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AccuWeather AccuWeather Forecast **SATURDAY MONDAY SUNDAY** A little rain this Rather cloudy Sunshine and Cloudy and Partly sunny afternoon patchy clouds seasonably cool PENDLETO TEMPERATURE FORECAST 35° 32° 42° **50°** 35° **54°** 32° RATURE 34° 34° 38° 44° **54°** 55° 36° **52°** Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 52/46 Wenatchee 38/33 35/32 **PENDLETON** Tacoma Moses through 3 p.m. yesterday Lake Pullman Aberdeen Olympia Yakima 39/33 **TEMPERATURE** 42/36 51/45 52/42 HIGH LOW Longview Yesterday Kennewick Walla Walla 53/44 Lewiston 52/44 52/43 59° (2006) -21° (1909) Astoria Records 46/41 53/45 **PRECIPITATION** Portland Enterprise Hermiston 24 hours ending 3 p.m Trace 0.32 Pendleton 44/34 54/46 The Dalles Month to date 0.57" Normal month to date 52/47 La Grande Salem 0.32['] 0.93['] Last year to date 56/46 Albany Normal year to date 0.57' Corvallis 56/45 **HERMISTON** 55/43 John Day through 3 p.m. yesterday 51/36 Ontario • Eugene Bend **TEMPERATURE** 42/34 55/43 51/35 LOW HIGH Caldwell Yesterday Burns 28° -3° (1993) <u>Normals</u> 48/29 69° (1959) Records **PRECIPITATION** 54/39 24 hours ending 3 p.m 0.26' Klamath Falls Month to date Normal month to date 0.40" Year to date 0.26" 0.41" Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. Last year to date Normal year to date 0.40' REGIONAL FORECAST **SUN AND MOON** Coastal Oregon: Windy today with periods Eastern Washington: Snow today, 4-8 inches in the 7:34 a.m. Sunrise today of rain, some heavy. A shower tonight north and mountains; snow, then rain, 1-2 inches Sunset tonight 4:32 p.m. near the Idaho border. Rain across the south 2:40 a.m.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A shower

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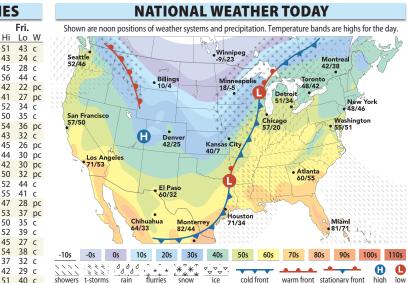
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National Summary: Areas of rain are in store for the South, Midwest and Northwest today. Arctic air will advance over the Plains and Mississippi Valley, where rain will change to ice then snow in many locations.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 83° in Presidio, Texas Low -6° in Cut Bank, Mont.

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Feds to pause killing of beavers after threat of lawsuit

By GILLIAN FLACCUS Associated Press

PORTLAND — The U.S. government will temporarily stop killing beavers in Oregon after environmental groups threatened a lawsuit alleging the practice reduces the number of dams that create deep pools that are ideal habitat for young, endangered coho salmon.

In a letter released Wednesday by a coalition of environmental groups, the government said it will further study whether the actions violate the Endangered Species Act.

Wildlife Services, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said in the Dec. 27, 2017, letter that it would "cease all aquatic mammal damage management activities" directed at beavers, river otters, muskrats and mink.

Wildlife Services killed more than 400 beavers in Oregon in 2016 as part of a federal effort to control damage to agricultural fields, timber land and roadways caused by flooding that resulted from beaver dams.

It's a little-known program in Oregon, where the beaver is the state animal, appears on the state flag and is the mascot of Oregon State University. Beavers played an important role in the state's early economy, earning Oregon the nickname "the beaver state."

Environmentalists killing say beavers to mitigate damage to private agricultural interests harms the environment and particularly endangered salmon species because the dams help salmon — another icon of the Pacific Northwest.

Beavers are "nature's engineers" and their complex dams form deep



In this May 2010 file photo, a beaver holds up a branch to chew on near Thompson Creek in Seaside. The U.S. government will place a pause on a beaver-killing program in Oregon after environmental groups threatened a lawsuit over the practice.

pools in bubbling streams that shield young salmon and give them a resting place to fatten up as they migrate to the Pacific Ocean, said Andrew Hawley, a staff attorney with the Western Environmental Law Center.

The dams have also been shown to reduce turbidity in streams and maintain stable water levels even in drought by blocking and slowing the flow of water.

"Instead of going in and just killing them, there are options for live-trapping them and figuring how to move the family units into other areas. Let them do what they do best," he said.

"They do exactly the type of restoration work that the biologists say we need to do for salmon and coho and steelhead recovery and they do it for free — and better than we could ever

A message and email left for David Williams, state director of the Wildlife Services program in Oregon, were not returned Wednesday.

Beavers are the largest rodent in North America. They can grow to four feet in length and reach 65 pounds.

They build dams to create ponds in fast-moving streams and then build a lodge of felled trees in the middle of the pond. The lodges have underwater entrances and the beavers — which can hold their breath for 15 minutes underwater — enter and exit without attracting attention from predators.

BRIEFLY

Wyden calls for audit into Zinke's use of wildfire funds for unrelated travel

Oregon Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden is calling for an investigation into Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's misuse of wildfire preparedness funds after news reports revealed Zinke used the funds for unrelated travel.

In December, Newsweek reported that internal emails from the Interior Department showed officials OK'd the use of the funds — which are used to coordinate national wildfire fighting efforts though Zinke did not visit fire-affected areas.

The department told Newsweek that Zinke's travel costs were charged to the account in error.

Wyden wants clearer answers and, in a letter, called on the office of the inspector general to conduct an audit of Interior Department spending from the preparedness sub account since Zinke took office.

— Oregon Public Broadcasting

Flu season pushing Central Oregon hospitals to capacity

BEND (AP) — Hospitals in Central Oregon have been pushed to capacity by a severe flu season.

The Bulletin newspaper reports all 349 beds in Bend, Redmond, Madras and Prineville hospitals are occupied, and a third of all patients are being treated for the flu. New patients are being seen and treated in nontraditional areas, including waiting rooms.

Deschutes County Health Service epidemiologist Jennifer Faith says emergency room visits surged after Christmas. She says 18 county residents between 18 and 64 years old checked into emergency rooms the week before Christmas because of flu symptoms. The next week, the number increased to 89.

Flu season in Central Oregon traditionally does not peak until the end of January.

Corrections

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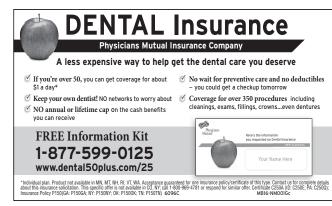
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