

AccuWeather Forecast

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A little rain, maybe mix, p.m.	Partly sunny	Times of clouds and sun	Cloudy	A thick cloud cover
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
36°	31°	40°	31°	46°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
37°	33°	43°	32°	45°
39°	26°	41°	39°	51°
26°	1919	41°	40°	32°
26°	1919	41°	40°	32°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	29°	26°
Normals	39°	26°
Records	64° (2002)	-22° (1919)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.08"
Normal month to date	0.64"
Year to date	15.34"
Last year to date	12.47"
Normal year to date	12.11"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	33°	30°
Normals	39°	27°
Records	68° (2002)	-7° (1972)

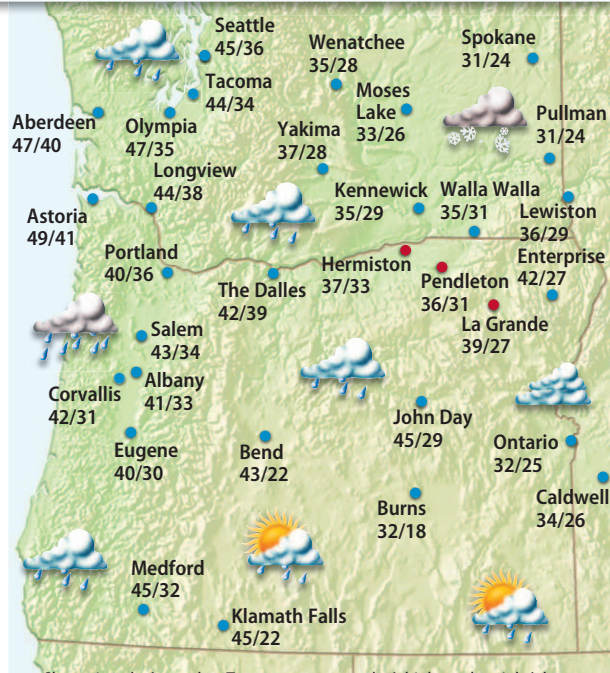
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.01"
Normal month to date	0.71"
Year to date	8.77"
Last year to date	8.77"
Normal year to date	9.18"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:29 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:12 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:47 a.m.
Moonset today	3:03 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
Dec 17				
Dec 26				
Jan 1				
Jan 8				



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today; any time across the north, in the afternoon in central and southern parts.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; a little rain and snow spreading in from the northwest this afternoon.

Western Washington: Periods of rain in the morning, but any time across the south today.

Eastern Washington: Cloudy today. A bit of snow near the Idaho border and in the mountains; a shower south.

Cascades: Rain, then snow today with precipitation waiting until afternoon across the south.

Northern California: Increasing clouds today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	49	41	r	48	43	r
Baker City	38	26	c	37	20	pc
Bend	43	22	c	36	24	pc
Brookings	55	41	pc	54	42	c
Burns	32	18	sn	32	16	pc
Enterprise	42	27	c	34	20	pc
Eugene	40	30	r	42	33	c
Heppner	38	31	r	39	31	pc
Hermiston	37	33	r	43	32	pc
John Day	45	29	r	36	28	pc
Klamath Falls	45	22	pc	39	22	pc
La Grande	39	27	sh	35	20	pc
Meacham	37	25	c	32	19	pc
Medford	45	32	r	43	30	c
Newport	50	39	r	49	43	r
North Bend	51	37	r	51	39	c
Ontario	32	25	c	39	23	pc
Pasco	36	25	r	39	30	pc
Pendleton	36	31	r	40	31	pc
Portland	40	36	r	43	39	r
Redmond	40	23	c	38	22	pc
Salem	43	34	r	45	38	r
Spokane	31	24	sn	28	23	pc
Ukiah	41	26	c	34	23	pc
Vancouver	41	37	r	43	40	r
Walla Walla	35	31	r	39	31	pc
Yakima	37	28	c	44	31	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	37	20	pc	34	17	s
Hong Kong	71	58	c	65	53	pc
Jerusalem	58	46	pc	61	46	s
London	42	32	pc	41	35	pc
Mexico City	74	48	pc	70	47	pc
Moscow	35	31	c	41	37	r
Paris	42	35	sh	41	33	pc
Rome	59	42	r	54	37	sh
Seoul	36	17	c	28	12	pc
Sydney	79	71	c	85	71	pc
Tokyo	50	42	pc	59	41	pc

WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Saturday
Boardman	SW 6-12	WSW 4-8
Pendleton	SW 6-12	WSW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

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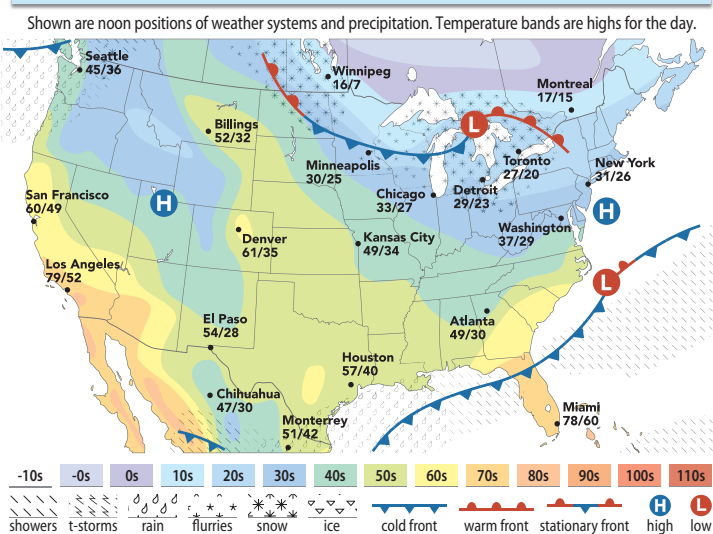
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Spotty snow is forecast from the northern Plains to the central Appalachians today. Rain will extend from northern Florida to South Texas. Rain and mountain snow will fall on Washington and Oregon.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 86° in Camarillo, Calif. Low -15° in Silver Bay, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	47	25	s	48	26	pc	Louisville	42	30	pc	55	37	s
Atlanta	49	30	pc	55	36	s	Memphis	51	33	s	58	42	s
Atlanta City	37	30	sn	43	34	pc	Miami	78	60	s	79	68	s
Baltimore	34	23	c	45	28	pc	Milwaukee	30	24	c	40	31	c
Billings	52	32	c	35	18	sn	Minneapolis	30	25	c	34	22	c
Birmingham	47	28	s	55	38	pc	Nashville	46	30	pc	56	36	s
Boise	32	25	c	33	21	pc	New Orleans	55	42	r	61	56	pc
Boston	30	23	pc	35	21	pc	New York City	31	26	sn	38	27	pc
Charleston, SC	65	36	c	59	37	s	Oklahoma City	54	33	s	62	41	s
Charleston, WV	39	26	c	50	31	s	Omaha	48	31	s	53	26	pc
Chicago	33	27	c	46	28	pc	Philadelphia	33	26	sf	41	29	pc
Cleveland	29	23	sf	38	27	sf	Phoenix	72	46	s	69	47	pc
Dallas	59	37	s	65	44	s	Portland, ME	26	14	pc	32	11	sf
Denver	61	35	pc	51	25	c	Providence	31	22	sf	37	21	pc
Detroit	29	23	sf	34	25	sn	Raleigh	48	27	pc	52	30	s
El Paso	54	28	s	57	40	s	Rapid City	59	33	pc	40	22	sn
Fairbanks	23	19	pc	26	11	s	Reno	55	28	pc	42	20	pc
Fargo	33	26	sn	35	23	c	Sacramento	62	43	pc	63	44	s
Honolulu	78	66	sh	78	69	pc	St. Louis	46	34	s	60	40	s
Houston	57	40	c	59	47	c	Salt Lake City	43	29	c	36	24	sf
Indianapolis	37	26	c	49	34	s	San Diego	77	53	s	66	49	s
Jacksonville	73	44	c	64	46	pc	San Francisco	60	49	pc	63	49	s
Kansas City	49	34	c	60	39	pc	Seattle	45	36	r	45	41	r
Las Vegas	63	42	pc	62	41	s	Tucson	69	40	s	68	47	pc
Little Rock	56	31	c	62	41	s	Washington, DC	37	29	c	46	34	pc
Los Angeles	79	52	s	72	48	s	Wichita	54	31	s	61	40	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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Richardson reopens comment on initiative

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SALEM — Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson has revised a proposal to ease restrictions on qualifying measures for the Oregon ballot.

The updated proposal allows petitioners to gather signatures for an initiative before the measure's ballot title is finalized. The change could enable more measures to make the ballot.

Existing rules suspend the signature-gathering process until legal battles have been settled and a title is finalized for the ballot.

"Legal challenges often create delays of two to three months, or even longer, which is unnecessarily burdensome for grassroots petitioners that do not have the resources to hire a signature gathering service," said Alyssa Orlando,

Richardson's spokeswoman, in a statement Wednesday.

Under the proposal, petitioners may circulate the ballot title issued by the state attorney general's office even if the title has been challenged in court.

The ballot title is a short description for ballot measures intended to be informative and unbiased. Both petitioners and opponents can appeal the description to the Oregon Supreme Court.

The changes proposed Wednesday, Dec. 13, were based on public comments Richardson has received since he made the original proposal in late August.

Richardson credited members of the League of Women Voters of Oregon for

suggesting the revisions "to ensure voters have a clear idea of what they are signing."

He has reopened the public comment period until Dec. 21 to accept feedback on the revisions.

The Republican secretary of state's proposal has triggered opposition from some Democrats and from the former executive director of labor-backed advocacy group Our Oregon.

Rep. Dan Rayfield, D-Corvallis, an attorney, said Richardson may lack the legal authority to make the changes, which could spark a legal challenge.

Opponents argue that gathering signatures before finalizing ballot title would allow petitioners to circulate

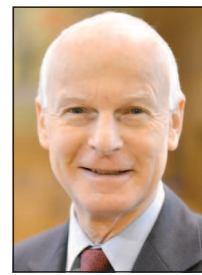
inaccurate or misleading information about the proposed measure to the public.

Rayfield said he could see a scenario in which petitioners gather signatures for various iterations of a ballot title, which could threaten the integrity of the initiative petition process.

"You need to make sure everybody has the same accurate non-bipartisan information when they're signing an initiative petition, and I don't think this gets to that ideal," Rayfield said of the revisions.

He said he would prefer any changes to the restrictions on qualifying measures for the ballot to come from the Legislature.

Comments on the revised proposal can be emailed to the secretary of state's office at elections.sos@oregon.gov until 5 p.m. Dec. 21.



Richardson

Tentative \$216 million deal to relicense Snake dams

By KEITH RIDLER
 Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Idaho officials have reached a tentative agreement approving a utility company's \$216.5 million in relicensing expenses for a three-dam hydroelectric project on the Snake River on the Idaho-Oregon border.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Wednesday said it's taking public comments through Jan. 5 on the proposed agreement with Boise-based Idaho Power involving the Hells Canyon Complex.

"It represents a compromise for both sides," said commission spokesman Matt Evans. "It's less than Idaho Power initially requested."

The proposed agreement, which Evans said could be approved in February at the earliest, doesn't call for a rate increase. That would take a separate request from Idaho

Power also requiring the state commission's approval.

The company in December 2016 requested about \$220 million to cover costs from 2003 to the end of 2015 as it seeks a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The company's 50-year license expired in 2005, and it has been operating the dams under annual licenses renewed each August.

A significant hurdle to getting a longer license is that Oregon officials are refusing to agree to the relicensing until salmon and steelhead can access four Oregon tributaries that feed into the Hells Canyon Complex, as required by Oregon law for the relicensing.

But Idaho lawmakers have prohibited moving federally protected salmon and steelhead upstream of the dams, which could force restoration work on Idaho's environmentally degraded

middle section of the Snake River.

"The states of Idaho and Oregon are working to resolve those issues," said Idaho Power spokesman Brad Bowlin. "It's one of the last remaining obstacles."

Another problem is that elevated mercury levels blamed in part on agricultural runoff extend 60 miles downstream of the Hells Canyon Complex to the Salmon River confluence. The company has been working with farmers to try to reduce agricultural runoff