

Boeing, FAA say more time needed for fix of 737 Max

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Boeing and U.S. aviation regulators say the company needs more time to finish changes in a flight-control system suspected of playing a role in two deadly crashes.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday it anticipates Boeing's final software improvements for 737 Max airliners "in the coming weeks."

Boeing was expected to complete the work last week, but FAA spokesman Greg Martin said the company needs more time to make sure it has identified and addressed all issues.

Chicago-based Boeing offered the same timetable as it works to convince regulators that it can fix software on the planes.

"Safety is our first priority, and we will take a thorough and methodical approach to the development and testing of the update to ensure we take the time to get it right," said Boeing spokesman Charles Bickers.

Boeing needs approval not just from FAA, but elsewhere, including Europe and China, where safety officials have indicated they will conduct their own reviews.

The planes have been grounded around the world since mid-March.

The news from the FAA suggests that airlines could be forced to park their Max jets longer than they expected. Airlines that own Max jets are scrambling other



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In this March 14, 2019, file photo, a worker walks next to a Boeing 737 MAX 8 airplane parked at Boeing Field in Seattle.

planes to fill some Max flights while canceling others.

"We are aware that the resumption of service for our 737 Max aircraft may be further delayed, and our team will work with all customers impacted by any flight cancellations," said American Airlines spokesman Ross Feinstein.

American Airlines had been pointing toward a late-April return of its 24 Max 8s. Over the weekend, Southwest Airlines announced that its 34 Max 8s will be removed from the schedule through May instead of mid-April. United Airlines has idled its 14 Max 9s through June 5.

Separately, U.S. regulators and Boeing are awaiting a preliminary report from Ethiopian investigators into the March 10 crash of an Ethiopian Airlines Max 8 jet shortly after takeoff from Addis Ababa. The report will be scrutinized for information from the plane's data recorders that might

suggest similarities between the doomed flight and the Oct. 29 crash of a Lion Air Max 8 into the Java Sea off Indonesia. The two crashes killed 346 people.

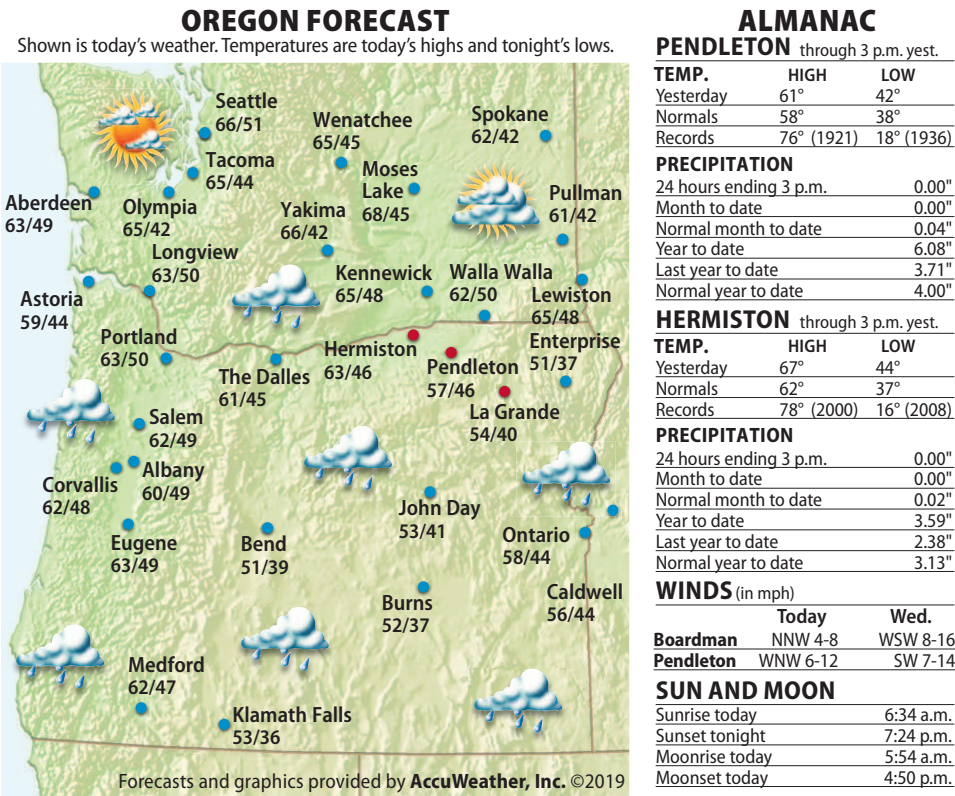
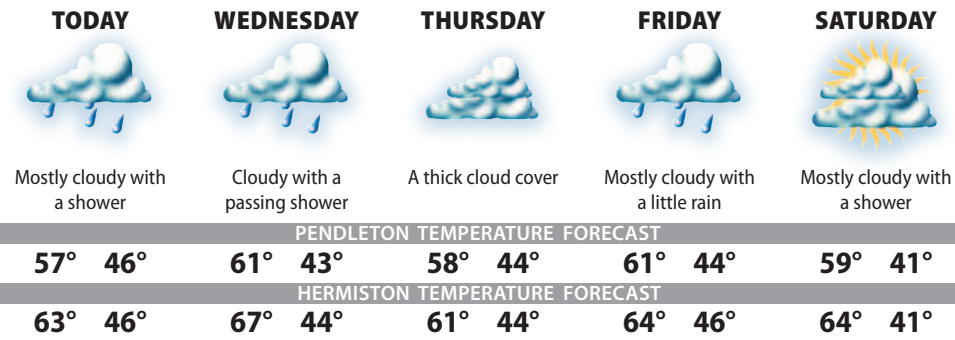
Data from the Indonesian plane indicates that pilots unsuccessfully fought the automated anti-stall system for control of the plane, which plunged into the sea shortly after takeoff. According to published reports, the same system activated on the Ethiopian Airlines flight.

Boeing is making changes in an automated system that is designed to prevent the plane's nose from rising, which can lead to a dangerous aerodynamic stall. The changes include relying on readings from more than one sensor before the anti-stall system activates and pushes the nose down, and making the system's actions less severe and easier for pilots to handle. Boeing has said it will pay to train pilots on the technology.

Two American Airlines pilots who attended a session with Boeing experts last week expressed satisfaction with the manufacturer's changes. American's chief 737 pilot, Roddy Guthrie, said Boeing added "some checks and balances in the system that will make the system much better."

Congress, meanwhile, is looking into the relationship between Boeing and the FAA. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee said Monday that it had requested records from both Boeing and the FAA related to the certification of the 737 Max.

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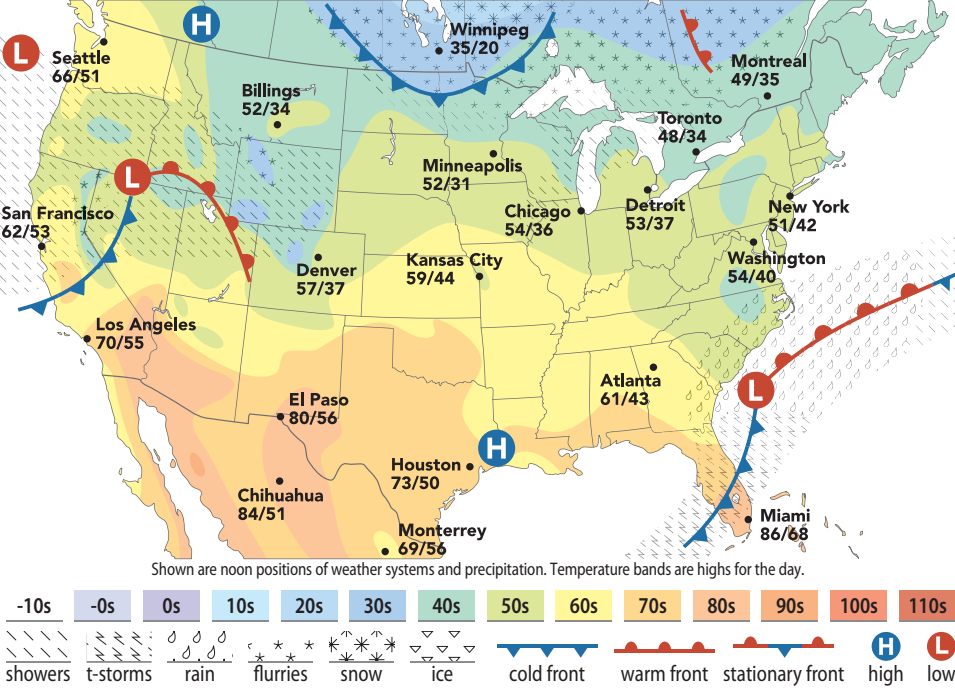


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Three abrupt dismissals at new Oregon secretary of state's office

Associated Press

SALEM — On Oregon Secretary of State Bev Clarno's first full day in office on Monday, three executives in her department were dismissed.

The departures of Deputy Secretary of State Leslie Cummings, chief of staff Deb Royal and governmental and legal affairs director Steve Elzinga came just a day after Clarno, a Republican former lawmaker, was sworn in.

"Looking forward to serving Oregon as Secretary of State!" Clarno tweeted.

Clarno, 83, succeeds Dennis Richardson, who died in February of brain cancer.

As the state's top election official, Clarno will be responsible for overseeing the 2020 elections.

She said via email that she starts work this week

and will be requesting briefing materials for all secretary of state office initiatives, and will meet with staff and state leaders. Her office will not comment on any staff transitions "as they are personnel matters," her statement said.

Democratic Gov. Kate Brown, who has known Clarno for years, on Friday appointed her to the state's second-highest office under the agreement that she won't run for the office in the next election.

Richardson's term ends in January 2021.

Brown earlier told reporters that she wanted a secretary of state who would focus on overseeing elections instead of running for office.

Clarno was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1988, and served as House speaker from 1995 to 1997. She was

then elected to the state Senate in 2000, which was split 15-15 between Republicans and Democrats, the *Cascade Business News* reported in a 2017 profile of Clarno. She became Senate Republican Leader in 2003. In that role, she developed a working relationship with Brown, who was then a top Democratic senator, the *Cascade Business News* said.

Royal, who also served as Richardson's spokeswoman, was taking her dismissal in stride.

"It's a political appointment, and in political appointments, you serve at the pleasure of the principal," Royal told the *Salem Statesman Journal*.

A formal swearing in is expected later this week for Clarno, who is from the Central Oregon town of Redmond, in Deschutes County.

BRIEFLY

Driver dies when truck hits propane tank in Clackamas

CLACKAMAS (AP) — Authorities say the driver of a truck died after the truck hit a propane tank outside Portland, catching fire.

The *Oregonian*/OregonLive reports the driver of a Franz Bakery truck hit the tank Monday afternoon near the company's distribution center in Clackamas. Authorities are investigating whether he intentionally drove into the tank.

The crash set off at least an explosion and a fire that torched at least two other trucks and damaged a build-

ing, according to Brandon Paxton, a Clackamas Fire District 1 spokesman.

The man's name has not been released.

1 person killed, 2 officers injured in Oregon shooting

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — One person was killed and two police officers were injured in a shooting in a western Oregon city Sunday night.

The *Register-Guard* reports that the deceased person has not yet been identified following the shooting in Springfield around 9 p.m.

Police say two officers have been treated at McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center for injuries that are not expected to be life threatening.

Their names have not been released.

Police say the officers were involved in a short vehicle pursuit before the shooting in the city 110 miles south of Portland.

The newspaper reports the area was closed to traffic Sunday night and police tape remained in place Monday morning.

Police say the Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigation team will oversee the investigation.

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