

Evacuation order lifted for town of Roosevelt

ROOSEVELT, Wash. (AP) — The evacuation order for the town of Roosevelt was lifted Wednesday after a fast-growing wildfire bypassed the community, fire spokesman Ron Fryer said.

“People are back in their homes,” Fryer said of the approximately 300 residents of the Columbia River town.

Residents remain under notice to be able to leave quickly if conditions change, Fryer said.

None of the 350 homes that were threatened in the area have burned and there were no reported injuries, Fryer said.

The grass fire grew to 26 square miles by Wednesday afternoon, after being reported at 15 square miles earlier in the day, Fryer said.

State Route 14 through Roosevelt remained closed, he said.

State and local crews were fighting the blaze, located about a mile north of the Klickitat County town on the Oregon border.

Mandatory evacuation of the town was ordered Tuesday afternoon, shortly after the fire started. The cause is under investigation.

Roosevelt, which was on



Fire burns along State Route 14 near Roosevelt, Wash., Tuesday.

the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in the 19th century, is near the Oregon border, about 120 miles east of Portland.

Meanwhile, firefighters slowed the growth of the fire along parts of Lake Chelan. A smoke inversion lifted on Tuesday, allowing helicopters to attack the flames with water-bucket drops, officials said.

Firefighters expect that fire,

which covers about 40 square miles, to continue moving south along Lake Chelan toward Graham Harbor. They were keeping a wary eye on gusty winds forecast for Wednesday.

Mandatory evacuations remain in effect for Holden Village, Lucerne, Domke Lake, Riddle and Lightning Creek.

But the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce issued

a news release saying the tourist community was open for business and urged people not to cancel their travel plans.

The fire started June 29 from lightning in remote timber and grass on the west side of the popular lake. It grew over the weekend amid hot, dry weather and down-lake winds. The blaze has shut down a section of the Pacific Crest Trail and several camp-

Expansion of gun sale background checks takes effect Sunday

By JEFF MAPES
The Oregonian

PORTLAND — The new Oregon law requiring background checks for private gun transactions will take effect Sunday amid plenty of uncertainty.

Nobody really knows how many private sales occur in Oregon and there is heated debate about whether the new law will be widely ignored or not.

On top of that, many local sheriffs and county commissions say they don’t intend to enforce the new law — and it’s unclear how many gun dealers will even agree to conduct checks for private sellers.

“We don’t really know” how many more background checks will be conducted, said Dave Piercy, who manages the firearms unit for the Oregon State Police. “This is a big cultural change for Oregon.”

Gov. Kate Brown signed Senate Bill 941 into law on May 11 after an intense legislative battle that pitted gun-rights activists against groups seeking to stem gun violence.

The measure requires

criminal and mental health checks for private gun transfers. The federal government has long required these checks for sales by licensed gun dealers. The state police conducted about 240,000 checks last year and denied about 1 percent of the sales because the buyer is legally prohibited from possessing a firearm.

But extending the checks to private gun transfers was a difficult blow for many gun owners accustomed to lending, swapping, buying and selling their firearms without the involvement of the government.

They question why someone should have to get a background check to sell a gun to a good friend or store it at a neighbor’s house while on vacation.

“This is the creepiest, rottenest law,” said Warren Lacasse, owner of The Gun Room in Southeast Portland, predicting that many gun owners will simply ignore it.

But supporters say the new law can help change attitudes — just as seat-belt laws spurred much higher usage rates.

Judge: Hayes was public official, her emails public record

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A Marion County Circuit Court judge ruled Wednesday that former Oregon first lady Cylvia Hayes was a public official and her emails regarding state business are public records.

Hayes served as an unpaid policy adviser to her fiancée, former Gov. John Kitzhaber, from 2011 until shortly before Kitzhaber resigned in February. *The Oregonian* newspaper filed a public records request for Hayes’ emails from that time that dealt with state business.

In an order issued Wednesday morning, Judge Tracy Prall gave Hayes 14 days to provide copies of her emails to the court. Prall will review the emails to determine which are public records and should be released. The office of Gov. Kate Brown already released

94,000 emails between Hayes and Kitzhaber administration staff in April, so Prall will focus on approximately 30,000 additional emails Hayes sent or received in the time period requested by *The Oregonian*. Hayes never had a government email address and instead used private accounts.

Hayes filed a lawsuit against *The Oregonian* to prevent the disclosure of her emails, after the Oregon Attorney General’s Office ordered Hayes to turn over the emails in February.

Charles Hinkle, a lawyer for *The Oregonian*, said on Wednesday that Prall agreed with the previous decision by the Attorney General’s office that Hayes was a public official.

“Judge Prall agreed with the Attorney General that when a person functions as a member of the government, that person is subject to the public records law,” Hinkle

said. “And Judge Prall found that the undisputed facts showed that Cylvia Hayes acted as a member of the governor’s office, with authority given to her by the governor, just like any other member of the staff.”

“The task before the court is to separate the emails that are clearly public records,” Hinkle said.

Prall decided to review the emails because Hayes’ lawyer argued it would have violated Hayes’ Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination if the court forced Hayes to decide which emails pertained to state business. Hayes’ lawyer, Whitney Boise, has said the request for Hayes to determine when her emails dealt with public business and when they were private addressed the distinction between Hayes’ paid consulting work and public policy role, which is the heart of a federal criminal investigation into influence

peddling allegations against Hayes and Kitzhaber. Hayes was paid more than \$200,000 for consulting work since 2011, by groups with an interest in the same areas of state policy on which Hayes advised Kitzhaber. Boise and Hayes did not respond to a request for comment on Wednesday.

After Prall reviews the emails, she will issue a final order which will determine whether any additional emails will be released.

Prall agreed with Hayes’ attorney’s argument that the position of first lady was not defined in Oregon law as a state agency. However, Prall said the key question was whether “the record being sought is a public record of a state agency.” Hayes was “acting as a state officer within the Governor’s Office” during the period for which *The Oregonian* requested Hayes’ emails, Prall wrote.

Cattle are Oregon’s top ag commodity

SALEM (AP) — For the first time in 20 years, cattle is Oregon’s number one agricultural commodity, overtaking greenhouse and nursery products.

The USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service says cattle and calve production saw a dramatic increase of nearly 38 percent from 2013 to 2014. Last year, cattle’s production value was \$922 million.

Greenhouse and nursery

production has held the number one spot since 1994. It’s now number two, at a value of \$830 million.

Oregon’s other top ten commodities include hay, milk, grass seed, wheat, potatoes, hazelnuts, pears and wine grapes. Most of these saw an increase in production value, except for wheat and potatoes.

Onions, Christmas trees, and blueberries just missed the top ten.

There were 34,600 farms in Oregon in 2014, and the average farm size was 474 acres.

Corrections

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TODAY

Pleasant with plenty of sunshine

FRIDAY

Plenty of sunshine

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny and breezy

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny and pleasant

MONDAY

Partly sunny and nice

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
82°	52°	87°	60°	87°
84°	50°	90°	58°	90°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
84°	50°	90°	58°	90°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	83°	58°
Normals	89°	59°
Records	109° (1904)	41° (1911)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.05"
Year to date 5.00"
Last year to date 7.71"
Normal year to date 8.00"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	86°	63°
Normals	90°	59°
Records	113° (1961)	43° (2002)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.03"
Year to date 3.25"
Last year to date 4.23"
Normal year to date 5.95"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:44 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:18 p.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	1:23 p.m.

Last

New

First

Full

Aug 6

Aug 14

Aug 22

Aug 29

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	72	54	c	72	58	s
Baker City	78	39	s	84	46	s
Bend	79	44	s	82	48	pc
Brookings	75	58	pc	72	57	c
Burns	83	45	s	85	50	pc
Enterprise	77	42	s	83	48	s
Eugene	83	52	s	86	56	pc
Heppner	80	51	s	86	55	s
Hermiston	84	50	s	90	58	s
John Day	81	52	s	86	55	pc
Klamath Falls	85	50	s	82	48	pc
La Grande	80	41	s	86	51	s
Meacham	72	34	s	79	39	s
Medford	91	59	s	91	60	pc
Newport	65	51	s	65	53	s
North Bend	69	54	s	67	56	pc
Ontario	86	53	s	91	63	s
Pasco	85	49	s	91	54	s
Pendleton	82	52	s	87	60	s
Portland	81	59	s	84	60	s
Redmond	81	44	s	86	47	pc
Salem	82	56	s	86	58	s
Spokane	77	54	s	84	58	s
Ukiah	77	44	s	82	50	s
Vancouver	81	56	s	83	58	s
Walla Walla	84	58	s	90	64	s
Yakima	86	51	s	90	56	s

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 4-8	WSW 3-6
Pendleton	W 6-12	NNW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

1

4

7

7

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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

National Summary: Rain and drenching thunderstorms will spread from the Ohio and Tennessee valleys to the mid-Atlantic and Southeast today and tonight. Severe weather will return to the northern Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 113° in Needles, Calif. **Low** 34° in Tuolumne Meadows, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.				Today			Fri.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	96	66	s	93	66	c		Louisville	76	65	r	84	67	pc
Atlanta	85	71	t	87	72	t		Memphis	89	74	t	93	77	pc
Atlantic City	80	68	pc	76	69	r		Miami	92	78	t	92	77	pc
Baltimore	80	65	sh	76	64	r		Minneapolis	76	64	pc	78	64	t
Billings	84	55	pc	83	59	pc		Nashville	81	69	t	84	69	pc
Birmingham	87	72	t	91	72	pc		New Orleans	92	78	t	96	80	pc
Boise	84	60	s	89	65	s		New York City	84	69	s	81	67	pc
Boston	80	64	s	74	62	s		Oklahoma City	98	75	s	100	76	s
Charleston, SC	90	75	t	86	72	t		Omaha	84	69	pc	87	70	s
Charleston, WV	72	65	r	80	65	pc		Philadelphia	84	68	pc	80	68	r
Chicago	80	63	pc	81	65	t		Phoenix	110	87	pc	108	85	pc
Cleveland	77	60	pc	80	61	pc		Portland, ME	78	55	pc	74	55	pc
Dallas	103	82	s	104	81	s		Providence	82	63	pc	80	62	s
Denver	94	60	pc	90	61	s		Raleigh	92	71	t	79	66	t
Detroit	79	60	pc	82	63	pc		Rapid City	84	56	s	86	60	s
El Paso	102	76	s	102	76	s		Reno	90	63	pc	78	57	t
Fairbanks	69	48	s	71	53	pc		Sacramento	96	64	pc	89	61	c
Fargo	78	64	t	84	63	pc		St. Louis	84	68	pc	86	72	t
Honolulu	88	77	sh	91	78	sh		Salt Lake City	89	68	pc	79	61	pc
Houston	100	77	s	100	77	pc		San Diego	79	69	pc	77	67	pc
Indianapolis	72	59	r	82	62	pc		San Francisco	76	62	pc	75	60	pc
Jacksonville	90	74	t	89	75	t		Seattle	77	58	pc	82	60	pc
Kansas City	83	69	pc	89	69	s		Tucson	104	79	t	100	77	pc
Las Vegas	104	80	pc	99	74	t		Washington, DC	82	70	t	76	69	r
Little Rock	96	76	t	97	78	s		Wichita	91	74	pc	97	75	s
Los Angeles	87	68	pc	81	65	pc								