that land, the Interior Department said.

Even so, the Western Energy Alliance, a Denverbased petroleum industry advocacy group, pledged to support the federal legisla-

of government and public affairs.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management expects to adopt the new measures by late summer. They would apply to federal lands in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North

Interior Department has classified about two-thirds of that range as priority habitat, including areas that could have restrictions on development.

Restrictions would vary between states. Wyoming, with as many as 500,000

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dwelling bird, the federal government's biggest land-planning effort to date for conservation of a single species.

The proposal would affect energy development. The regulations would require oil and gas wells to be clustered in groups of a half-dozen or more to avoid scattering them across habitat of the greater sage grouse. Drilling near breeding areas would be prohibited during mating season, and power lines would be moved away from prime habitat to avoid serving as perches for raptors that eat sage grouse.

Some will say the plans don't go far enough to protect the bird, Jewell said.

'But I would say these plans are grounded in sound science — the best available science," she said at a news conference on a ranch near Cheyenne.

Sage grouse are chicken-sized birds that inhabit grass and sagebrush ecosystems in 11 states from California to the Dakotas. The rules would not apply to a relatively small area of habitat in Washington state. The bird's numbers have declined sharply in recent decades, and some environmentalists warn they are at risk of extinction.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service faces a court-ordered deadline of Sept. 30 to decide whether the greater sage grouse needs protection as a threatened or endangered species. Many Western lawmakers and representatives of the oil-and-gas and agriculture industries say a

Corrections

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pone any federal listing for five years or more as states develop their own plans for conserving habitat.

Republicans in Congress criticized the plans as federal overreach.

"This is just flat out wrong," said U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop of Utah, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee. "The state plans work. This proposal is only about controlling land, not

saving the bird." But Wyoming shows that sage grouse and energy development can co-exist, Jewell said. It is a top oil, natural gas and coal producer with a sage grouse conservation strategy being copied by other states and the federal government.

"There is no future for our economy if we don't take care of the sage grouse," said Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead,

tion to postpone any sage grouse listing.

"The economic impact of sage-grouse restrictions on just the oil and natural gas industry will be between 9,170 and 18,250 jobs and \$2.4 billion to \$4.8 billion of annual economic impact across Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming," said Kathleen Sgamma, the alliance's vice president

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