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#### AccuWeather.com Forecast **SATURDAY SUNDAY** Mostly sunny and Partly sunny, a pleasant shower; cooler shower; cool PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FO 45° 37° 54° **58° 56°** 40° 38° RATURE I 63° 47° 42° 42° 40° 84° 56° 66° Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 72/54 Wenatchee 75/54 78/56 **PENDLETON** Tacoma Moses through 3 p.m. yesterday Pullman Aberdeen Olympia Yakima 81/55 **TEMPERATURE** 74/53 63/51 HIGH LOW Longview Yesterday Walla Walla 72/53 91° (1940) 28° (1922) 84/54 82/58 Lewiston Astoria Records 80/55 60/50 **PRECIPITATION** Portland Enterprise Hermiston 24 hours ending 3 p.m Pendleton 75/48 76/54 0.04 The Dalles Month to date Normal month to date 0.33" 83/56 La Grande Salem 75/52 8.25' 4.52' 79/53 Last year to date Normal year to date 5.44" Albany Corvallis 75/51 **HERMISTON** John Day 75/51 through 3 p.m. yesterday 83/54 Ontario 9 Eugene Bend **TEMPERATURE**

#### REGIONAL FORECAST

79/47

Klamath Falls

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

Coastal Oregon: Clouds and sun today: however, low clouds followed by sunshine

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today; pleasant across the north and near the Cascades. Western Washington: Intervals of clouds

75/50

Medford

84/50

and sunshine today. Rain tonight. Periods of

Eastern Washington: Sunny to partly cloudy today.

Burns

81/44

Cascades: Mild today with clouds and

Northern California: Low clouds followed by sunshine at the coast today; mostly

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8-10, Very High;

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**3-5**, Moderate **6-7**, High;

11+, Extreme

# NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY Billings 71/48 • Denver • 55/42 -10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s

National Summary: Chilly showers will linger in eastern New England and the Southwest today, while rain drenches areas from the central Plains to the southern Appalachians. Severe storms will erupt over the Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) Low 13° in Doe Lake, Mich. High 95° in Pecos, Texas

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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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## Land Board votes to stop sale of Elliott State Forest

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE Capital Bureau

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31° (2010)

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<u>Normals</u>

Records

**PRECIPITATION** 

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Sunset tonight

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Moonset today

Full

24 hours ending 3 p.m

Normal month to date

**SUN AND MOON** 

Last

May 25

SALEM — The proposed sale of an expanse of state forest near the Southern Oregon coast was halted unanimously Tuesday by the State Land Board.

With Tuesday's decision, the governor, secretary of state and treasurer rejected a planned partnership between a Native American tribe and a Roseburg timber company to purchase the Elliott State Forest in Coos and Douglas counties for \$220.8 million.

That proposal had elicited significant opposition from environmental groups, and in the process raised questions about the state's stewardship of public lands.

The offer from Lone Rock Resources and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians was rejected Tuesday in favor of continued public ownership, though the details of how that will work have yet to be determined.

The board initially considered selling the 82,500-acre swath of coastal forest in 2015 because timber harvests that provided money for education were declining after environmental lawsuits challenged them.

The Elliott State Forest is a state trust land and constitutionally required to provide revenues for the Common School Fund, which helps pay for public education.

Secretary of Oregon State Dennis Richardson and Treasurer Tobias Read, each of whom took office this year, initially supported moving forward with the sale at their first land board meeting in February. That changed Tuesday when they both opposed it.

The governor, secretary of state and treasurer are not out of the woods yet: They



This undated file photo provided by the Oregon Department of Forestry shows a stand of trees on the Elliott State Forest north of Coos Bay.

now need to find a way to finance public ownership of the forest and generate money for education. Gov. Kate Brown has

proposed using \$100 million in bonds to buy a portion of the most ecologically sensitive areas of the forest - some estimates say that amount could be used to pay for about half of the total acreage — and negotiating what's called a habitat conservation plan with federal land management agencies for the remainder.

Read last week announced a proposal that would build on the governor's planned use of bond funds and have Oregon State University pay the remaining \$120.8 million of the forest's assessed value to turn the land into a research forest.

The idea is that foresters at OSU would study the relationship between active forest management and endangered conserving species.

Brown directed the department to consider research proposal, as well as work tribal governments "explore ownership additional forest

management opportunities." Doug Moore, executive director of the Oregon

League of Conservation

Voters, called the decision "a huge win for all and a reaffirmation of Oregon values.'

Although environmental groups, along with Brown and Read, struck a victorious tone Tuesday, the Oregon School Boards Association said last week that its member school districts may sue the board unless the full assessed value of the forest is paid to the Common School

Jim Green, executive director of the association, said after the meeting that his group would "continue to monitor these proposals very closely.'

"Any solution has to provide full value to the Common School Fund," Green said. "That is what we owe our kids.

Richardson suggested a swapping the Elliott State Forest for land owned by federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

During the meeting, Richardson indicated his displeasure with the fact that the state was backing away from the sale proposal, and said he thought it was likely that the state would face litigation, but said it was "obvious" that the sale was not going to proceed.

### **Jackson County withdraws from Association of Oregon Counties**

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE Capital Bureau

SALEM — Citing a "lack of communication, advocacy and representation," southern Oregon's Jackson County is withdrawing from a lobbying organization that represents the state's counties.

Jackson County The Commission will end its membership in the Association of Oregon Counties at the end of the legislative session. The move that will make Jackson the only one of Oregon's 36 counties not represented by the association, which was formed in 1906.

Colleen Roberts, chair of the Jackson County Commission, said its contract with AOC did not provide a return on the investment. Counties pay dues for membership in the association, which lobbies on the counties' behalf.

"The consensus of the commission was that there wasn't a cost benefit, and state legislative policy would proceed without consultation nor consideration of the impacts to our county,' Roberts said.

According to an invoice provided by Roberts, AOC billed Jackson County for \$25,400 in dues for Jan. 1 to July 31 of this year.

The source of the dispute appears to be discussions in the legislature over whether Jackson County should qualify for proposed funding intended to boost counties that previously relied on revenues from timber harvests on federal land.

According to Roberts, the commission was frustrated with the association's representation on House Bill 3374. That legislation is something of a response to the 2015 expiration of the federal Secure Rural Schools program, which provided federal money to counties in the wake of dwindling timber harvests.

House Bill 3374 would create a county assistance fund and direct the Oregon Department of Revenue to make grants to certain counties — provided they meet specific qualifications — that previousiy received payments from the Secure Rural Schools program.

Roberts says Jackson County qualified to receive money from the fund under the bill, and under an amended version of the bill.

However, members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Trade, which heard public testimony on the initial bill April 5, wondered whether Jackson County ought to qualify.

The initial bill said counties that received an amount from the Secure Rural Schools program that was more than 10 percent of total property taxes in the 2008 fiscal year could qualify for the grant program, providing they met other criteria.

In the 2008 fiscal year, Jackson County received an amount from Secure Rural Schools equal to about 40 percent of its total property taxes, according to a list compiled by State Rep. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford, and posted on the legislature's

State Rep. Pam Marsh, a Democrat from Ashland in Jackson County, said at the time she would support discussing narrowing eligibility for the payments.

While Jackson County qualified. Marsh said it did not necessarily need the money the legislation could provide.

"Jackson County money in the bank, has been well managed, has established a library district, people have stepped up," Marsh said during the hearing. "It's an example of a county that's really pulled itself together after the decline of payments from the federal level. I can't see any reason why the state from an objective, external point of view should a provide a handout to Jackson County.'

Roberts contends representative of AOC "said nothing" on the county's behalf during the hearing.

Laura Cleland, a spokeswoman for AOC, said it would not have been appropriate for Gil Riddell, the association's policy director, who was testifying at the meeting, to jump into the discussion.

"It would have been very inappropriate to insert himself into a conversation between legislators at that stage of the game," Cleland said. "They weren't asking him."



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#### Corrections

The transportation package proposal made by Oregon legislators Monday is \$8 billion. Incorrect information appeared in the article "Legislators offer \$5B road plan" (May 8, Page 1A). The gas tax and registration fee increases would total \$5 billion, while payroll taxes and other sources would add another \$3 billion. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.