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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Periods of rain; wet snow early	Occasional rain and drizzle	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy
43° 35°	44° 35°	48° 33°	45° 35°	48° 37°
41° 31°	42° 33°	47° 34°	46° 32°	48° 38°

ALMANAC

PENDELTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	48°	32°
Normals	41°	27°
Records	68° (1974)	-8° (1907)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
 Month to date 0.39"
 Normal month to date 0.81"
 Year to date 0.39"
 Last year to date 0.32"
 Normal year to date 0.81"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	47°	35°
Normals	41°	28°
Records	63° (1961)	-10° (1950)

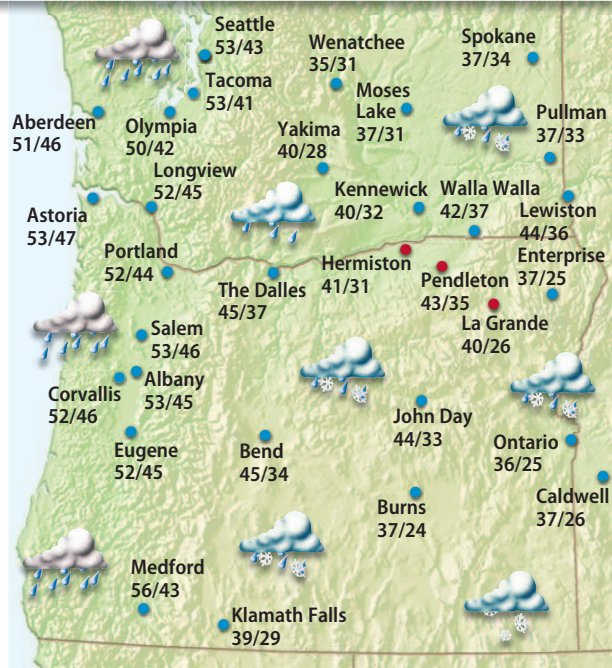
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
 Month to date 0.22"
 Normal month to date 0.62"
 Year to date 0.22"
 Last year to date 0.18"
 Normal year to date 0.62"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:32 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 4:38 p.m.
 Moonrise today 11:17 a.m.
 Moonset today none

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 16	Jan 23	Jan 31	Feb 8



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Windy at times today; periods of rain this morning, then spotty showers.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Some rain and snow today, though snow levels will generally rise to 4,000 feet or higher.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with periods of rain; windy at times, especially at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Snow across the north today accumulating 1-3 inches; most snow south changing to rain.

Cascades: Periods of rain and snow today with snow levels generally near 6,000 feet.

Northern California: Periods of rain today; snow, accumulating 1-3 inches above 6,000 feet.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	53	47	r	53	44	r
Baker City	36	26	sn	37	28	sn
Bend	45	34	sh	45	29	r
Brookings	55	49	sh	53	46	r
Burns	37	24	sn	36	19	sn
Enterprise	37	25	sn	38	28	r
Eugene	52	45	r	50	44	r
Heppner	43	31	sh	44	31	r
Hermiston	41	31	sh	42	33	r
John Day	44	33	sn	45	32	r
Klamath Falls	39	29	c	41	29	r
La Grande	40	26	c	41	31	r
Meacham	38	29	c	40	30	r
Medford	56	43	sh	54	39	r
Newport	52	47	r	52	44	r
North Bend	57	49	r	55	46	r
Ontario	36	25	sn	37	30	i
Pasco	40	34	r	41	35	r
Pendleton	43	35	r	44	35	r
Portland	52	44	r	50	42	r
Redmond	49	36	sh	49	31	r
Salem	53	46	r	51	45	r
Spokane	37	34	sn	39	25	r
Ukiah	41	30	sn	42	29	r
Vancouver	52	45	r	49	43	r
Walla Walla	42	37	r	44	38	r
Yakima	40	28	c	38	26	r

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	33	16	pc	26	8	s
Hong Kong	69	64	r	69	56	r
Jerusalem	60	45	s	62	46	s
London	39	27	s	39	34	s
Mexico City	70	40	s	72	41	s
Moscow	19	17	sn	27	5	sn
Paris	41	27	pc	39	25	s
Rome	51	33	c	46	31	s
Seoul	40	27	pc	43	21	pc
Sydney	71	64	sh	76	65	pc
Tokyo	50	39	pc	49	42	r

WINDS

(in mph)

City	Today	Sunday
Boardman	W 3-6	NNW 4-8
Pendleton	SSW 6-12	SSE 7-14

UV INDEX TODAY

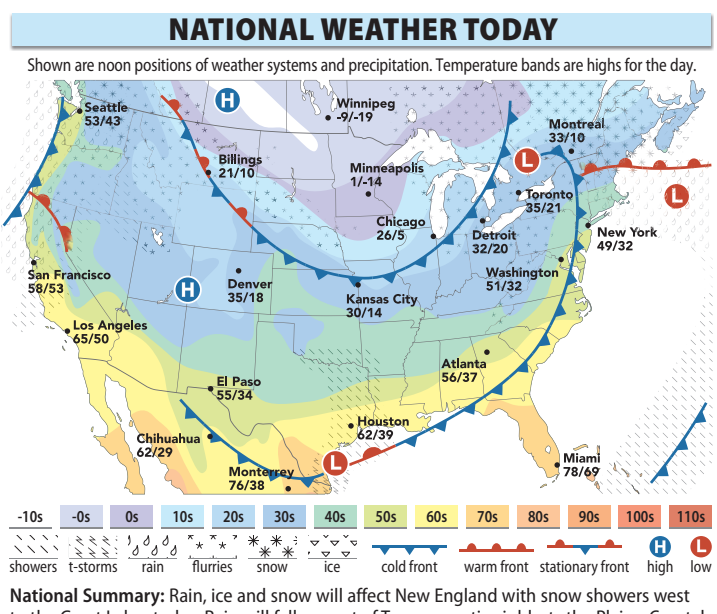
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	42	27	pc	46	26	s
Atlanta	56	37	s	50	30	s
Atlanta City	51	33	pc	39	25	pc
Baltimore	49	29	pc	40	21	pc
Billings	21	10	sn	23	19	c
Birmingham	52	33	s	48	27	s
Boise	39	29	sn	42	35	c
Boston	42	28	r	37	25	pc
Charleston, SC	68	45	s	56	36	r
Charleston, WV	38	27	sf	36	10	sf
Chicago	26	5	pc	7	-3	sf
Cleveland	34	23	sn	26	9	sf
Dallas	48	29	c	55	32	pc
Denver	35	18	pc	36	23	c
Detroit	32	20	c	23	9	sf
El Paso	55	34	s	60	33	s
Fairbanks	9	4	pc	9	-7	c
Fargo	-8	-20	c	-8	-20	c
Honolulu	81	65	pc	82	66	pc
Houston	62	39	r	58	39	s
Indianapolis	33	17	pc	20	-1	sf
Jacksonville	68	55	s	60	37	sh
Kansas City	30	14	pc	15	1	pc
Las Vegas	58	40	pc	61	43	pc
Little Rock	45	28	c	49	27	pc
Los Angeles	65	50	pc	68	52	pc
Louisville	39	25	c	32	10	c
Memphis	44	27	c	45	21	pc
Miami	78	69	pc	78	56	t
Milwaukee	23	0	pc	5	-4	c
Minneapolis	-1	-14	pc	-3	-15	pc
Nashville	42	27	c	42	15	pc
New Orleans	66	44	pc	56	41	s
New York City	49	32	r	38	26	pc
Oklahoma City	43	27	sn	39	21	c
Omaha	18	-4	pc	4	-6	pc
Philadelphia	50	30	pc	42	27	pc
Phoenix	63	44	pc	69	46	s
Portland, ME	35	23	i	35	19	pc
Providence	46	27	r	38	21	pc
Raleigh	57	35	s	46	26	pc
Rapid City	19	-5	sn	11	1	c
Reno	50	33	r	50	37	sh
Sacramento	58	49	r	59	52	r
St. Louis	35	20	pc	22	5	c
Salt Lake City	39	31	sn	40	31	s
San Diego	64	52	pc	66	54	pc
San Francisco	58	53	r	59	54	r
Seattle	53	43	r	51	42	r
Tucson	62	39	s	67	40	s
Washington, DC	51	32	pc	41	23	pc
Wichita	41	25	pc	27	13	c

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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HARNEY COUNTY STANDOFF: DAY 13

Refuge rallies planned for Tuesday

Potluck slated in La Grande

By GEORGE PLAVEN
 East Oregonian

Call it a protest of the protest.

Environmental groups and public land advocates will hold a series of loosely coordinated rallies across the state on Tuesday in support of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, which has been occupied by militia members protesting the federal government since Jan. 2.

What started as an outcry over the sentencing of two Harney County ranchers convicted of starting fires on public lands has morphed into a broader conversation about the government's role in land management across the West. Militants say they want the feds to turn over the wildlife refuge near Burns to local control so it can be opened up to more ranching.

Arran Robertson, spokesman for Oregon Wild, defended public lands as a safe haven for wildlife habitat, clean waters and recreation. One thing lost in the narrative, he said, is how local stakeholders have collaborated on management solutions that balance competing interests.

Tuesday's rallies are meant to shine a light on collaboration, while steering the conversation away from radical viewpoints that Robertson said have dominated the headlines. The Hells Canyon Preservation Council will host a pro-public lands potluck at their offices in La Grande.

"There's a lot of positive things that come out of our national public lands," Robertson said. "There's actually a lot of coming together and trying to work out differences in the same room."

Robertson pointed to



AP Photo/Keith Ridler

The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns is seen from atop an old fire lookout on Friday.

Oregon Wild's participation in the Blue Mountains Forest Partners, focusing on the Malheur National Forest in Grant and Harney counties. In particular, he said they joined with industry leaders to save the Malheur Lumber Co. mill in John Day after it closed in 2012.

"I think (the occupation has) set us back," he said. "It's driving a wedge between people trying to come together."

Mark Webb, executive director of the Blue Mountains Forest Partners, said it wasn't easy getting to this point. He remembers after the group first came together in 2006, they had trouble even agreeing on small-scale projects. It took them three years to agree on a 7,000-acre treatment, he said.

Now, because of the group's working relationship, the Malheur National Forest has received an additional \$2.5 million annually to accelerate the pace of restoration. Webb said the group

is collaborating on projects up to 40,000 acres every year.

"We're getting a lot more acres treated a lot quicker," he said. "It just would not happen without this collaborative effort."

Certainly members don't agree on everything, Webb said. But their success is due in part to people's willingness to have a mature conversation. "It's not that we don't have our own interests, but this group is effective because it's gotten past the 'my way or the highway' attitude," Webb said.

Speaking for himself, Webb described the occupation as a "holdover from an age that simply won't work nowadays." Officially, Blue Mountains Forest Partners has no stance on the protest.

Darilyn Parry Brown, executive director of the Hells Canyon Preservation Council in La Grande, said public lands are a treasure trove of values, and should be kept in public hands.

The potluck will begin at noon on Tuesday. Other rallies will be held in Portland, Bend, Eugene, Medford, Hood River and Corvallis.

"There's been quite a bit of negativity based on what's been going on in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge," Brown said. "This is our opportunity to let local folks know there's a place to come and have positive conversations."

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Tribe seeks protection of cultural resources

East Oregonian

Concerned that armed protesters have access to sensitive cultural resources at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, the Burns Paiute Tribe is asking the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for help.

Tribal Chairwoman Charlotte Rodrique sent a letter Friday to Robyn Thorson, regional director for the USFWS in Portland, asking for an inventory of archaeological resources at the refuge headquarters.

Rodrique also wants anyone who disturbs those resources to be prosecuted under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.

"Armed protesters don't belong here," Rodrique said.

"They continue to desecrate one of our most important sacred sites. They should be held accountable."

The Burns Paiute Tribal Council passed a resolution earlier this week designating the refuge as a "Traditional Cultural Property" under the National Historic Preservation Act, which was hailed as the first step toward greater protection of their cultural resources.

The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is located in the heart of the tribe's ancestral territory, Rodrique said.

"The refuge and the refuge buildings hold invaluable, irreplaceable, and endangered aspects of the tribe's cultural heritage," she said.

Man arrested in stolen refuge vehicle

BURNS — Oregon State Police arrested a man Friday they said was driving a government vehicle stolen from a wildlife refuge being occupied by an armed group protesting federal land policies.

Kenneth Medenbach, 62, of Crescent was arrested at a grocery store in Burns for investigation of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, authorities said.

According to federal court records Medenbach is already facing charges in U.S. District Court in Medford after authorities said he illegally camped on federal land between May and November last year.

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