

## High Winds Expected Wednesday, gusts in excess of 60 mph possible

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The National Weather Service has issued a high wind watch for Central Oregon from Wednesday morning throughout Wednesday evening, with sustained winds of 40 mph and gusts in excess of 60 mph possible. A powerful pacific storm moving onshore with a strong cold front is expected to move across the central and northeast portion of Oregon, as well as southeast Washington on Wednesday. "At this time it appears that the areas at greatest risk for the high winds will be the higher elevations...mainly above 2500 feet," said the wind watch alert issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). The south to southwesterly winds are expected to increase throughout the day and peak during afternoon and early evening hours. According to the NWS, affected cities may include the Oregon communities of Bend, La Pine, Prineville, Redmond, Dufur, Madras, Maupin, Moro, Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa, Ukiah, Condon, Fossil, Spray, Long Creek, Mitchell, Seneca, Cleelum, Easton, Roslyn, Naches, Goldendale, Appleton, Trout Lake, and Bickleton. A high wind watch is issued when sustained winds of 40 mph or greater and or gusts of 58 mph are possible. Persons in the watch area are advised to keep abreast of the weather situation and be prepared to take action if a warning is issued. Warnings may be tracked at the NWS web site at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pdt/>. Skies will become cloudy with rain and higher mountain snow developing during the day Wednesday and continuing into Wednesday night. A fast westerly flow aloft will then continue through about Friday with frequent weather systems and occasional breezy conditions. A stronger pacific weather system and cold front will move into the pacific northwest on Sunday and continue into early next week.

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