

## High Winds Expected in Central Oregon, 50 mph gusts possible

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The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Advisory for Central Oregon areas with 50-mph gusts capable of producing minor property damage and dangerous driving conditions, especially for high-profile vehicles, possible for the next 16 hours.

The advisory is in effect from 10 a.m. Thursday to 4 a.m. Friday morning for Central Oregon and John Day Basin, including the cities of Bend, La Pine, Prineville, Redmond, John Day, Monument, and Dayville.

The next storm system will cross the area today and tonight. South to southwest winds will increase to 30-40 mph with gusts to 50 mph by this afternoon.

An advisory of this nature is issued when sustained winds are forecast between 30-39 mph or gusts ranging from 46-57 mph.

According to Expert Senior Meteorologist John Kocet of AccuWeather.com, the storm that is expected to hit Thursday night will renew severe weather from western Oregon to southern British Columbia. The coast will experience very high winds and heavy rain. In the mountains, snowfall will be measured by the foot. A break from the harsh weather is expected to occur this weekend.

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