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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny and breezy	Mostly cloudy	A passing afternoon shower	Cloudy, a shower; breezy, cooler	Sun, then clouds

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

70°	45°	67°	51°	64°	47°	57°	42°	57°	53°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

72°	44°	68°	48°	63°	49°	61°	43°	62°	56°
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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	72°	34°
Month to date	0.26"	
Normals	64°	40°
Records	83° (1916)	24° (1897)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.26"
Normal month to date	0.52"
Year to date	12.55"
Last year to date	9.17"
Normal year to date	9.46"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

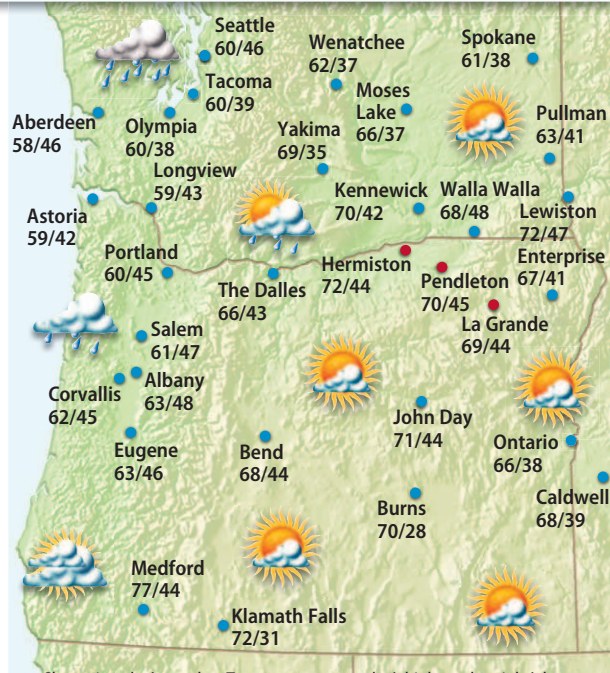
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	68°	30°
Normals	65°	38°
Records	83° (1963)	21° (1999)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.18"
Normal month to date	0.28"
Year to date	7.19"
Last year to date	6.33"
Normal year to date	6.84"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:06 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:47 a.m.
Moonset today	5:33 p.m.



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; periods of rain across the north.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today with a stray shower. Cloudy tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today.

Cascades: Showers around across the north today; cloudy in central parts. Partly sunny in the south.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with a little rain. Overcast tonight.

Northern California: Sun and clouds today. Partly cloudy tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	59	42	r	60	49	r
Baker City	68	35	pc	68	36	c
Bend	68	44	pc	68	47	c
Brookings	64	50	c	63	52	c
Burns	70	28	pc	69	26	c
Enterprise	67	41	pc	65	45	c
Eugene	63	46	c	68	49	c
Heppner	69	45	pc	67	50	c
Hermiston	72	44	pc	68	48	c
John Day	71	44	pc	70	48	c
Klamath Falls	72	31	pc	72	33	c
La Grande	69	44	pc	68	47	c
Meacham	68	41	pc	65	45	c
Medford	77	44	pc	77	42	c
Newport	57	47	r	59	51	r
North Bend	63	49	c	64	52	c
Ontario	66	38	pc	71	36	c
Pasco	70	40	pc	65	48	c
Pendleton	70	45	pc	67	51	c
Portland	60	45	r	63	52	r
Redmond	70	39	pc	71	44	c
Salem	61	47	r	66	51	r
Spokane	61	38	pc	53	49	r
Ukiah	68	39	pc	65	45	c
Vancouver	59	46	c	62	53	r
Walla Walla	68	48	pc	66	53	c
Yakima	69	35	pc	63	48	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	64	53	c	58	47	c
Hong Kong	86	74	pc	88	73	c
Jerusalem	75	57	s	77	58	s
London	61	53	pc	63	54	sh
Mexico City	69	52	pc	74	54	pc
Moscow	52	43	pc	56	38	pc
Paris	74	54	pc	70	56	t
Rome	73	52	pc	71	52	s
Seoul	70	50	s	67	48	c
Sydney	73	64	pc	74	63	pc
Tokyo	63	54	r	63	55	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	SW 7-14
Pendleton	WSW 10-20	SSW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

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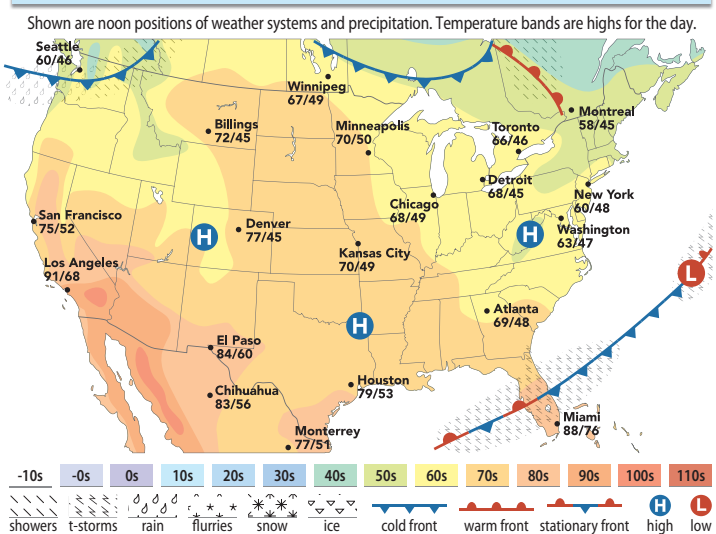
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Aside from thunderstorms in Florida and rain in the Northwest, high pressure will promote dry weather across the country today. There will be little wind to hinder firefighters in Northern California.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 100° in Chino, Calif. **Low** 8° in Dillon, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.				Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	76	50	s	77	51	pc	Louisville	67	45	s	71	49	s
Atlanta	69	48	s	71	49	s	Memphis	72	50	s	76	52	s
Atlanta City	61	45	s	70	51	s	Miami	88	76	t	86	76	pc
Baltimore	62	42	s	71	44	s	Milwaukee	69	50	s	69	51	s
Billings	72	45	pc	68	49	pc	Minneapolis	70	50	s	70	42	s
Birmingham	72	48	s	74	50	s	Nashville	70	45	s	73	46	s
Boise	68	44	pc	72	48	pc	New Orleans	76	63	s	81	65	s
Boston	57	47	s	69	54	s	New York City	60	48	s	72	55	s
Charleston, SC	70	51	s	76	58	s	Oklahoma City	72	47	s	77	51	s
Charleston, WV	66	38	s	73	42	s	Omaha	73	48	s	77	45	pc
Chicago	68	49	s	69	51	s	Philadelphia	61	47	s	71	51	s
Cleveland	68	46	s	71	51	s	Phoenix	98	71	s	96	70	s
Dallas	77	52	s	83	57	s	Portland, ME	56	40	s	68	48	s
Denver	77	45	s	75	42	s	Providence	59	45	s	71	49	s
Detroit	68	45	s	69	51	s	Raleigh	65	40	s	71	44	s
El Paso	84	60	pc	88	61	pc	Rapid City	76	46	s	66	43	pc
Fairbanks	32	21	c	30	14	sn	Reno	78	42	pc	77	42	pc
Fargo	73	47	s	65	38	pc	Sacramento	84	47	pc	85	49	pc
Honolulu	86	76	s	87	76	pc	St. Louis	71	47	s	74	53	s
Houston	79	53	s	84	62	s	Salt Lake City	71	45	pc	72	47	s
Indianapolis	67	45	s	69	51	s	San Diego	64	68	pc	79	66	s
Jacksonville	74	64	pc	80	66	pc	San Francisco	75	52	pc	67	53	pc
Kansas City	70	49	s	73	50	s	Seattle	60	46	r	60	51	r
Las Vegas	87	64	s	87	62	s	Tucson	96	65	pc	94	64	s
Little Rock	72	46	s	78	48	s	Washington, DC	63	47	s	71	51	s
Los Angeles	91	68	pc	85	64	s	Wichita	73	48	s	77	50	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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Forest-thinning project saved homes but highlights obstacles

SISTERS (AP) — Lighting started a forest fire one August afternoon near this Oregon tourist town, and it was spreading fast. Residents in outlying areas evacuated as flames marched toward their homes.

Just a few months earlier, the U.S. Forest Service and a group of locals representing environmental, logging and recreational interests arranged to thin part of the overgrown forest, creating a buffer zone around Sisters.

Workers removed trees and brush with machines, then came through on foot to ignite prescribed burns. That effort saved homes, and perhaps the community of 2,500 on the eastern slopes of the Cascade Range, by slowing the fire's progress and allowing firefighters to corral it.

Scrutiny of the condition of the American West's forests, and of policies that curtailed logging and suppressed wildfires, has intensified amid a devastating wildfire season that has burned a combined area bigger than Maryland and caused widespread destruction in California's wine country.

Until the advent of aggressive fire suppression at the turn of the last century, forests were historically shaped by low-intensity blazes, with the flames clearing underbrush but not killing tall trees. Forests across the West are now so overgrown they've been called powder kegs.

The work by the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project in central Oregon, where towns and subdivisions sit in a green ocean of Ponderosa and lodgepole pines, shows the potential of forest thinning. And it shows how loggers and environmentalists — normally bitter enemies — can join forces.

But it also highlights the challenges of replicating the



Alexandra Steinmetz/Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project via AP
This 2013 photo provided by the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project shows an unidentified worker burning a pile of collected undergrowth in the Deschutes National Forest. The thinning of forests in central Oregon has saved homes amid one of the most devastating wildfire seasons in the American West.

forest thinning across the West, where a lack of timber workers and money are among the obstacles.

On a recent morning, Forest Service fire manager James Osborne drove into a section of the Deschutes National Forest outside Sisters that was thinned in May. Widely spaced Ponderosas were blackened to twice the height of a person. But higher up, the bark retained its normal orange color. Needle clusters shone vibrant green in the sunshine. Four deer trotted through dappled sunlight. This part of the forest looked healthy, not despite of, but due to, the prescribed burn.

"Ponderosa pines are used to low-intensity fires," Osborne said. "Every five to 15 years, a fire would come through. We're trying to take it back to low-intensity fires."

California's situation is different because its wildfires have generally ignited in chaparral — brush that naturally grows densely packed, said Andrew Latimer, plant expert at the University of California-Davis. The temperate coniferous forests that burn in large wildfires

elsewhere are historically less dense.

Returning those forests to their natural state is the goal of groups like the Deschutes Collaborative, one of 23 projects in the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration program created in 2009 by Congress. Overcoming suspicions and stereotypes was one of the Oregon group's first hurdles.

Canadian firm plans Vale mushroom farm

By LARRY MEYER
 The Argus Observer

VALE — Officials of Farmers Fresh Mushrooms were not looking to expand beyond Canada, but as the saying goes, one thing led to another, and now they are looking to start up a farm outside of Vale, projecting employment of around 200 people.

Andrew Truong, company project manager, confirmed that property just north of Vale has been purchased and officials are now working to finalize their plans, including going through the permit process and finalizing their financing package, which would include incentives provided by the state of Oregon.

Company representatives, including president and CEO Tan Truong, spent Friday in Vale holding conversations with a variety of state agencies, county and city officials, and utility representatives to discuss their proposed mushroom farm.

Andrew Truong said the company would be employing people in several positions, from pickers and warehouse workers to

mid-management.

According to what Farmers Fresh Mushrooms presented to Oregon officials, wages will be at the top of the agricultural wage scale. To be eligible for the enterprise zone, at a minimum, the company must offer wages that are 130 percent of family wages in Malheur County, said Greg Smith, director, Malheur County Economic Development.

However, as is often the case, there will be a training wage for new employees, Smith said.

"They are the real deal," Smith said.

"We didn't know anything about Vale," Andrew Truong said, when Smith, came knocking at the company's door located in British Columbia.

Vale City Manager Lynn Findley said a person from Sysco Foods of Idaho mentioned to him that there was a company in Canada that might be interested in moving south and Findley passed that information onto Smith, who proceeded to contact Farmers Fresh.

"We were looking to expand in Canada," Truong said, which it is doing,