

Severe Storm Hits Bend

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At 2:46 pm today, the National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning for Central Deschutes County. The warning remained in effect until 3:45 pm.

Golfball-sized hail and wind gusts to 60 miles per hour were reported as likely, according to the warning. For your protection, the Weather Service recommends that residents move to a sturdy shelter until the storm passes.

At 2:30 pm National Weather Service Doppler Radar indicated the storm was located 14 miles southeast of Powell Butte, 9 miles east of Bend, Oregon - and moving northeast at 30 mph.

Other areas impacted include Post and Prineville, including Highway 97 between mile markers 125 and 134, and Highway 26 between mile markers 20 and 32.

At 3:45 pm, the warning was downgraded to a Severe Thunderstorm watch. Conditions are favorable for continued storms up until 10 pm this evening. Stay alert, and be prepared to seek shelter if a warning is issued.

In Bend, heavy rain, thunder, lightening, and massive hail storms were reported throughout the city. Traffic delays, road closures, and flooded streets were also reported.

For more information on severe thunderstorms, visit
<http://www.weather.com/encyclopedia/thunder/svrtstm.html>.

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