

Soldiers arrive at wildfire near John Day

100 National Guard troops to help in Malheur National Forest

BEND (AP) — National Guard soldiers newly trained as firefighters have started arriving at fire camp in Eastern Oregon to help mop up a blaze that destroyed more than three dozen homes and burned through more than 115 square miles.

Fire spokeswoman Stefanie Gatchell said about 100 National Guard troops will be briefed Wednesday, then put to work putting out hotspots, mopping up, and rehabilitating the old fire line of the blaze, located mostly on the Malheur National Forest south of John Day. It was started by lightning two weeks ago.

The *Bulletin* newspaper of Bend reports about half of the troops are from Central Oregon.

Their arrival means other fire crews — in short supply around the West — can get some rest and be reassigned to other fires.

The wildfire started two weeks ago from lightning and was 42 percent contained Wednesday morning, with full containment expected Sept. 30.

A second group of about 250 Air and Army National Guard troops will finish training Sunday, Oregon Military Department spokesman Nick Choy said.

Elsewhere, firefighters have set dates they expect to contain



Oregon National Guard Spc. Nicholas Hall, right, listens to an instructor during wildfire fire training Aug. 25 in Salem. Gov. Kate Brown is activating additional Oregon National Guard members to help fight destructive wildfires raging across the state.

all 120 of Oregon's large wildfires, and unseasonable rain is much of Morrow and Umatilla counties.

On the northwestern border of Crater Lake National Park, firefighters expect to have a wildfire fully contained by the end of September. Fires east of Gold Beach and east of Canyonville are both set to be fully contained Sunday.

Pass, Bend, Hood River and La Grande. It was unhealthy in much of Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The Department of Environmental Quality reports air quality was good from Portland to Roseburg, moderate in Grants

National Weather Service forecaster Jay Stockton says an unusually strong low pressure zone developing off the coast and will send rain across western Oregon starting Friday night.

Amounts will range from a couple inches in the Coast Range to less than an inch in inland valleys. There will be less than a quarter inch east of the Cascades.

Review finds Hanford plant vulnerabilities

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — A partial review of an unfinished nuclear waste treatment plant on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation found 362 vulnerabilities in its design, according to the watchdog group Hanford Challenge, which obtained a leaked copy of the review.

The *Tri-City Herald* reported Wednesday that the information in the review was a surprise because the U.S. Department of Energy told the state of Washington that there were no major known technical issues remaining for the plant's Low Activity Waste Facility.

Contractor Bechtel National, which is designing and building the plant for the Energy Department, said the review is an example of the oversight that is a standard part of the vitrification plant project.

Hanford, located near Richland, for decades made plutonium for nuclear weapons. The site is now engaged in cleaning up the nation's largest collection of nuclear waste.

The \$12.3 billion Hanford vitrification plant is designed to turn nuclear waste into a glasslike substance for eventual burial. Work on the plant has stopped while design and safety issues are addressed.

The Low Activity Waste Facility is one of four major buildings being built on the vitrification plant campus. It is expected to start operating in 2022.

Bechtel said it provided the review team with comments on an early version of the report.

The draft contained factual inaccuracies and fewer than 5 percent of the comments were new and none were major, Bechtel said. The issues are being addressed, Bechtel said.

"Unfortunately, today's new details about problems with constructing the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant are not surprising," said U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon. "The safety issues at Hanford, coupled with multiple failed attempts to silence whistleblowers speaking out about concerns at the site, have been ongoing."

Wyden said the report was released by an employee who was afraid to come forward publicly.

Attorney general probes Klamath County Sheriff's Office

GRANTS PASS (AP) — The Oregon attorney general's office is investigating the Klamath County Sheriff's Office, but it won't say why.

Department of Justice spokesman Michael Kron acknowledged Tuesday that there is an investigation, but he said he could not say what it was about or what prompted it.

Klamath County Sheriff Frank Skrah issued a statement saying he was told by county personnel staff that a total of eight deputies — five of them patrol deputies — were on paid administrative leave, at least five of them from the patrol division, and that he was not consulted.

Skrah did not return calls earlier Tuesday from The Associated

Press for more information. Klamath County Commissioner Kelley Minty Morris said seven deputies had been placed on non-disciplinary paid administrative leave at their request. Morris added that she could not discuss why.

"While the board of commissioners wants to be open with the public, there are just a lot of things legally we cannot comment on," she said.

But Becky Gallagher, a Eugene lawyer who represents the Klamath County Peace Officers' Association, said the state's criminal investigation is directed at Skrah. Gallagher said the deputies' union had gone to the county last week asking them to put the deputies on paid administrative leave.

"Deputies who asked to go on leave are all the ones interviewed by the Oregon Department of Justice as part of their criminal investigation of the sheriff," Gallagher said.

Skrah also did not return a call and email for comment Tuesday evening from The Associated Press about Gallagher's statements.

Gallagher said the reason for the leave has to do with "retaliation and workplace harassment by the sheriff." The union filed an unfair labor practice complaint against the county because of the sheriff's actions, Gallagher said.

According to that complaint, in May union president Corporal Daren Krag — one of the deputies who is on leave — sent an email

to Skrah outlining union-related issues having to do with court security, body-armor vests, and Krag not being paid for overtime work.

In response, the complaint says, the sheriff changed Krag's shift, cancelled his participation in some activities and declined to pay his overtime. The complaint, which was filed on May 21, also says Skrah issued a write-up to Krag for not completing an inventory memo on time.

According to the complaint, the above actions were taken by the sheriff to "chill, impede, retaliate and interfere" with the deputies' union business and the work of its president.

Gallagher did not say why the other deputies were also on leave.

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
91°	60°	87°	62°	80°
60°	87°	62°	80°	55°
75°	53°	74°	51°	51°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
94°	61°	88°	63°	80°
61°	88°	63°	80°	54°
78°	52°	79°	52°	52°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH		LOW	
	Today	Yesterday	Today	Yesterday
	91°	90°	54°	56°
Normals	85°	85°	55°	55°
Records	105° (1934)	105° (1934)	36° (1910)	36° (1910)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m.: 0.00"
Month to date: Trace
Normal month to date: 0.35"
Year to date: 5.00"
Last year to date: 8.30"
Normal year to date: 8.30"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH		LOW	
	Today	Yesterday	Today	Yesterday
	91°	91°	54°	54°
Normals	85°	85°	55°	55°
Records	103° (1958)	103° (1958)	41° (1993)	41° (1993)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m.: 0.00"
Month to date: Trace
Normal month to date: 0.17"
Year to date: 3.25"
Last year to date: 4.85"
Normal year to date: 6.09"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:10 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:43 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:16 p.m.
Moonset today	3:37 a.m.

Phase	Date
Full	Aug 29
Last	Sep 5
New	Sep 12
First	Sep 21

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Intervals of clouds and sunshine today. Patchy clouds tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today. Hot; smoky. Partly cloudy tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow; smoky.

Western Washington: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Rain at times tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Smoky today with partial sunshine. Patchy clouds tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow.

Cascades: Partly sunny today, Partly cloudy and mild tonight. Periods of clouds and sun tomorrow.

Northern California: Partly sunny today; pleasant in the interior mountains. Partly cloudy tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	73	55	pc	69	55	sh
Baker City	87	47	pc	87	55	pc
Bend	84	56	pc	80	56	pc
Brookings	70	57	pc	71	59	c
Burns	89	48	pc	87	53	pc
Enterprise	86	54	pc	87	57	pc
Eugene	88	56	pc	81	58	c
Heppner	89	61	pc	87	62	pc
Hermiston	94	61	pc	88	63	pc
John Day	88	59	pc	87	63	pc
Klamath Falls	85	49	pc	82	50	pc
La Grande	88	52	pc	88	57	pc
Meacham	83	44	pc	80	49	pc
Medford	92	62	pc	87	60	pc
Newport	67	53	pc	63	52	sh
North Bend	70	56	pc	68	54	c
Ontario	95	59	pc	95	61	pc
Pasco	96	59	pc	89	62	pc
Pendleton	91	60	pc	87	62	pc
Portland	86	63	pc	78	62	sh
Redmond	88	52	pc	84	55	pc
Salem	87	60	pc	79	59	c
Spokane	89	61	pc	85	63	pc
Ukiah	86	52	pc	85	53	pc
Vancouver	87	61	pc	77	61	sh
Walla Walla	93	66	pc	89	69	pc
Yakima	94	60	pc	86	60	c

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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

National Summary: Heat and humidity will be absent from most of the eastern third of the nation today. Strong thunderstorms will threaten the central Plains as the Rockies stay unsettled. Most of the West will sizzle.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 108° in Imperial, Calif. **Low 32°** in Togo, Minn.

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	88	67	t	92	67	t
Hong Kong	90	80	t	89	80	sh
Jerusalem	88	67	s	88	65	s
London	66	52	pc	69	53	pc
Mexico City	73	50	t	75	52	t
Moscow	70	53	pc	75	60	c
Paris	62	58	r	73	59	pc
Rome	84	64	s	84	65	s
Seoul	83	65	s	84	65	s
Sydney	68	50	pc	67	50	s
Tokyo	84	73	c	81	74	sh

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 8-16	WSW 4-8
Pendleton	W 7-14	WNW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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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 CITIES

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	87	66	t	86	65	pc
Atlanta	87	70	s	87	71	pc
Atlantic City	80	66	s	80	66	s
Baltimore	81	60	s	83	63	s
Billings	88	60	pc	89	61	s
Birmingham	87	68	s	88	71	s
Boise	93	66	pc	96	70	pc
Boston	80	64	s	77	64	s
Charleston, SC	87	72	t	86	73	pc
Charleston, WV	80	58	s	85	64	pc
Chicago	76	59	pc	79	65	pc
Cleveland	72	55	pc	79	60	pc
Dallas	96	73	s	97	77	pc
Denver	86	58	pc	86	58	pc
Detroit	74	57	pc	78	64	pc
El Paso	96	72	pc	96	71	s
Fairbanks	48	37	sh	45	37	sh
Fargo	82	59	pc	84	61	c
Honolulu	89	76	sh	90	77	sh
Houston	94	68	s	94	68	pc
Indianapolis	78	59	s	83	65	pc
Jacksonville	88	71	t	89	72	pc
Kansas City	82	67	pc	84	64	c
Las Vegas	100	79	pc	103	80	s
Little Rock	86	63	s	89	66	pc
Los Angeles	94	72	s	95	71	s

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Louisville	82	62	s	87	71	s
Memphis	85	64	s	90	70	t
Miami	89	77	t	90	80	t
Millwaukee	74	61	pc	74	64	pc
Minneapolis	78	64	pc	69	59	r
Nashville	85	62	s	89	70	s
New Orleans	88	72	s	91	73	s
New York City	82	66	s	84	69	s
Oklahoma City	93	70	t	92	70	t
Philadelphia	83	65	s	86	67	s
Phoenix	107	87	s	108	87	s
Portland, ME	78	58	pc	77	58	s
Providence	82	61	s	80	61	s
Raleigh	84	66	pc	86	65	pc
Rapid City	72	54	t	87	59	s
Reno	92	61	pc	92	65	pc
Sacramento	99	67	pc	97	66	pc
St. Louis	82	64	s	86	70	pc
Salt Lake City	87	64	t	93	70	pc
San Diego	85	73	pc	87	73	pc
San Francisco	81	62	pc	80	66	pc
Seattle	82	60	pc	71	59	sh
Tucson	98	76	t	101	77	s
Washington, DC	83	67	s	86	70	s
Wichita	92	72	pc	90	67	t

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