

## AccuWeather Forecast

**TODAY** **SUNDAY** **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY**

Milder with periods of sun  
Mostly cloudy  
Times of clouds and sun  
Mostly cloudy with a little rain  
Rather cloudy with a little snow

**PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
34° 33° 44° 32° 44° 34° 43° 34° 46° 33°

**HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
46° 33° 43° 32° 42° 34° 44° 36° 48° 35°

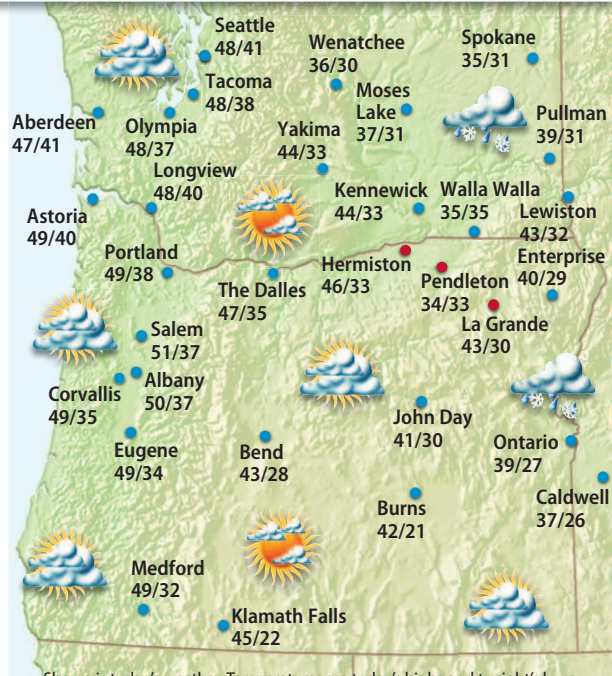
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**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

**TEMPERATURE**

YESTERDAY	
HIGH	LOW
34°	28°
Yesterdays	40°
Normals	40°
Records	62° (1933) -11° (2004)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace  
Month to date Trace  
Normal month to date 0.29"  
Year to date Trace  
Last year to date 0.11"  
Normal year to date 0.29"



**HERMISTON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

**TEMPERATURE**

YESTERDAY	
HIGH	LOW
36°	30°
Normals	40°
Records	63° (1933) -11° (1950)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace  
Month to date Trace  
Normal month to date 0.20"  
Year to date Trace  
Last year to date 0.10"  
Normal year to date 0.20"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today	7:36 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:27 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:24 p.m.
Moonset today	10:45 a.m.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** A shower in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy today.

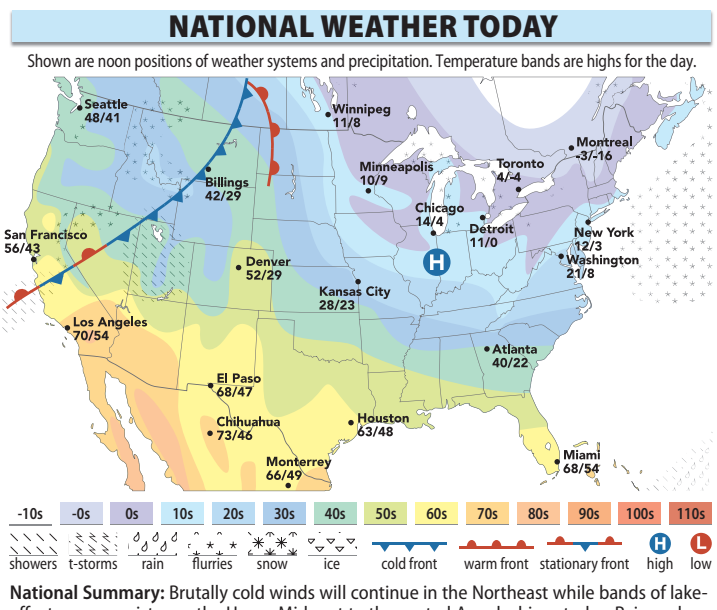
**Eastern Washington:** Times of sun and clouds today. Rather cloudy tonight, but cloudy in the mountains.

**Cascades:** Mostly cloudy today; a snow shower in spots, except dry in the south.

**Northern California:** Periods of sun today; a bit of ice in the interior mountains in the morning.

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	49	40	c	47	43	r
Baker City	43	25	pc	39	25	pc
Bend	43	28	pc	46	30	pc
Brookings	53	42	c	51	44	pc
Burns	42	21	pc	40	21	pc
Enterprise	40	29	pc	40	31	c
Eugene	49	34	c	48	33	pc
Heppner	45	33	pc	46	32	c
Hermiston	46	33	pc	43	32	c
John Day	41	30	c	43	33	pc
Klamath Falls	45	22	pc	45	27	pc
La Grande	43	30	pc	40	32	c
Meacham	41	29	pc	40	31	c
Medford	49	32	pc	48	35	pc
Newport	50	39	c	48	42	c
North Bend	52	38	c	51	41	pc
Ontario	39	27	sn	37	27	pc
Pasco	44	33	pc	41	33	c
Pendleton	34	33	pc	44	32	c
Portland	49	38	c	47	37	r
Redmond	45	24	pc	45	25	pc
Salem	51	37	c	50	37	r
Spokane	35	31	pc	36	33	c
Ukiah	40	27	pc	43	30	c
Vancouver	48	40	c	47	37	r
Walla Walla	35	35	pc	42	35	c
Yakima	44	33	pc	43	35	c



### WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	38	21	pc	38	23	c
Hong Kong	68	65	sh	71	67	r
Jerusalem	52	42	sh	55	41	s
London	44	36	c	42	37	pc
Mexico City	68	40	pc	72	43	pc
Moscow	37	34	sn	36	23	sf
Paris	46	40	r	44	39	c
Rome	60	52	pc	65	54	c
Seoul	35	19	s	36	23	c
Sydney	87	74	s	97	73	s
Tokyo	49	40	s	50	40	s

### WINDS

(in mph)

City	Today	Sunday
Boardman	SW 7-14	SSE 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 6-12	SSE 4-8

### UV INDEX TODAY

0 1 2 1 0 0

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

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### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	58	37	pc	57	29	pc
Atlanta	40	22	s	42	31	c
Atlantic City	19	5	s	22	15	s
Baltimore	18	2	s	24	16	s
Billings	42	29	c	39	26	s
Birmingham	42	23	s	46	37	c
Boise	39	25	sn	39	28	pc
Boston	8	-5	s	16	13	s
Charleston, SC	37	17	s	40	26	pc
Charleston, WV	17	4	s	38	25	pc
Chicago	14	4	s	30	27	sn
Cleveland	9	-2	s	27	25	c
Dallas	59	49	s	62	42	sh
Denver	52	29	c	47	27	pc
Detroit	11	0	s	26	24	sn
El Paso	68	47	pc	69	37	s
Fairbanks	6	-4	s	0	-14	pc
Fargo	17	14	c	32	18	c
Honolulu	82	72	pc	82	71	pc
Houston	63	48	s	69	49	c
Indianapolis	13	1	s	32	29	c
Jacksonville	50	32	s	55	46	pc
Kansas City	28	23	s	40	24	i
Las Vegas	70	48	c	65	44	pc
Little Rock	40	26	s	43	41	r
Los Angeles	70	54	c	71	56	pc
Louisville	21	10	s	41	35	c
Memphis	38	26	s	46	39	r
Miami	68	54	pc	73	63	pc
Milwaukee	13	6	pc	29	25	sn
Minneapolis	10	9	pc	28	22	c
Nashville	29	17	s	45	36	c
New Orleans	57	46	s	65	59	pc
New York City	12	3	s	17	15	s
Oklahoma City	49	40	pc	51	32	r
Omaha	20	16	pc	39	19	sf
Philadelphia	17	2	s	19	15	pc
Phoenix	75	54	pc	75	52	s
Portland, ME	4	-15	c	13	9	pc
Providence	9	-5	s	16	12	s
Raleigh	28	8	s	31	19	s
Rapid City	47	30	pc	44	24	c
Reno	55	26	c	52	33	pc
Sacramento	59	38	c	57	44	pc
St. Louis	22	16	s	37	31	i
Salt Lake City	41	29	sh	44	26	pc
San Diego	72	56	c	69	55	pc
San Francisco	56	43	c	55	47	pc
Seattle	48	41	c	47	41	r
Tucson	77	53	pc	75	49	pc
Washington, DC	21	8	s	26	21	s
Wichita	40	30	pc	47	26	r

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# Potential landslide threatens homes, I-82, Yakima River

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Near the town of Union Gap in south central Washington, a massive chunk of Rattlesnake Ridge is moving ever more quickly.

Geologists say it will likely cause a landslide. And when does come fully down, it could take out roads, infrastructure and in the worst-case scenario, dam up the Yakima River.

Now, nearby residents are weighing their grim options: Abandon house and home — or stay and risk their lives.

### Reading the cracks

There are about 50 residents in 15 houses and trailer homes on a crescent of land wedged in a depression between Interstate 82 and the hillside that's cracking near them. According to measurements taken since October by the state and its consultant, the land above this community and Interstate 82 is starting to move more rapidly.

But there is some disagreement among experts on how big this slide will be.

Yakima County Emergency managers believe



A view of Rattlesnake Ridge from Interstate 82 near the town of Union Gap, Washington. Geologists say fissures in the hillside will likely cause a landslide.

it could be a small and slow-moving slide and could actually stabilize itself.

Bruce Bjornstad, a well-known independent geologist who has studied dozens of Columbia Basin landslides for about the last 20 years, called that "a baseless hunch." He said this landslide looks very similar

to another one — called the Toppensish Landslide — only 18 miles southeast in Yakima Valley.

"There have been other landslides on other ridges, similar to what we have at Union Gap, that have released apparently very quickly and have produced landslides and debris that have moved

out at least a quarter to a third of a mile out into the valley floor," Bjornstad said. "And that potentially, if it happened near the Yakima River, could dam up the river."

Further, Bjornstad said where there are visible cracks in the land on Rattlesnake Ridge is just the start of where the basalt rock might

calve off. He said landslides typically follow a curved line and the debris flows away from that. So what's visible is only a small part of the picture of what might let go off this slope.

"If you project that crack to the south and north where you can't see it yet, but it could develop over time as it continues to move — that crack is going to let the land slide to the west towards the other side of Union Gap and that could potentially block the river, and definitely take out the freeway," Bjornstad said.

And he said the landslide isn't going to stabilize or go away. It's just a matter of time before it all comes down.

Bjornstad added that if he were to travel past Union Gap on I-82, "I think I would find an alternate route."

### Between rocks and a very hard place

Janeth Solorio is a young mother who lives in the community. It's a place of boarded up windows, broken furniture outside, and large chained German Shepherds and pit bulls.

"We have to move and we

don't have enough money," she said. "And that's why I'm worried — I'm alone with my son and I'm pregnant. So it's not easy."

Solorio and other residents said they live there because it's so cheap. Most said they are farmworkers, but there's not much work in the bitter cold. Apple branches and grape vines can be damaged at low temperatures. So there isn't even pruning work right now.

And it's too expensive to move.

But that is what firefighters and an emergency manager are asking them to do. There's a church shelter, then a hotel stay for a month and a bit of extra cash to help them.

But only some have taken that advice.

Tony Castillo, one of the firefighters, said he hopes these residents will leave soon.

"What we've been told is that it could come down whenever," he said. "It's imminent. There is danger here."

KUOW's Liz Jones contributed to this report.

### Corrections:

In a story Jan. 5, about the state of Oregon filing a lawsuit against Monsanto, The Associated Press reported erroneously that Monsanto stopped producing PCBs in 1979 when Congress banned the compounds. The company voluntarily stopped producing them in 1977. 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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