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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny	Partly sunny and beautiful	Mostly cloudy	Cooler; rain in the afternoon	Variably cloudy, showers around

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
71°	41°	70°	47°	62°
41°	70°	47°	65°	46°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
74°	38°	72°	42°	67°
38°	72°	42°	65°	50°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	68°	54°
Normals	79°	50°
Records	94° (2013)	31° (1916)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.21"
Year to date 11.37"
Last year to date 7.69"
Normal year to date 8.59"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

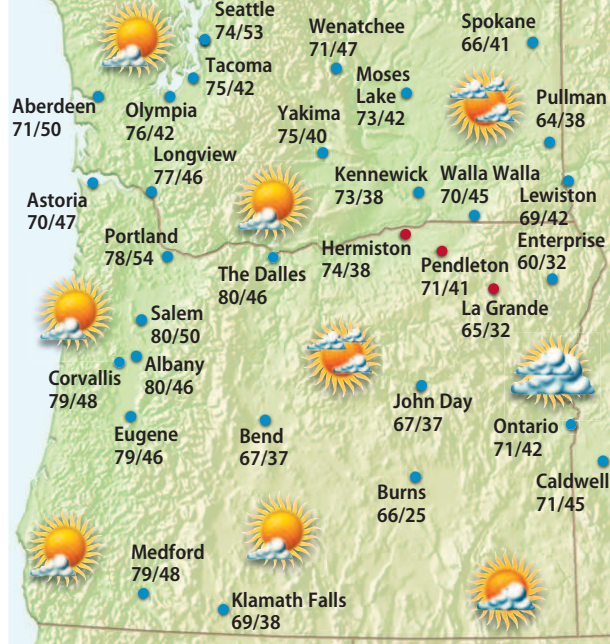
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	75°	58°
Normals	80°	49°
Records	96° (1937)	30° (1970)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.17"
Year to date 6.65"
Last year to date 5.40"
Normal year to date 6.29"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:34 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:06 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:20 a.m.
Moonset today	4:35 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	Sep 19	Sep 27	Oct 5	Oct 12



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today. Increasing clouds tonight, but mainly clear in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Times of clouds and sun today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny in central parts today; times of clouds and sun elsewhere.

Eastern Washington: Clouds and sun today; however, sunnier toward the Cascades. Clear tonight.

Cascades: Partly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today. Colder in the interior mountains; pleasant at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	70	47	pc	69	51	c
Baker City	66	29	c	67	34	pc
Bend	67	37	pc	69	40	pc
Brookings	69	52	s	65	52	s
Burns	66	25	pc	66	31	pc
Enterprise	60	32	c	64	39	pc
Eugene	79	46	s	76	47	pc
Heppner	67	41	s	69	45	pc
Hermiston	74	38	s	72	42	pc
John Day	67	37	pc	69	43	pc
Klamath Falls	69	38	s	72	38	s
La Grande	65	32	pc	66	39	pc
Meacham	63	31	pc	65	39	pc
Medford	79	48	s	80	48	s
Newport	64	47	s	62	50	c
North Bend	67	49	pc	64	51	pc
Ontario	71	42	c	69	42	pc
Pasco	74	38	pc	72	41	pc
Pendleton	71	41	pc	70	47	pc
Portland	78	54	pc	79	53	pc
Redmond	69	33	pc	71	35	pc
Salem	80	50	pc	79	49	pc
Spokane	66	41	pc	65	44	pc
Ukiah	62	31	pc	66	38	pc
Vancouver	78	49	pc	77	49	pc
Walla Walla	70	45	pc	71	51	pc
Yakima	75	40	s	73	42	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	83	61	pc	84	59	pc
Hong Kong	91	83	pc	94	81	s
Jerusalem	82	66	s	81	64	s
London	60	46	sh	60	47	r
Mexico City	76	57	pc	75	58	pc
Moscow	69	49	r	61	51	pc
Paris	60	44	t	59	47	t
Rome	76	65	pc	77	62	t
Seoul	82	61	pc	82	60	pc
Sydney	71	54	s	71	48	pc
Tokyo	78	68	pc	74	68	c

WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Saturday
Boardman	NNE 6-12	NE 4-8
Pendleton	NNW 6-12	NNE 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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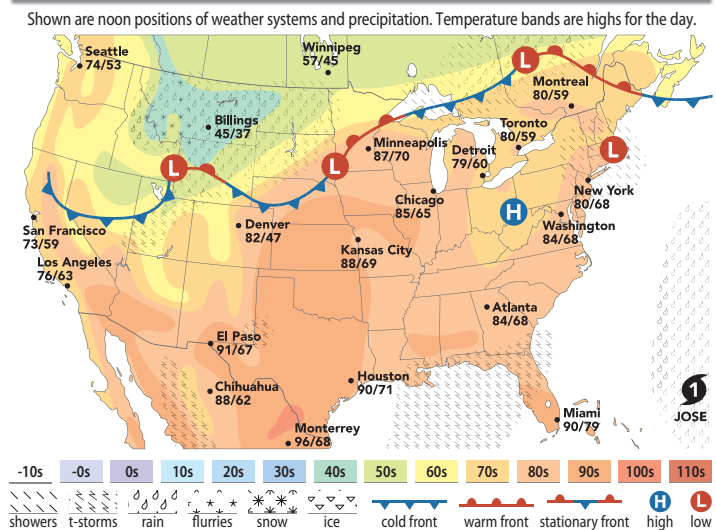
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Downpours will dot the Northeast and the Deep South today as rain and high-elevation snow affect the northern Rockies and High Plains. Most other areas will be dry. Warmth will hold in the Central states.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 108° in Carrizo Springs, Texas Low 27° in Sunset Crater, Ariz.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	84	58	pc	82	59	s	Louisville	84	64	pc	86	65	s
Atlanta	84	68	pc	83	67	pc	Memphis	87	70	pc	88	72	pc
Atlanta City	80	67	c	79	66	pc	Miami	90	79	pc	91	78	pc
Baltimore	82	64	c	83	65	pc	Milwaukee	80	65	s	82	66	s
Billings	45	37	r	49	38	r	Minneapolis	87	70	pc	83	54	t
Birmingham	86	68	s	85	68	pc	Nashville	86	63	pc	87	66	s
Boise	66	41	c	66	48	pc	New Orleans	87	74	pc	87	74	pc
Boston	78	64	c	77	64	pc	New York City	80	68	c	79	66	c
Charleston, SC	89	69	pc	87	68	pc	Oklahoma City	90	70	s	88	70	s
Charleston, WV	77	58	pc	83	60	pc	Omaha	92	70	pc	83	54	t
Chicago	85	65	s	87	68	s	Philadelphia	83	68	c	83	68	pc
Cleveland	80	61	pc	82	61	s	Phoenix	97	75	s	97	74	s
Dallas	94	74	s	93	74	pc	Portland, ME	73	58	pc	77	58	pc
Denver	82	47	s	72	50	pc	Providence	81	62	sh	82	63	pc
Detroit	79	60	s	80	61	s	Raleigh	83	64	pc	85	64	pc
El Paso	91	67	s	91	67	s	Rapid City	60	40	r	57	36	r
Fairbanks	62	40	pc	63	42	pc	Reno	73	44	s	77	49	s
Fargo	69	51	r	59	46	r	Sacramento	86	55	s	86	56	s
Honolulu	88	76	pc	89	76	s	St. Louis	90	67	s	89	70	pc
Houston	90	71	pc	90	73	pc	Salt Lake City	65	48	c	67	50	pc
Indianapolis	83	63	pc	87	65	s	San Diego	74	66	sh	74	66	pc
Jacksonville	86	73	c	85	71	pc	San Francisco	73	59	pc	76	59	pc
Kansas City	88	69	s	86	63	s	Seattle	74	53	s	76	54	c
Las Vegas	88	69	s	90	70	s	Tucson	95	67	s	96	67	s
Little Rock	88	66	s	89	69	pc	Washington, DC	84	68	c	85	69	pc
Los Angeles	76	63	sh	77	64	pc	Wichita	94	70	s	91	63	s

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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In this Sept. 5 photo, the Eagle Creek wildfire burns on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge near Cascade Locks. Wildfires that have blackened more than thousands of square miles across the American West have also ignited calls, including from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, for thinning of forests that have become so choked with trees that they're at "powder keg levels."

Forest Service spends record \$2 Billion battling forest fires

By MATTHEW DALY and DAN ELLIOTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Forest Service has spent more than \$2 billion battling forest fires around the country — a record as wildfires blacken the American West in one of the nation's worst fire seasons.

Wildfires have ravaged the West this summer with 64 large fires burning across 10 states as of Thursday, including 21 fires in Montana and 18 in Oregon. In all, 48,607 wildfires have burned nearly 13,000 square miles.

The fires have stretched firefighting resources, destroyed more than 500 homes and triggered health alerts as choking smoke drifted across the West.

The Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is the nation's primary firefighting agency. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the severe fire season means officials "end up having to hoard all of the money that is intended for fire prevention, because we're afraid we're going to need it to actually

fight fires."

The emphasis on firefighting means that money for prescribed burns, insect control and other prevention efforts is diverted to putting out fires in what Perdue called a self-defeating cycle. The end result is that small trees and vegetation remain in the forest for future fires to feed on.

"That's wrong, and that's no way to manage the Forest Service," Perdue said.

The Agriculture Department has been asking Congress for years to change the way firefighting is funded so the Forest Service does not have to raid non-fire programs.

The spending figure announced Thursday marks the first time wildfire spending by the Forest Service has topped \$2 billion. The previous record was \$1.7 billion in 2015.

The figures do not include spending by Interior Department agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service, nor do they include spending by state and local governments.

The Interior Department

says it has spent at least \$391 million with several weeks left in the fire season. The previous record for combined federal firefighting costs was \$2.1 billion in 2015.

Some previous years have had bigger areas burn but lower costs to fight fires.

"The level of continuous activity and the length of the fire season is driving our costs," Forest Service spokeswoman Babete Anderson said.

Parts of the West have suffered through above-average fires for months, she said.

This year's fires have renewed discussions about thinning overgrown forests to reduce the risk.

Forest fuels are at "powder keg levels," said Paul Hessburg Sr., a Forest Service research landscape ecologist. Hessburg will present "Era of Megafires" in Pendleton next month.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Tuesday directed land managers and park superintendents in his department to be more aggressive in cutting down small trees and underbrush.

Oregon secretary of state seeks presidential primary date change

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's secretary of state is asking lawmakers to move Oregon's presidential election primary two months forward to March, so Oregonians can have a greater say on who the nominees will be.

In a letter to Oregon's political leaders, Dennis Richardson, who is also Oregon's chief elections officer, asked for support in urging the state Legislature to change the date.

The request raises the possibility that all three states on America's West Coast could have presidential primaries in March 2020, which would generate more national attention, and more visits by candidates wooing voters.

"Both California and Washington are considering legislation to move their presidential primaries to March," Richardson wrote. "I believe that Oregon should do the same in the 2018 session."

The California Legislature might move America's most populous state's presidential primary this week to what's known as Super Tuesday, a day when several states hold primaries. Washington state lawmakers have also considered moving up the primary in that state,

and it is advocated by Washington's secretary of state.

"Currently, only a handful of states vote for president after Oregon's May primary," Richardson wrote on Wednesday to Gov. Kate Brown and Republican and Democratic legislative leaders. "With our late primary date, both math and momentum usually prevent Oregonians from having a meaningful say in selecting presidential nominees."

Richardson said a change could also give Oregonians more access to campaigning candidates, who frequently visit states that have early primaries, like Iowa and New Hampshire.

On May 17, 2016, Bernie Sanders won the Democratic primary in Oregon. Donald Trump won the Republican one.

Jonathan Lockwood, spokesman for the Oregon state Senate Republican caucus, said of Richardson's proposal: "We are excited about being a greater part of the national presidential conversation and we are reviewing what this means



Richardson

for Oregonians in terms of cost-benefit."

The financial cost to Oregon under Richardson's proposal would be holding only a presidential primary in March. Candidates for other offices could continue to be nominated in May, to avoid interference in the 2020 legislative session, he said. Lawmakers would presumably be more focused on passing bills than campaigning during the legislative session, which in even years generally starts in February and runs through early March.

California held its last presidential primary on June 7, 2016. A bill in that state's Legislature would move the primary to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, which is Super Tuesday.

"A state as populous and diverse as California should not be an afterthought," California Secretary of State Alex Padilla said in April. "Moving up the California primary in 2020 makes sense and will give California voters a more significant role."

Corrections

Araya Edmiston's name was misspelled in several instances in the article "Western wishes" (Sept. 14, 1A). The tickets to the Round-Up kick-off concert were donated by the Round-Up Association, not the Children's Western Wish Foundation. Incorrect information was provided to the *East Oregonian*. 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.

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