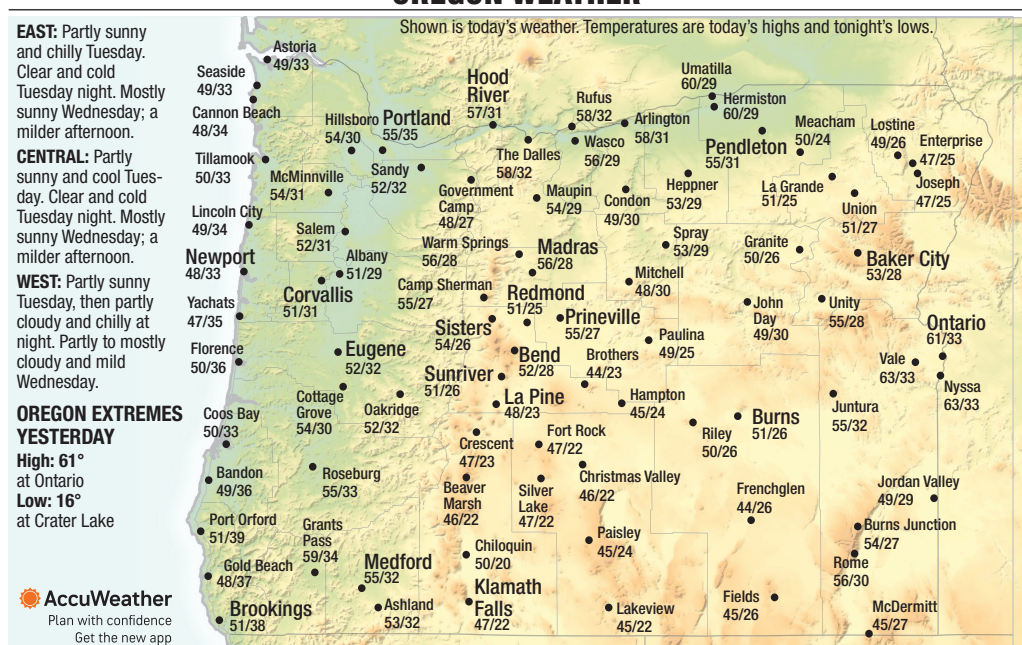


Weather forecast for TODAY through MONDAY. Includes icons for sun, moon, clouds, and rain, along with temperature ranges and descriptions like 'Mostly sunny and milder' and 'Chance for a couple of showers'.

ALMANAC

Bend Municipal Airport through 5 p.m. yesterday. TEMPERATURE Yesterday Normal Record High 43° 51° 74° in 1994 Low 28° -13° in 1906... UV INDEX TODAY 10 a.m. 3 Noon 4 2 p.m. 4 4 p.m. 3... ROAD CONDITIONS I-84 at Cabbage Hill: Sun and clouds today. Mainly clear and cold tonight.

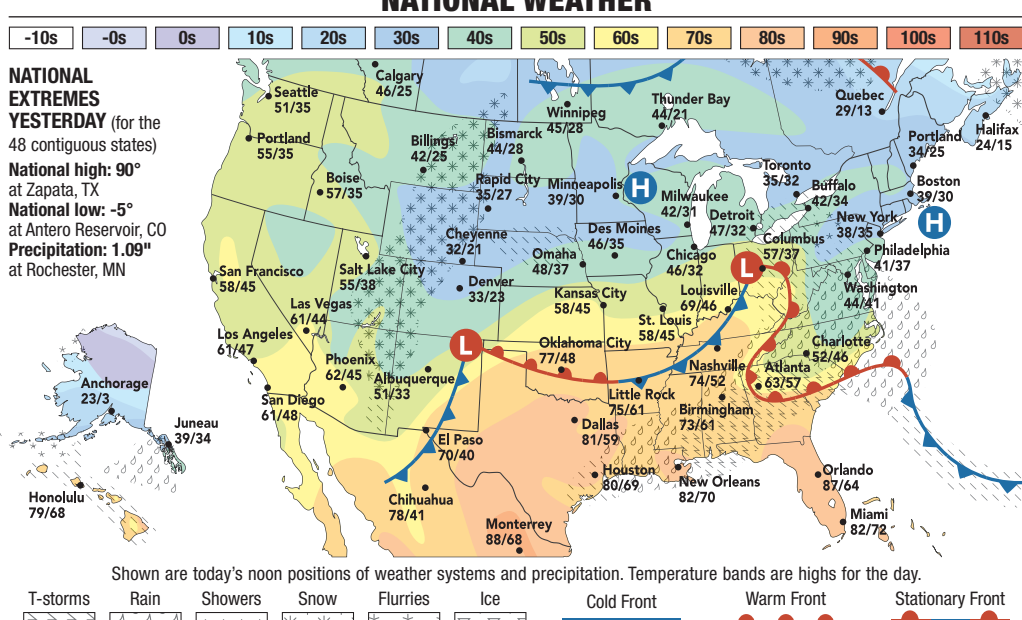
OREGON WEATHER



TRAVEL WEATHER

Table with columns for National weather forecasts. Includes sub-tables for Yesterday, Today, and Wednesday forecasts for various cities like Abilene, Albany, Albuquerque, etc.

NATIONAL WEATHER



INTERNATIONAL

Table of international weather forecasts for cities like Amsterdam, Athens, Auckland, Baghdad, Bangkok, Beijing, Beirut, Berlin, Bogota, Buenos Aires, etc.

Travel

Continued from A11 Parker said American's bookings are now running just 20% below 2019 levels. A factor appears to be traveler confidence now that more people are getting vaccinated against COVID-19. About 70 million Americans, or 21%, have received at least one dose, and 37 million have completed their vaccination, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sams

Continued from A11 He was surprised when Brown offered him a seat on the council. The pair had talked about appointments to other bodies in the past, but the Northwest Power and Conservation Council wasn't one of them. But for Sams, 50, the offer had appeal. Between stints in tribal government, Sams was the director for several energy and environmentally focused nonprofits, including the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, the Earth Conservation Corps and the Community Energy Project.

Northwest Power and Conservation Council is responsible for devising long-term planning for the Columbia Basin, taking both energy and conservation needs into account. Sams is joining an eight-person council with representation from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. A full-time job, each council member earns \$120,000 per year. Sams said he will become the only enrolled tribal member on the board and only the second American Indian in the council's 30-year history.



Kathy Aney/East Oregonian file Chuck Sams, then the communications director for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, gives local high school athletes some insight on tribal history and beliefs in 2018.

history and cultures of the Indigenous and Tribal peoples who have lived in Oregon since time immemorial," said Charles Boyle, a spokesman for Brown. "In December, she wrote a letter recommending him to lead the National Park Service, and she is extremely pleased for his commitment to now serve on the" council.

ifications and qualities before sharing her vision for the National Parks Service under Sams' leadership. If appointed to the position, Sams would be the service's first full-time director since the Obama administration. Former President Donald Trump nominated a candidate, but he was never confirmed by the Senate, and the agency has been overseen by a series of acting directors for

the past four years. Sams said he was honored by Brown's recommendation, but he added that he will also be pleased to stay in the Northwest and serve on the council if he doesn't get the parks director position. Although the council's offices are in Portland, Sams said he intends to stay at his residence on the Umatilla Indian Reservation and work remotely. Sams' last day in tribal government came on Friday, March 12, and he left with some warm words from one of his former bosses.

Fraud

Continued from A11 Claypool, the company's general manager at the time, called the misbranding scheme "getting creative" and used it to defraud customers of \$1 million, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan Bounds. In a separate pyramid fraud, Claypool directed an accomplice to create a limited liability corporation called Green Pyramid LLC to pose as an independent grass seed broker, ac-

Exports

Continued from A11 Ships are routinely delayed or canceled outright, often with little time for exporters to make alternative arrangements. Those delays create additional and expensive back-

logs at processing plants and packing sheds. And things are about to get worse as exporters who haven't sold all of last year's crop now brace for this year's harvest. In a few months, for example, hay farmers in the Pacific Northwest will start cutting the first crops of 2021, "and

we've still got a lot of last year's crop that needs to be moving," says Ellensburg hay exporter Mark Anderson. His company, Anderson Hay, normally sells 90% of its product to foreign buyers, but now struggles to find cargo space. "It's become, really, a complete supply chain meltdown

on the Pacific Ocean," said Anderson, who worries that some customers may switch to Australian hay. Trade economists and policymakers expect the capacity shortages to fade as the pandemic ends and normal consumer patterns return. But many exporters fear that by

then, they may have permanently lost some market share. "My biggest worry is that suddenly what seemed like a blip in exports and a temporary problem becomes, well, now China is going elsewhere for their apples and their cherries and their hay," says Rep. Kim Schrier, D-Sammamish.

Fraud

Continued from A11 Claypool was responsible for negotiating much of Jacklin's grass seed sales overseas, generating millions of dollars in orders for the company, but he was a salaried employee and didn't receive commissions for the orders. Claypool and a colleague conspired to route a portion of Jacklin's overseas sales through a competing grass-seed seller, ProSeeds Marketing Inc., based in Jefferson, Oregon, the

prosecutor said. Claypool would negotiate for Jacklin through ProSeeds, which would add its own mark-up to the sales and kick back outsized commissions to Claypool through the Green Pyramid corporation, according to Bounds. Claypool also generated commissions from ProSeeds by having Green Pyramid purport to broker bogus sales of Jacklin's own seeds back to Jacklin at a mark-up, according to court papers.

From December 2018 through August 2019, Claypool generated more than \$369,000 in fraudulent commissions, according to Bounds. The prosecutor described Claypool's most lucrative fraud as the Hawaiian properties scheme. Claypool was responsible for international sales and had authority to approve payment of commissions to foreign industry partners that facilitated the sales. Claypool, along with a Jack-

lin employee based in China and the employee's wife, conspired to embezzle more than \$12 million in commissions transmitted to bank accounts in Hong Kong and elsewhere of bogus entities posing as foreign sales partners, according to Bounds. They laundered the money through multiple wire transfers from foreign banks to U.S. banks for investments in Hawaiian real estate for Claypool's benefit, the prosecutor said. Claypool used the money to

make investments in four real estate properties in Hawaii under his control. Claypool sold one house for \$4.8 million, another for \$6.4 million, according to Bounds. Claypool netted \$9.5 million through the fraudulent real estate investments, Bounds said. In the final scheme, Claypool pleaded guilty to conspiring with the owner of an independent travel agency in Spokane to inflate the purported costs of his international business travel.