

# 73-year-old, his dogs rescued after 4 days in remote Oregon

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ADELL — A 73-year-old man, who was stranded in the remote Oregon High Desert for four days with his two dogs, was rescued when a long-distance mountain biker discovered him near death on a dirt road, authorities said Thursday.

Gregory Randolph had hiked about 14 miles with one of his dogs after his Jeep got stuck in a narrow, dry creek bed. He was barely conscious when biker Tomas Quinones found him July 18.

Quinones, of Portland, hadn't seen anyone all day as he biked across the so-called Oregon Outback, a sparsely populated expanse of scrub brush and cattle lands in south-central Oregon. At first, he thought the strange lump was a dead cow.

"As I got closer, I thought, 'That's a funny looking cow,' and then, I realized that this was a man," he recalled Thursday. "I started noticing that he sometimes would look at me, but his eyes were all over the place, almost rolling into the back of his head. Once I got a better look at him, I could tell that he was in deep trouble."



Tomas Quinones via AP

This July 18, 2019, photo provided by Tomas Quinones shows Gregory Randolph, a 73-year-old man who was stranded in the remote Oregon High Desert for four days with his two dogs. Randolph was rescued when Quinones, a long-distance mountain biker, discovered him near death on a dirt road, authorities said Thursday.

Randolph was horribly sunburned, couldn't talk or sit up, and could barely drink the water Quinones offered him.

Quinones hadn't had a cellphone signal for two days, so he pressed the "SOS" button on a GPS tracking device he travels with in case of emergency.

He sat with Randolph, unfurling his tent to provide shade as they waited. A dog — a tiny Shih Tzu — emerged from the brush, and Quinones fed it peanut butter.

An ambulance showed up more than an hour later and whisked Randolph away, leaving the dog. A sheriff's deputy showed up

minutes later and, after giving a report, Quinones continued his trip. The deputy took the dog.

But Quinones soon noticed what appeared to be Randolph's footprints in the dust and followed them back for 4 miles until the footprints left the road, he said.

When the deputy passed

while leaving the area, Quinones pointed out the tracks then continued on.

Oregon State Police said they used an airplane to spot Randolph's Jeep two days later, on July 20. His second dog had stayed at the site and was alive.

The dog may have gotten some water from mud puddles in the creek bed, Lake County Deputy Buck Maganzini said.

The Jeep was miles from the nearest paved road, he added.

"It's still there. It very well could stay there forever. I don't know how he got the Jeep in as far as he did," Maganzini said.

Randolph spent several nights in a hospital but is home and recovering, as are his dogs. A home phone listing for him was disconnected.

"He was just out driving the roads — that's kind of common out here," Maganzini said. "There's not a heck of a lot else to do. You see a lot of pretty country."

Quinones has finished his backcountry bike trip and said he feels lucky that he found Randolph when he did — and that he had a way to summon help.

He later discovered it would have been a six-hour ride to the next campsite with cellphone service had he not had his GPS tracking "SOS" device.

"There's no way to tell how long he'd been collapsed on that road," he said. "It's kind of mind-blowing."

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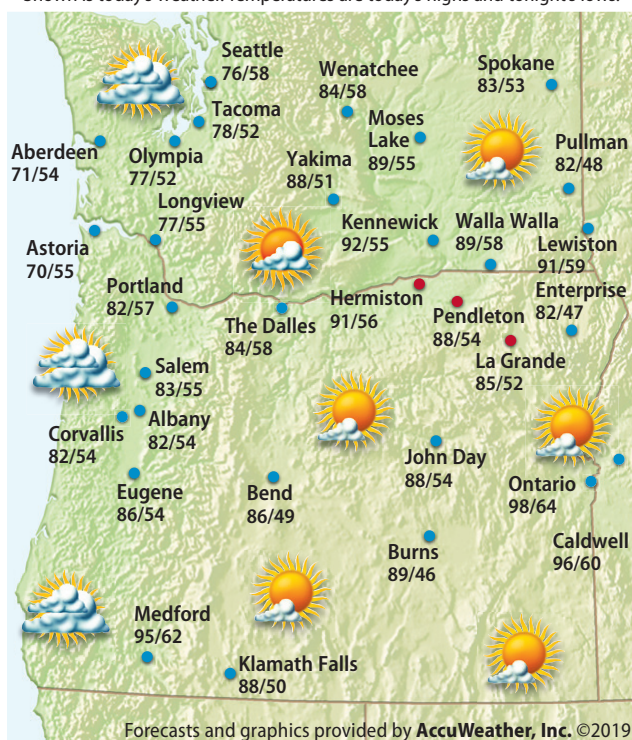
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Mostly sunny; breezy, not as hot	Sunny and beautiful	Pleasant with plenty of sunshine	Pleasant with plenty of sun	Nice with plenty of sun
88° 54°	88° 56°	93° 61°	89° 59°	89° 55°
91° 56°	91° 57°	97° 65°	93° 62°	92° 55°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

## OREGON FORECAST

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



## ALMANAC

PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	95°	57°
Normals	90°	60°
Records	109° (1928)	40° (1908)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.28"
Year to date	9.61"
Last year to date	6.49"
Normal year to date	7.86"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	95°	50°
Normals	90°	60°
Records	109° (1939)	45° (1936)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.01"
Normal month to date	0.18"
Year to date	4.56"
Last year to date	5.10"
Normal year to date	5.88"

WINDS (in mph)

	Today	Sun.
Boardman	WSW 10-20	WSW 3-6
Pendleton	W 10-20	WNW 4-8

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:30 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:24 a.m.
Moonset today	4:25 p.m.

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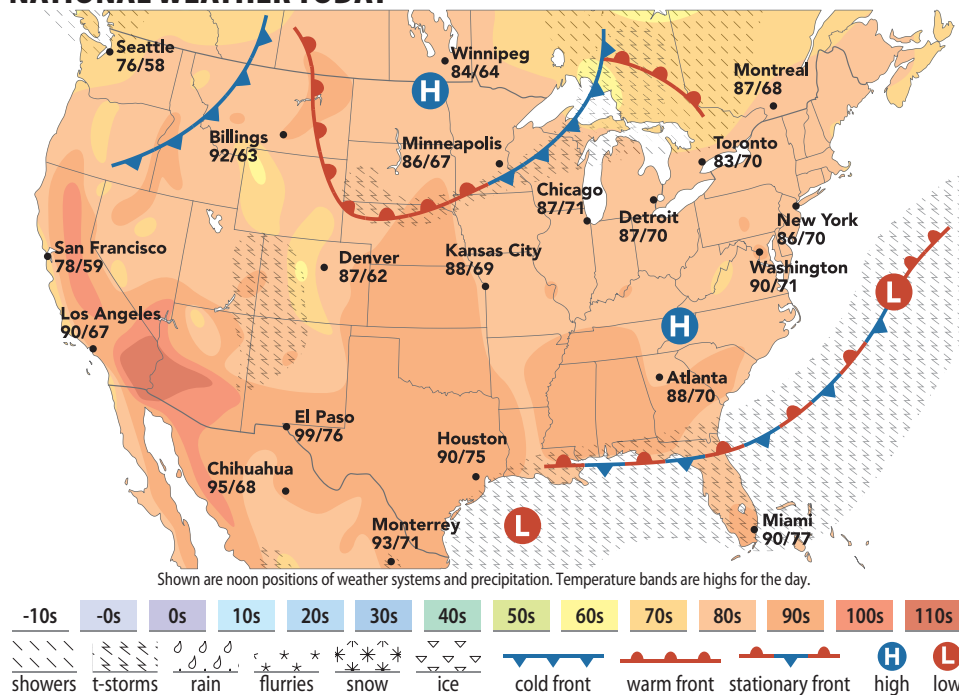
July 31	Aug 7	Aug 15	Aug 23
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## NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 112° in Palm Springs, Calif. Low 30° in Stanley, Idaho

## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



## BRIEFLY

### Forest Service bans camping in overused area

BAKER CITY — The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has banned overnight camping on a 240-acre site near Sumpter due to damage caused by people staying in the area for longer than the 14 consecutive days allowed.

"Because of this type of use, the area has become very impacted from the campers," according to a memorandum from Tom Montoya, Wallowa-Whitman supervisor.

The affected area is near Huckleberry Creek, along Forest Road 1090 just east of Highway 7, about 5 miles southeast of Sumpter.

In his memo, Montoya wrote: "The visitors to the area appear to have established a pattern of being disruptive to the local residents. There have been reports of forest visitors digging septic holes, leaving litter behind, and damaging wetlands with off-highway vehicle play activities."

Montoya wrote that Wallowa-Whitman employees have documented some of this damage, including with photographs.

"To prevent this damage from continuing, the area needs time to be closed to let the area rehabilitate," Montoya wrote.

Forest employees have received reports that people have stayed in the area for as long as 3 to 4 months, according to Montoya's memo.

He also wrote that employees have "received multiple complaints and requests for the Forest Service to do something."

Forest Service law enforcement officers will monitor the area during the camping ban.

### State attorneys seek dismissal of foster care lawsuit

SALEM — State attorneys representing Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and the Department of Human Ser-

vices filed a motion to dismiss a federal lawsuit targeting Oregon's troubled foster care system, arguing in part that the state is already taking significant action to address child welfare.

The motion, filed Thursday, responds to a lawsuit filed in April arguing that the state violated foster children's federal and constitutional rights by not providing them proper care. The suit said DHS failed to protect the 7,500 foster children in its custody from harm and cited numerous examples, including a case involving a 9-year-old girl who was sent to an out-of-state facility where she was drugged and physically restrained by staff.

In its motion to dismiss, the state argues the federal court system cannot compel changes to Oregon's foster care system and that improving child welfare is "a task that must be left to Oregon's juvenile courts and state government."

— EOMG and wire services

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