

Freeze Watch for Union, Wallowa, Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, Oregon: lows near 29 to 30 early Saturday

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NWS Pendleton issued a Freeze Watch at 11:36 a.m. PT Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, for the Grande Ronde Valley (Union County), Wallowa County, and Central Oregon (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties). It runs from late Friday night through Saturday morning, 1:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. PT Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026. NWS says sub-freezing temperatures as low as 30 are possible in Central Oregon and the Grande Ronde Valley, and as low as 29 for the Wallowa Valley. Frost and freeze could kill crops and sensitive plants and damage unprotected outdoor plumbing.

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What NWS says: sub-freezing temperatures as low as 30 are possible in Central Oregon and the Grande Ronde Valley. In Wallowa County, sub-freezing temperatures as low as 29 are possible for the Wallowa Valley. Impacts, in the Weather Service's words: "Frost and freeze conditions could kill crops, other sensitive vegetation and possibly damage unprotected outdoor plumbing."

NWS recommended action: "Take steps now to protect tender plants from the cold." A watch means freezing temperatures are possible, not certain. NWS can upgrade it to a Freeze Warning, change it, or cancel it before Saturday morning, so check the latest NWS Pendleton product before you rely on this page.

Zones, counties and forecast lows

Grande Ronde Valley (ORZ049), Union County: sub-freezing temperatures as low as 30 possible. NWS zone page: <https://forecast.weather.gov/showsigwx.php?warnzone=ORZ049&warncounty=ORC061>

Wallowa County (ORZ050): sub-freezing temperatures as low as 29 possible for the Wallowa Valley. NWS zone page: <https://forecast.weather.gov/showsigwx.php?warnzone=ORZ050&warncounty=ORC063>

Central Oregon (ORZ511), coded to Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties: sub-freezing temperatures as low as 30 possible. NWS zone pages:

<https://forecast.weather.gov/showsigwx.php?warnzone=ORZ511&warncounty=ORC013> ·

<https://forecast.weather.gov/showsigwx.php?warnzone=ORZ511&warncounty=ORC017> ·

<https://forecast.weather.gov/showsigwx.php?warnzone=ORZ511&warncounty=ORC031>

The NWS product

Product: Freeze Watch (NWS headline: "FREEZE WATCH IN EFFECT FROM LATE FRIDAY NIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY MORNING"). Sender: NWS Pendleton OR. AWIPS NPWPDT. WMO WWUS76 KPDT 081836. VTEC /O.NEW.KPDT.FZ.A.0003.261010T0800Z-261010T1700Z/ (a new watch).

Issued 11:36 a.m. PT Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026. Watch starts 1:00 a.m. PT Saturday, Oct. 10, and ends 10:00 a.m. PT Saturday, Oct. 10. The alert message itself expires at 11:00 p.m. PT Thursday, which is when NWS is due to update it; that is not the end of the watch.

NWS ratings on the alert: severity Severe, urgency Future, certainty Possible.

Alert records:

<https://api.weather.gov/alerts/urn:oid:2.49.0.1.840.0.a3e88d28a41f89bcceef62cc31323e0bf6fb61b0.001.1>
(Grande Ronde Valley; Central Oregon) and

<https://api.weather.gov/alerts/urn:oid:2.49.0.1.840.0.a3e88d28a41f89bcceef62cc31323e0bf6fb61b0.002.1>
(Wallowa County). NWS Pendleton office: <https://www.weather.gov/pdt/>

What NWS asks you to do

"Take steps now to protect tender plants from the cold."

The impacts NWS lists are crops, other sensitive vegetation and unprotected outdoor plumbing.

Notes

- Checked live on api.weather.gov at about 3:50 p.m. PT Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026. Both alerts were Status Actual, message type Alert, and not cancelled. If weather.gov and this paper disagree, weather.gov wins.

- This watch is Oregon-only. NWS Pendleton did not include Umatilla County (Pendleton) or any Washington zone in it at that check.

- All five counties are on Pacific time.

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