

Fire at Oregon border kills 1 as heat stokes blazes in Western U.S.

HORNBOOK, Calif. (AP) — A wildfire raging through drought-stricken timber and brush near California's border with Oregon killed one person and destroyed multiple structures as it burns largely out of control, authorities said Friday.

No other details were released about the death blamed on the fire that threatened 300 homes near Hornbook, a town of 250 people about 14 miles south of the Oregon border. It's not clear the flames burned homes or other structures like barns.

It was one of dozens of fires across the dry American West, fueled by rising temperatures and gusty winds that were expected to last through the weekend. Heat spreading from Southern California into parts of Arizona, Nevada and Utah threatened to worsen flames that have forced thousands of people to evacuate and destroyed hundreds of homes across the West.

On the California-Oregon border, the fire ignited Thursday and moved swiftly through the region that is home to many retirees, said Ray Haupt, chairman of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors.

"It moved so fast I'm not sure how much time lagged between the evacuation and when it hit Hornbrook," he said. "It hit there pretty quick. We know we've lost homes and lots of structures, including livestock and horses as well."

California Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency, citing "extreme peril" to people and property.

Farther north in Oregon, authorities urged hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts to avoid forests near the state line. Although the flames have not crossed into Oregon, officials are concerned people in remote areas can't be reached in case they need to quickly evacuate.

The areas of concern include the Pacific Crest Trail, Mount Ashland and the



In this photo released Friday by the California Highway Patrol, the Klamathon Fire burns in Hornbrook, Calif. A local California official says a deadly blaze burning near the Oregon border moved swiftly through the rural area that is home to many retirees.

California Highway Patrol via AP

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Fire danger could prohibit rescuers from looking for anyone, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office said.

Elsewhere in California, a massive blaze northwest of Sacramento had destroyed nine homes, officials said. Firefighters had begun inspecting the fire zone, which covers an area nearly three times the size of San Francisco.

The fire, spanning 140 square miles, was partially contained, but crews struggled in steep, rugged terrain. With the weather getting hotter and drier, and officials said the fire could grow.

About 75 miles east of Los Angeles, a wildfire in the San Bernardino National Forest prompted mandatory evacuations for the entire community of Forest Falls, which has about 700 homes and about 1,000 residents.

In San Diego County, a fast-moving wildfire burned a handful of homes.

Video from news helicop-

ters showed fire crews running along Interstate 8 in Alpine and trying to quell the flames that were spreading along the side of the freeway as a handful of homes were completely engulfed in flames.

San Diego Gas and Electric says nearly 1,700 customers are without power after the fire damaged the electric system.

In the same county, a new fire on the Camp Pendleton Marine base prompted the evacuation of 750 homes.

In contrast, rain helped slow the growth of wildfires in Colorado that have burned

dozens of homes. But the threat of a deluge raised the possibility of flooding at a stubborn blaze in the southwestern corner of the state.

Officials issued a flash flood watch for the 85-square-mile area burned by a fire that started June 1. They say it is just smoldering and rain over the coming days should keep it from spreading.

Rain helped a fire in the heart of ski country that has destroyed three houses, including the home of a volunteer firefighter battling the flames near the resort town of Aspen. Gov. John Hickenlooper visited the area Friday.

PENDLETON

Construction worker seeks driver who injured him

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Richard "Scott" Williams of Beaverton hopes someone knows the driver who ran him down in Pendleton.

The hit-and-run happened a month ago, but police have not been able to find the driver. Williams, meanwhile, is sporting a broken left arm while going back to work.

Williams said he is foggy on what happened. He didn't even know the impact knocked him out, he said, until co-workers told him he had been unconscious for a few moments.

Williams was the traffic control supervisor for Roy L. Houck Construction Co., a Salem-based contractor repaving the Interstate 84 on- and off-ramps at milepost 207. He was laying out striping June 7 when a dark gray Toyota Camry drove up around 11:20 that morning. According to the report from Pendleton police Sgt. Brandon Gomez, Williams' co-workers said the car stopped at the westbound flagger on Westgate north where it turns toward I-84. The worker there described the female driver as "pencil thin" with short blonde hair and blue eyes. She wore a black stocking cap with a small bill. She also had "extremely slurred speech, watery eyes and avoided eye contact."

The driver mentioned looking for 40th Street, and the worker said she would try to help her with directions. The driver took off across Westgate, over the on-ramp and into the adjacent field.

Another member of the construction crew ran to the car. He told police the driver "looked screwed up" and was impaired, but he didn't know from what. He recounted telling the woman she could not drive through the construction zone and would help her get out of the field, but he also

had to call police. He tried to yank out the car keys, but the woman hit the gas and sped up the field toward the westbound entrance.

Workers yelled for her to stop. Williams was on the south end of the on-ramp when the car stuck him about knee-level, propelling him onto the hood before he smacked the ground.

The car may have had Washington plates displaying "5B" or "5P." The driver headed west on I-84 from the 207 before anyone could call 911 and was out of sight near milepost 202.

Williams had a bloody nose and "noticeable abrasion to the right side of his head," according to the report. He declined an ambulance ride, but "it was obvious he was shook up from the incident and was moving slowly." At the request of his supervisor, Williams let Pendleton paramedics check him out and got that ambulance ride to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

Oregon State Police trooper Boon Setser later questioned Williams at the hospital, where he described the car as a small two-door sedan "French blue" in color, different from the three eyewitnesses. The police report notes the car knocked Williams unconscious.

Williams during a recent phone interview said he still can't recall details, but his body spoke about what happened. In addition to the broken left arm — his dominant arm — he said his left leg from the knee down was one big bruise for a while and he suffered headaches for several days after. He said he is waiting on a scan to determine if his elbow is dislocated.

His recovery, though, is going OK, and he's going back to work. The next job is in La Pine and Houck Construction is giving him some extra help, he said, but he'll have to travel to Portland to see his doctor.

Corrections

In the July 6 brief about a two-vehicle crash near Warehouse Beach, the *EO* stated that one of the vehicles involved in the crash was a white Chevrolet SUV. The vehicle was a pickup truck.

In the July 6 brief about a chase near Hermiston that led to an arrest, the *EO* stated that the suspect, Kody Michael Elmer, crashed his vehicle into a ditch. He was stopped at a traffic stop and then fled, and his vehicle was impounded.

The *EO* regrets the errors.

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TODAY

Partly sunny and pleasant

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny and nice

MONDAY

Mostly sunny

TUESDAY

Sunny and beautiful

WEDNESDAY

Mostly sunny

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

86°	56°	91°	61°	94°	63°	87°	59°	91°	64°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

90°	54°	96°	62°	99°	64°	91°	58°	95°	59°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	93°	61°
Normals	86°	57°
Records	108° (1968)	42° (1898)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.06"
Year to date 6.49"
Last year to date 11.30"
Normal year to date 7.63"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	95°	68°
Normals	87°	57°
Records	105° (1968)	44° (2010)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.04"
Year to date 5.10"
Last year to date 6.59"
Normal year to date 5.74"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:46 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:20 a.m.
Moonset today 2:42 p.m.

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Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.	Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.
Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today; pleasant. Clear tonight.	Cascades: Partly sunny and pleasant today. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.
Western Washington: Clouds and sun today; a couple of showers at the coast	Northern California: Areas of low clouds and fog; then sunshine at the coast today.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	68	52	pc	68	54	pc
Baker City	84	48	s	91	52	s
Bend	83	48	pc	88	50	s
Brookings	66	49	s	63	50	s
Burns	87	46	s	91	49	s
Enterprise	80	49	s	85	54	s
Eugene	82	49	pc	84	50	s
Heppner	82	53	pc	88	59	s
Hermiston	90	54	pc	96	62	s
John Day	86	53	s	92	60	s
Klamath Falls	85	45	s	87	47	s
La Grande	82	51	pc	89	53	s
Meacham	79	47	pc	86	50	s
Medford	90	56	s	91	58	s
Newport	63	50	pc	63	52	pc
North Bend	68	53	pc	66	52	s
Ontario	94	62	s	99	63	s
Pasco	88	53	pc	95	59	s
Pendleton	86	56	pc	91	61	s
Portland	81	57	pc	87	58	pc
Redmond	86	47	pc	91	52	s
Salem	83	54	pc	87	54	pc
Spokane	78	54	pc	87	61	s
Ukiah	79	44	pc	84	48	s
Vancouver	79	55	pc	84	57	pc
Walla Walla	87	60	pc	94	65	s
Yakima	85	52	pc	91	58	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	83	70	t	80	70	t
Hong Kong	89	82	pc	88	81	t
Jerusalem	87	67	s	89	69	s
London	87	63	pc	87	61	pc
Mexico City	73	56	t	72	54	t
Moscow	71	56	r	70	57	sh
Paris	87	64	pc	86	62	pc
Rome	88	67	t	85	68	s
Seoul	83	66	s	85	70	c
Sydney	64	49	s	62	49	s
Tokyo	83	77	c	86	77	pc

UV INDEX TODAY

	Today	Sunday
(in mph)	WSW 6-12	NE 4-8
Boardman	WSW 6-12	NE 4-8
Pendleton	WNW 6-12	NNW 4-8

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 WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Sunshine and low humidity will grace the Midwest and Northeast today, as thunderstorms amid humid air dredge areas from Texas to the southern Atlantic coast. Storms will erupt over the Southwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 119° in Thermal, Calif. Low 36° in Leadville, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	88	67	pc	86	67	t
Atlanta	84	70	t	83	70	pc
Memphis	85	67	s	80	72	pc
Miami	89	77	t	90	78	t
Milwaukee	78	62	s	82	67	s
Minneapolis	85	69	s	89	72	pc
Nashville	87	71	s	88	72	pc
New Orleans	88	76	t	87	74	t
St. Louis	84	62	s	89	68	s
New York City	79	65	s	84	68	s
Oklahoma City	91	68	pc	90	69	s
Omaha	87	63	s	90	68	s
Philadelphia	81	63	s	85	65	s
Phoenix	112	92	s	109	88	t
Portland, ME	78	57	s	82	61	s
Providence	78	58	s	84	62	s
Raleigh	79	63	sh	84	63	s
Rapid City	99	69	s	92	66	s
Reno	96	64	s	97	64	s
Sacramento	97	59	s	97	59	s
Salt Lake City	84	62	s	89	73	pc
Salt Lake City	98	76	pc	99	75	pc
San Diego	89	73	pc	83	72	pc
San Francisco	76	60	pc	75	59	pc
Seattle	75	57	pc	80	58	pc
Tucson	105	82	t	101	79	t
Washington, DC	82	66	s	85	66	s
Wichita	93	65	pc	93	69	s

Weather (W): sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, ch, showers, t, thunderstorms, rain