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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Rather cloudy	Cloudy with a bit of snow	Cloudy, a little snow; chilly	Partly sunny and very cold	Mostly cloudy and very cold
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
32°	29°	33°	26°	11°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
32°	27°	34°	26°	20°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	43°	26°
Normals	39°	25°
Records	68° (1933)	-16° (1990)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.49"
Normal month to date	1.04"
Year to date	12.79"
Last year to date	9.84"
Normal year to date	12.55"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	40°	22°
Normals	38°	27°
Records	70° (1933)	-12° (1990)

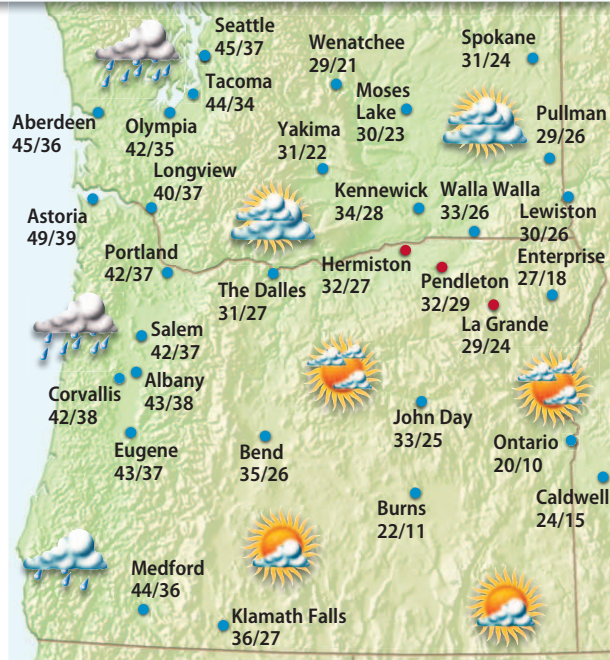
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.11"
Normal month to date	1.03"
Year to date	9.01"
Last year to date	6.90"
Normal year to date	9.53"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:14 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:04 a.m.
Moonset today	12:51 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
Dec 28	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Rather cloudy today and tonight with a little rain.

Eastern Washington: Rather cloudy today.

East and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today; cold in the upper Treasure Valley.

Cascades: Considerable cloudiness today; a bit of snow, accumulating a coating to an inch.

Western Washington: Rain and drizzle starting late this morning. A brief shower or two tonight.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	49	39	r	45	35	c
Baker City	19	11	pc	24	12	sn
Bend	35	26	pc	36	21	sn
Brookings	52	43	r	47	36	r
Burns	22	11	pc	32	15	sn
Enterprise	27	18	pc	31	22	sn
Eugene	43	37	r	43	33	r
Heppner	34	28	c	36	26	sn
Hermiston	32	27	c	34	26	sn
John Day	33	25	pc	37	26	sn
Klamath Falls	36	27	pc	38	23	sn
La Grande	29	24	pc	32	24	sn
Meacham	29	24	pc	30	23	sn
Medford	44	36	c	44	33	r
Newport	47	40	r	45	35	r
North Bend	52	43	r	47	36	r
Ontario	20	10	pc	28	22	sn
Pasco	34	25	c	34	22	sn
Pendleton	32	29	c	33	26	sn
Portland	42	37	r	42	33	r
Redmond	33	24	pc	38	19	sn
Salem	42	37	r	42	32	r
Spokane	31	24	c	32	26	sn
Ukiah	32	24	pc	33	24	sn
Vancouver	42	39	r	42	33	r
Walla Walla	33	26	c	35	25	sn
Yakima	31	22	c	34	19	sn

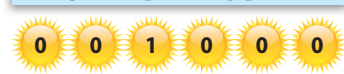
WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	43	20	s	39	20	s
Hong Kong	76	64	s	73	66	pc
Jerusalem	54	41	s	55	40	pc
London	47	38	pc	54	41	c
Mexico City	72	44	s	72	45	s
Moscow	32	27	c	29	26	sn
Paris	50	34	r	48	43	pc
Rome	58	37	pc	57	38	s
Seoul	46	27	sh	33	22	sf
Sydney	73	66	pc	77	68	pc
Tokyo	67	56	sh	61	45	s

WINDS

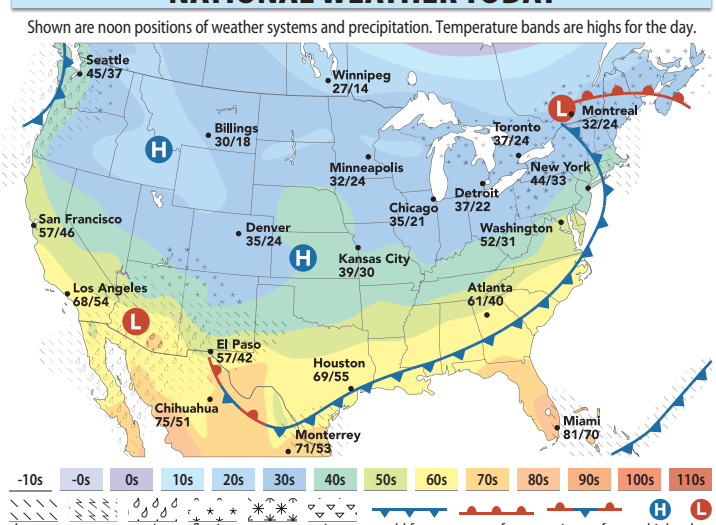
(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	S 3-6	NNE 4-8
Pendleton	S 6-12	N 4-8

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Spotty snow will affect the Northeast, while spotty rain showers dot southeastern Florida today. Rain and mountain snow are forecast for parts of the Southwest and the Northwest. Other areas will be dry.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 80° in Marathon, Fla. **Low -9°** in Baker City, Ore.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	39	35	sn	49	32	pc
Atlanta	61	40	pc	56	44	s
Atlantic City	50	33	c	47	38	s
Baltimore	49	26	pc	47	35	pc
Billings	30	18	pc	30	15	pc
Birmingham	60	37	pc	60	51	pc
Boise	23	15	pc	33	25	sn
Boston	41	30	c	43	33	s
Charleston, SC	67	42	pc	62	49	s
Charleston, WV	43	26	pc	49	39	pc
Chicago	35	21	pc	35	30	sn
Cleveland	37	26	sf	38	35	pc
Dallas	54	40	pc	55	51	sh
Denver	35	24	s	45	26	pc
Detroit	37	22	pc	34	31	pc
El Paso	57	42	r	63	41	pc
Fairbanks	-10	-16	pc	11	-4	sn
Fargo	33	23	s	36	15	c
Honolulu	81	70	pc	80	70	pc
Houston	69	55	pc	69	65	c
Indianapolis	36	22	pc	38	34	pc
Jacksonville	72	50	pc	70	52	pc
Kansas City	39	30	s	41	25	i
Las Vegas	52	42	sh	57	46	s
Little Rock	50	32	s	49	46	r
Los Angeles	68	54	pc	63	50	pc
Louisville	41	26	pc	45	41	pc
Memphis	49	34	pc	55	51	c
Miami	81	70	pc	81	72	pc
Milwaukee	34	24	pc	35	30	sn
Minneapolis	32	24	s	34	21	sn
Nashville	47	30	pc	56	47	pc
New Orleans	66	55	c	68	59	pc
New York City	44	33	c	45	38	s
Oklahoma City	46	33	s	50	36	sh
Omaha	40	29	s	40	18	sn
Philadelphia	47	31	pc	45	36	s
Phoenix	68	53	r	66	52	pc
Portland, ME	35	21	sn	37	24	s
Providence	43	28	c	44	32	s
Raleigh	62	30	s	54	36	r
Rapid City	36	13	s	37	18	pc
Reno	46	31	s	46	29	r
Sacramento	56	42	s	52	36	r
St. Louis	41	28	pc	41	35	c
Salt Lake City	37	27	s	45	38	sn
San Diego	67	56	sh	64	53	pc
San Francisco	57	46	s	55	44	r
Seattle	45	37	r	42	34	pc
Tucson	70	47	r	66	47	pc
Washington, DC	52	31	pc	48	39	pc
Wichita	42	30	s	48	22	i

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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One year after refuge takeover, quieter land battle unfolds

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JOHN DAY — On a recent wintry evening, members of the Grant County Public Forest Commission walked into the warmth of a rustic diner and took seats at their customary table for their bimonthly meeting.

They voiced anger and frustration. At this meeting, they were officially a non-entity.

A judge this fall dissolved the commission at the behest of a former county supervisor who worried it was becoming a risk, citing the takeover of a federal wildlife refuge in a neighboring county.

While the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge grabbed the world's attention, a quieter struggle over federal lands is being waged by those trying to use elections and the levers of government. Their grandparents and great-grandparents wrested a living from the West's rugged landscape.

But now, the forest commissioners say, the government is tightening access to the same natural resources by closing roads and curtailing logging and other industries that allowed previous generations to be self-sufficient.

The commissioners feel they lost, by the stroke of a judge's pen, a tool voters gave them to fight back.

Kim McKrola, a local, voiced the concern of many: "I would think we should have more say, because what does the federal government know about what's going on around here?"

With 1,700 residents, John Day is Grant County's biggest town, named for a fur trapper who in the early 1800s survived being robbed of everything by American Indians but trekked with a compatriot to safety. The second longest free-flowing river in the continental United States also bears Day's name.

Created by voters in a ballot measure 14 years ago, the forest commission was tasked with determining the fate of public lands, which comprise 66 percent of the county's 4,529 square miles.

Hours before the meeting at the Squeeze-In Restaurant & Deck, forest commissioner Jim Sproul drove his pickup up a canyon and into the Malheur National Forest.

"My great-grandfather came here in the 1870s. He started the Humboldt Mine," the 64-year-old said. A pin on his cap proclaimed support for Sheriff Glenn Palmer, a sympathizer of the refuge occupiers' cause. Sproul looked at skeletal trees



In this Dec. 7 photo, Jim Sproul, a member of the dissolved Grant County Public Forest Commission, gestures while visiting Malheur National Forest near John Day. The armed takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge headquarters caused a sensation and global headlines, but a quieter and perhaps more important struggle is being waged by those trying to use the levers of power, and not firearms.

killed by a 2015 fire that burned 43 homes and more than 172 square miles. He blamed the U.S. Forest Service, saying it let the forest grow too thick, allowing the blaze to crown and become a "huge fireball." Sproul wants the agency to open more burned areas for loggers to salvage trees.

At the Squeeze-In, commission members voiced more complaints. "You're missing the point," growled Commissioner Mike Smith from beneath the brim of his cowboy hat. "The point is, they want to make it so you can't make a living in rural Oregon, so you have to leave."

Others nodded assent. Commissioner Dave Traylor said he suspects the government and environmentalists want to create a 200-mile-wide corridor from Canada to Mexico, with only animals present and no humans.

Federal officials say no such plots exist. District Ranger Dave Halemeier noted the Forest Service has increased its transparency.

"We meet with the public before we even have an idea of what we want to do in an area," Halemeier said in an interview. "Historically, we'd come up with a plan and then present that plan, and now the public's involved in developing that plan."

Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin said he had productive talks with a forest

commissioner about modifying rules for gathering firewood, but faced hostility at commission meetings.

"It was difficult to engage because they wouldn't share information," Beverlin said.

Mark Webb, whose petition for judicial review led to the commission's dissolution, said he felt it was growing too close to Palmer and his "increasing belligerence toward federal government."

The leaders of the wildlife refuge takeover were planning to meet with Palmer when officers intercepted them on Jan. 26. State police shot and killed LaVoy Finicum as he appeared to reach for a pistol.

Sproul said he had invited takeover leaders Ammon and Ryan Bundy to speak to residents about the Constitution and states' rights, with no ulterior motives.

"Anyone who says there's a militia here is a liar," Sproul said. "But are there patriotic citizens here? Hell yes."

Forest commissioners say no one informed them of the petition.

Judge W.D. Cramer ruled Sept. 14 that the ballot measure that created the commission violated the U.S. and state constitutions and federal statutes. In explaining his ruling, Cramer said he "may have personal views that align with many on how public lands are managed (or not), and views on how those who live close to the land should be heard." But "facts and the law" dictate a decision.

BRIEFLY

Judge stops logging on former portion of Elliot State Forest

EUGENE (AP) — A federal judge has banned logging on a former piece of Elliot State Forest near Coos Bay.