

Crews fight flames in dry, windy West

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Growing wildfires stoked by windy, dry conditions have destroyed buildings and forced evacuations in California, Washington, Montana and elsewhere.

Here's a look at the major wildfires in the West:

OREGON
A nearly 50-square-mile fire in Eastern Oregon near the Idaho state line was 60 percent contained and threatening Succor Creek State Park.

Elsewhere, a 48½-square-mile blaze on national forest lands west of Unity was 40 percent surrounded. Firefighters successfully extinguished small spot fires that erupted as wind-blown embers crossed fire lines.

WASHINGTON
Gov. Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency for 20 Washington state counties in response to wildfires that threaten homes and natural resources.

Inslee issued the declaration Tuesday after touring fire scenes in the Spokane region, where evacuations were called and more than a dozen homes have burned.

Inslee noted that hot and windy weather conditions are forecast for the next seven days.

WYOMING
More firefighters headed to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, where large, growing wildfires have closed or threaten key roads and forced the evacuation of a large campground during a busy stretch of the summer tourist season.

The blaze in Grand Teton park made a 5-mile run on Monday, forcing closure of a 10-mile stretch of U.S. 89-191-287 that leads into Yellowstone's South Entrance. More than 4,000 vehicles come and go each day at the site along the main thoroughfare between Jackson and Yellowstone National Park.

About 50 people have been evacuated from campgrounds and a lodge that rents cabins in the area.

"This is the 100-year centennial of the National Park Service so there's a lot of celebrations going on," fire spokesman Brian Lawatch said.

The road was expected to remain closed Tuesday as firefighters cleared debris and burned trees that might pose a hazard, he said.

The main fire has burned about 10 square miles since it was started by lightning last month.

In neighboring Yellowstone, a fire grew near West Entrance Road. A team of fire managers was being brought in to help, although the fire was not yet being actively suppressed.

All roads and major tourist areas in Yellowstone remained open as firefighters thinned trees and underbrush near the road. The fire was less than three miles from Madison Junction, an



Capt. Pat Gabler, with the Riverside Fire Department, quenches his thirst during mopping up duty for a wildfire along Lynch Canyon Road in Paso Robles, Calif., Tuesday.

area that includes a campground, visitor facilities and staff housing.

The fire has burned about 42 square miles since it was ignited by lightning on Aug. 8.

CALIFORNIA
A wildfire on California's central coast grew to nearly 58 square miles Tuesday.

At least 2,400 people remained under evacuation orders in San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties, where the stubborn blaze had destroyed at least 36 residences.

Hearst Castle, the palatial ocean-view estate popular among tourists, remained closed because of its proximity to the flames.

Several other fires in Central California have burned tens of thousands of acres of brush and prompted evacuations of campgrounds and recreation areas.

Meanwhile, a fire in mountain areas east of Los Angeles that burned more than 100 homes was contained after charring nearly 57 square miles of drought-stricken brush. Investigators were seeking the cause of the blaze that broke out a week ago.

Just north of Big Sur, California's largest fire grew held steady at 135 square miles in rugged wilderness coast along Highway 1.

More than 400 homes remained threatened by the fire.

MONTANA
Firefighters contained a blaze that threatened about two dozen homes in Missoula County.

Evacuation orders for homes near Upper Grant Creek were lifted Tuesday afternoon but authorities asked non-residents to stay out of the area about 4 miles north of Interstate 90 to keep the roadways clear.

A house trailer burned before the fire was contained but the person living there

escaped, KECI-TV reported.

Low humidity and gusting winds caused the rapid spread Monday of another fire in northwestern Montana near Lakeside. As many as 100 homes and structures were within a half-mile of the fire's perimeter.

Authorities ordered evacuations east of Thompson Falls after a fire doubled in size to nearly 11 square miles.

IDAHO
Authorities ordered evacuations in eastern Idaho where a wildfire burning rangeland and habitat of a threatened bird, the sage grouse, ballooned to 40 square miles.

The evacuations were ordered east of Idaho Falls, where up to 70 buildings were threatened near U.S. Highway 26, the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday.

The office also was working with ranchers to get cattle out of the fire's path. Sunday's human-caused blaze appeared nearly contained but took off in the last several days due to dry conditions and winds of up to 40 mph.

A central Idaho wildfire expanded to 150 square miles and residents of about 125 homes in the area remained under low-level evacuation notices.

The fire burning timber in remote, mountainous backcountry was 50 percent contained and was expected to burn at least until the end of September.

UTAH
Crews were battling a small wildfire in northern Utah that was approaching a ski resort and a separate blaze in southern Utah burning through sage grouse habitat.

MaryEllen Fitzgerald of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest said Tuesday the fire near the Utah-Idaho state line is within a quarter-mile of Beaver Mountain Ski Resort.

Court: Out-of-state license plates don't justify police search

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Law enforcement officials in Kansas cannot stop and search motorists just for having out-of-state license plates from states that have legalized marijuana, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated a lawsuit filed by a Colorado motorist, Peter Vasquez, against two Kansas Highway Patrol officers who pulled him over and searched his vehicle as he was driving alone at night through Kansas on his way to Maryland.

The KHP officers, Richard Jimerson and Dax Lewis, stopped Vasquez when they could not read the temporary tag taped to the inside of the car's tinted rear window. The officers contended they were justified in searching the vehicle because Vasquez was a citizen of Colorado driving on I-70, a "known drug corridor," in a recently purchased, older-model car. They said he also seemed nervous.

A divided panel found the officers violated Vasquez's Fourth

Amendment rights in searching his car without his consent. Nothing illegal was found.

Twenty-five states permit marijuana use for medicinal purposes, with Colorado, Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and Washington, D.C., permitting some recreational use under state law, the court noted.

The officers' reasoning would justify the search and seizure of citizens of half of the states in the country, the court said, adding it is "wholly improper" to assume someone is more likely to commit a crime because of his state of residence.

"Accordingly, it is time to abandon the pretense that state citizenship is a permissible basis upon which to justify the detention and search of out-of-state motorists, and time to stop the practice of detention of motorists for nothing more than an out-of-state license plate," the ruling states.

A lower court had ruled the officers were entitled to qualified immunity when it threw out the case, but the appeals court disagreed and sent it back for further proceedings.

Corrections

An Aug. 23 article gave an incorrect name for the shooter. His name was Jason E. Huston.

Oregon State Police did not cite Clifford Warren Hyatt, 60, of Pendleton, for failing to obey a traffic control device following a two-vehicle crash Aug. 11 in Pendleton. Instead, state police cited Tracy Glen Harris, 49, of Pendleton, for the violation. OSP provided inaccurate information for the citation, which the *East Oregonian* used in the Aug. 13 public safety log.

An Aug. 23 article incorrectly stated that the Citizens Initiative Review Commission voted Sunday to endorse Measure 97 in the state voters' guide. In fact, a citizens panel invited by the commission to review the corporate sales tax measure made the endorsement. The commission does not endorse ballot measures.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny and nice	Pleasant with abundant sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny and breezy	Partly sunny and pleasant
85° 52°	87° 52°	88° 58°	91° 59°	86° 55°
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
85° 52°	87° 52°	88° 58°	91° 59°	86° 55°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
90° 50°	91° 48°	91° 57°	93° 64°	90° 58°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	81°	46°
Normals	86°	56°
Records	109° (1894)	34° (1910)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.07"
Normal month to date 0.31"
Year to date 7.39"
Last year to date 5.00"
Normal year to date 8.30"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	84°	45°
Normals	86°	56°
Records	103° (1956)	41° (1938)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.15"
Year to date 4.99"
Last year to date 3.25"
Normal year to date 6.10"

SUN AND MOON

	Last	New	First	Full
Sunrise today		6:07 a.m.		
Sunset tonight		7:47 p.m.		
Moonrise today		11:45 p.m.		
Moonset today		1:31 p.m.		

REGIONAL FORECAST

Location	Forecast
Coastal Oregon	Shine and patchy clouds today. Warmer in the south; pleasant across the north.
Eastern and Central Oregon	Sunny much of the time and pleasant today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow.
Western Washington	Sunshine today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow.
Eastern Washington	Mostly sunny today with a shower in spots in the afternoon. Clear tonight.
Cascades	Plenty of sunshine today. Clear tonight. Abundant sunshine tomorrow; pleasant.
Northern California	Clouds, then sun at the coast today; hot in central parts. Sunny elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	79	56	s	81	56	s
Baker City	78	40	s	80	37	s
Bend	80	45	s	80	46	s
Brookings	70	51	s	71	51	pc
Burns	81	41	s	81	41	s
Enterprise	77	46	s	79	46	s
Eugene	92	52	s	96	56	s
Heppner	82	46	s	84	47	s
Hermiston	90	50	s	91	48	s
John Day	83	51	s	87	53	s
Klamath Falls	84	45	s	83	44	s
La Grande	81	44	s	84	47	s
Meacham	78	45	s	81	43	s
Medford	97	58	s	99	59	s
Newport	67	52	s	75	55	s
North Bend	68	50	s	78	51	s
Ontario	86	56	s	85	52	s
Pasco	90	52	s	90	50	s
Pendleton	85	52	s	87	52	s
Portland	91	61	s	93	61	s
Redmond	83	42	s	84	43	s
Salem	93	58	s	96	58	s
Spokane	80	56	s	82	57	s
Ukiah	77	39	s	79	38	s
Vancouver	90	62	s	91	62	s
Walla Walla	86	57	s	87	58	s
Yakima	89	56	s	89	55	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	94	76	pc	86	61	sh
Hong Kong	91	81	s	91	80	pc
Jerusalem	86	71	s	86	72	s
London	84	65	pc	85	63	pc
Mexico City	70	53	t	72	53	t
Moscow	74	55	t	70	51	pc
Paris	96	67	s	97	68	s
Rome	86	67	s	87	67	s
Seoul	91	77	pc	91	74	pc
Sydney	60	47	r	59	48	sh
Tokyo	86	76	t	86	78	t

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	NNE 4-8	6-12
Pendleton	NNW 6-12	N 6-12

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 WEATHER TODAY

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

National Summary: Spotty storms will erupt in the humid air from Florida to Louisiana and Tennessee today. Locally severe storms will extend from Michigan to Oklahoma and northwestern Texas. Most other areas will be dry.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 104° in Imperial, Calif. Low 24° in Stanley, Idaho

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	81	58	t	82	58	pc
Atlanta	89	71	pc	91	73	s
Atlanta City	82	69	s	84	73	pc
Baltimore	86	65	s	89	71	pc
Billing	68	46	pc	69	48	pc
Birmingham	91	74	pc	92	74	pc
Boise	82	55	s	82	55	s
Boston	86	69	s	86	72	pc
Charleston, SC	90	71	pc	91	72	s
Charleston, WV	87	70	pc	90	72	pc
Chicago	82	70	t	81	63	t
Cleveland	86	73	pc	87	71	t
Dallas	93	74	s	93	74	pc
Denver	70	47	t	78	53	t
Detroit	83	72	t	87	66	t
El Paso	90	68	t	85	65	pc
Fairbanks	71	56	sh	62	54	c
Fargo	78	55	pc	70	49	pc
Honolulu	86	76	t	86	75	pc
Houston	91	74	pc	90	75	t
Indianapolis	84	74	t	88	70	t
Jacksonville	90	72	pc	91	73	s
Kansas City	87	68	t	78	65	t
Las Vegas	102	81	s	102	79	s
Little Rock	94	76	s	92	76	pc
Los Angeles	84	64	s	82	63	pc
Louisville	88	76	pc	93	74	pc
Memphis	95	79	pc	94	78	c
Miami	91	78	pc	91	77	pc
Millwaukee	84	70	t	84	62	c
Minneapolis	84	62	pc	73	56	pc
Nashville	93	75	pc	93	74	pc
New Orleans	93	80	t	91	79	t
New York City						