



## Holiday Weekend Outlook

Good morning, partners. Here is your weather update for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. Overall weather impacts from Friday through Sunday will be low, with warm temperatures resulting in a minor heat risk. The primary concern through the weekend will be breezy afternoon and evening winds developing in Central Washington on Friday and Saturday, expanding eastward on Sunday. This will create elevated fire weather conditions. There is moderate-to-high confidence in a pattern change arriving on Monday with a cold front. This system will bring showers, a chance of thunderstorms, and the strongest winds of the weekend, with gusts of 30–40 mph. However, there is still moderate uncertainty regarding the exact timing of the front—scenarios range from Monday morning to Monday night—which means the exact window for when these impacts will hit communities across the Inland Northwest is still shifting. We will keep you updated as confidence increases.

### KEY POINTS

- **Lightning threat Friday through Sunday (10% or less) then increasing Monday (10-30%)**
- **Gusty winds resulting in periods of elevated fire weather concerns**
- **Minor Heat Risk over the weekend largely driven by afternoon temperatures ~ 10 °F above normal.**
- **Cold Water: Rivers and lakes remain cold increasing risk for hypothermia**

### WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence for a reasonable worst-case scenario.

	Fri 5/22	Sat 5/23	Sun 5/24	Mon 5/25
Wind		Central WA	Region-wide	Region-wide PM
Lightning	North Idaho			Eastern Washington Idaho Panhandle
Heat	Minor Heat Risk	Minor Heat Risk	Minor Heat Risk	

#### Risk Levels

Little to None

Minor

Moderate

Major

Extreme

### DETAILS

- **Wind Gusts Friday through Monday**
  - Friday: Central WA West 15-25 mph
  - Saturday: Central WA West 20-30 mph
  - Sunday: Region-wide: Southwest to West 15-30 mph
  - Monday: Region-wide: Southwest to West 25-40 mph (moderate uncertainty in timing)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### GRAPHICS



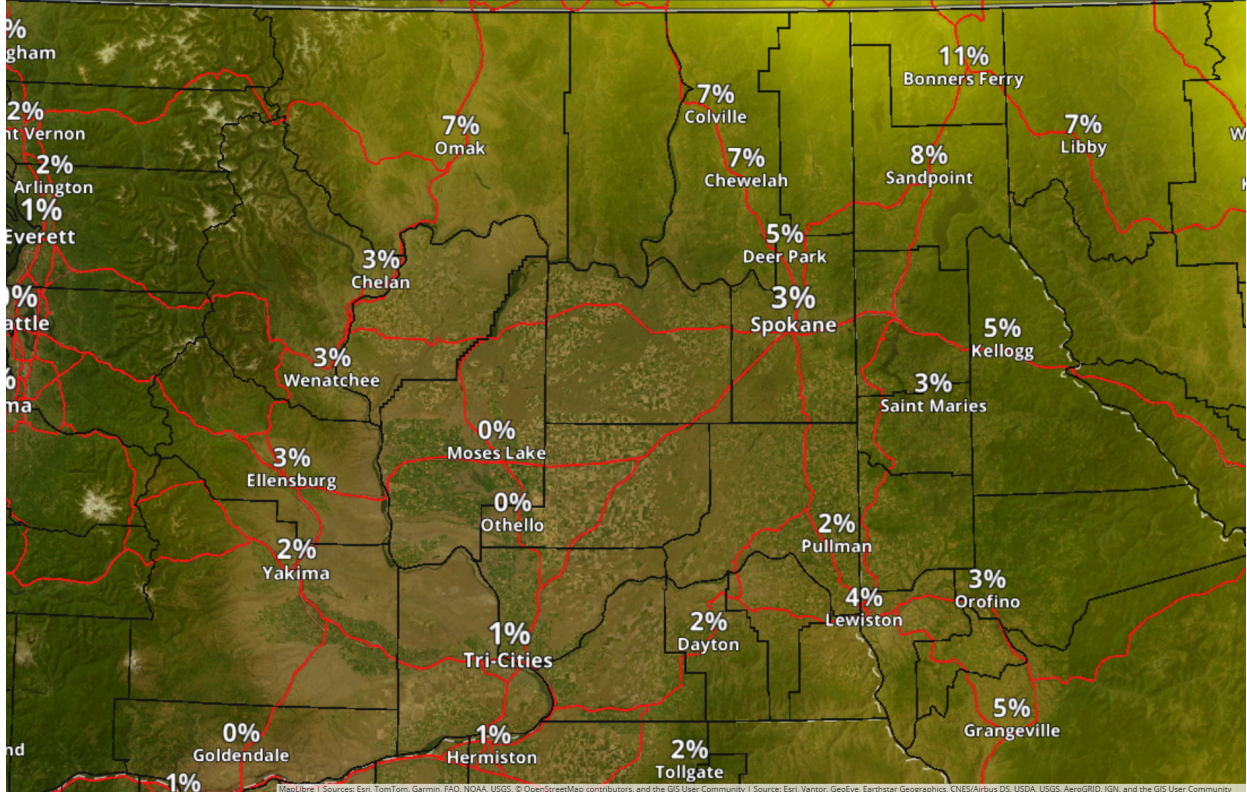
# FRI: Probability of Lightning

Fri, May 22, 2026, 11 pm PDT

Probability of Thunder (%)



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**FRI: Prob of Lightning**



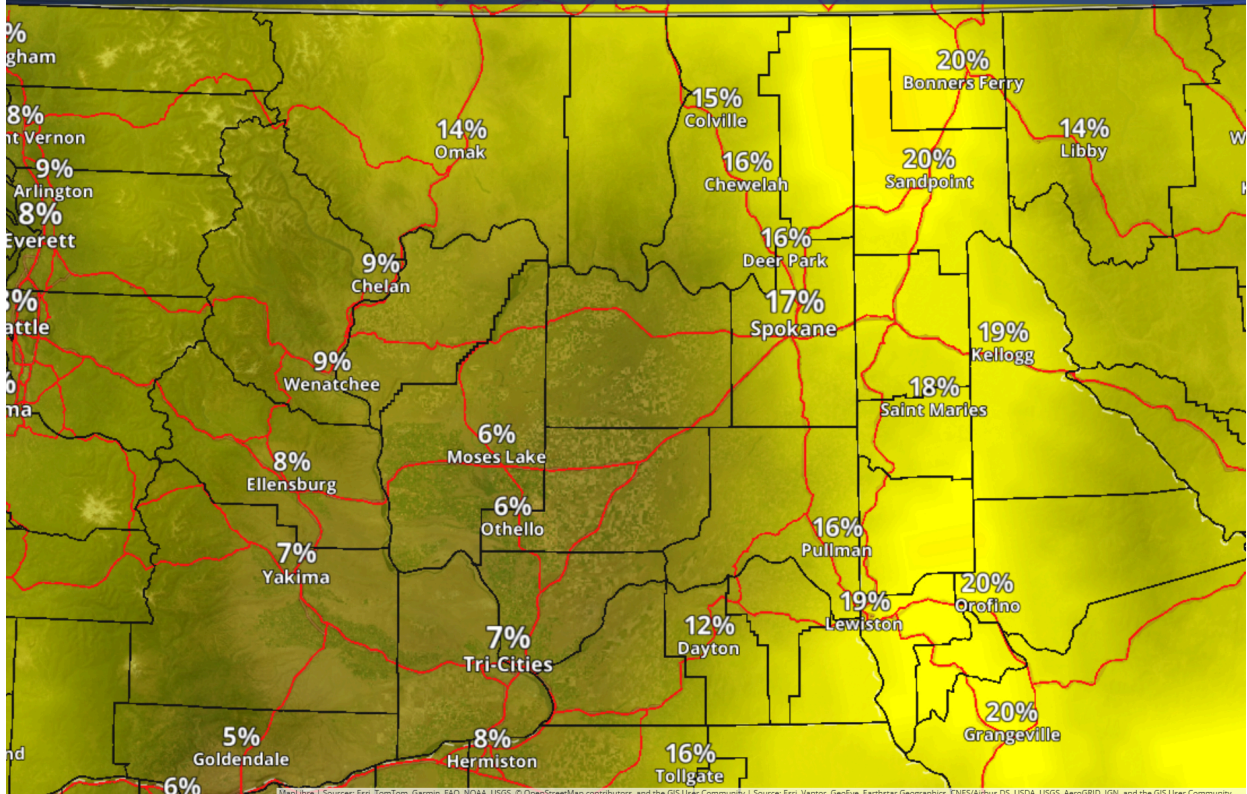
# MON: Probability of Lightning

Mon, May 25, 2026, 11 pm PDT

Probability of Thunder (%)



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**MON: Prob of Lightning**

## COLD WATER SAFETY

- Wear a life vest during water activities
- Keep a close eye on children
- Alcohol enhances hypothermia
- Even experienced swimmers can lose muscle control very quickly
- Fast-flowing water will make rescue difficult



### BE AWARE!

Even though temperatures are warming, rivers, lakes, and streams are still cold and running fast, especially with mountain snow runoff.

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## WARM WEEKEND



## CHILLY RIVERS AND LAKES



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## Cold Water Safety

## Forecast Morning Low & Afternoon High Temperatures (°F)

	Friday May 22nd		Saturday May 23rd		Sunday May 24th		Monday May 25th	
Bonniers Ferry	47°	75°	49°	79°	51°	75°	48°	66°
Chelan	52°	83°	54°	85°	54°	77°	50°	67°
Coeur d'Alene	47°	74°	48°	77°	51°	73°	48°	65°
Colville	43°	79°	44°	82°	47°	76°	43°	67°
Lewiston	49°	78°	50°	83°	54°	81°	51°	73°
Moses Lake	48°	82°	51°	85°	52°	79°	49°	71°
Omak	49°	80°	52°	83°	52°	75°	50°	68°
Pullman	44°	73°	46°	77°	50°	72°	47°	65°
Republic	42°	77°	45°	79°	45°	73°	43°	62°
Sandpoint	45°	73°	46°	77°	49°	72°	47°	63°
Spokane	47°	75°	49°	78°	53°	73°	49°	66°
Wenatchee	53°	82°	56°	83°	54°	77°	52°	69°

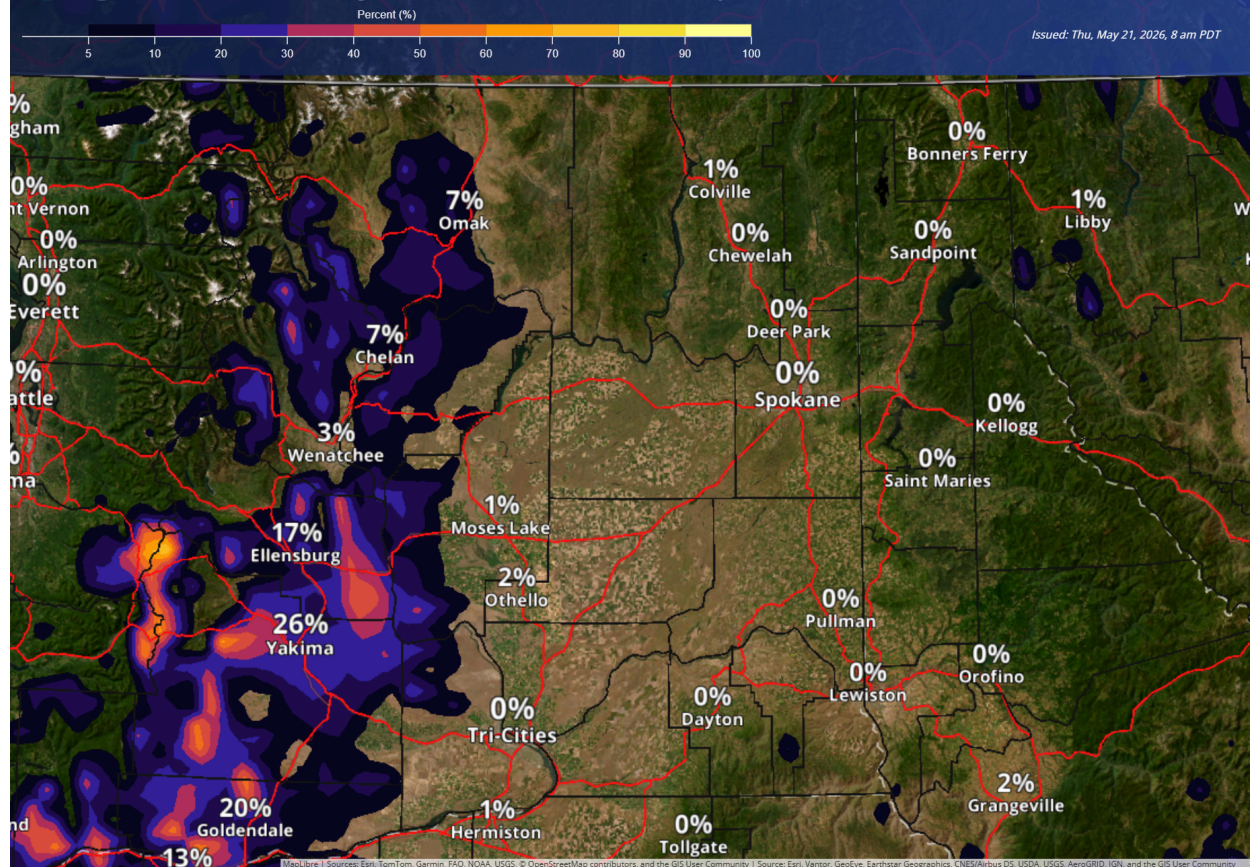
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Temperature Outlook



# FRI: Probability of Wind Gusts > 30 mph

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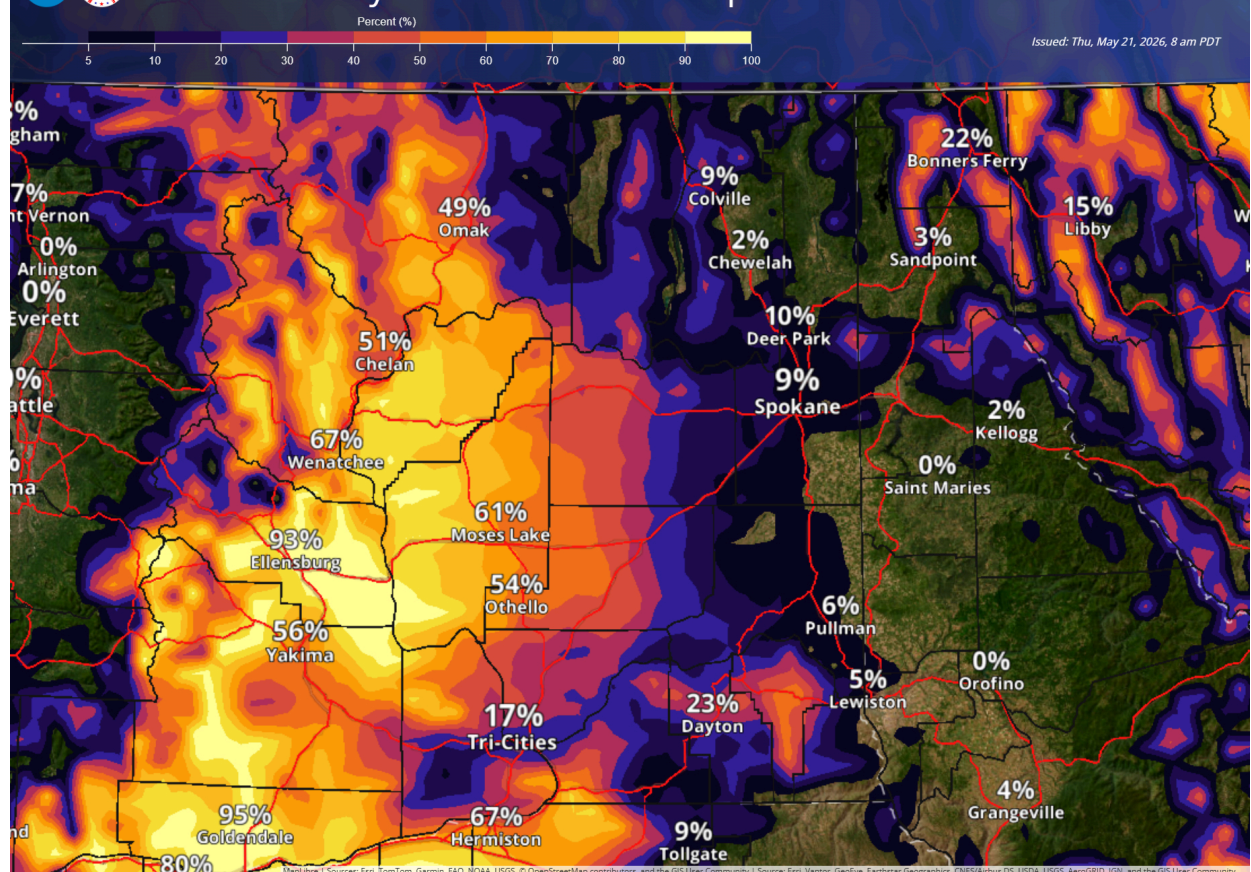


**FRI: Prob of Wind Gusts > 30 mph**



# SAT: Probability of Wind Gusts > 30 mph

Sat, May 23, 2026, 11 pm PDT

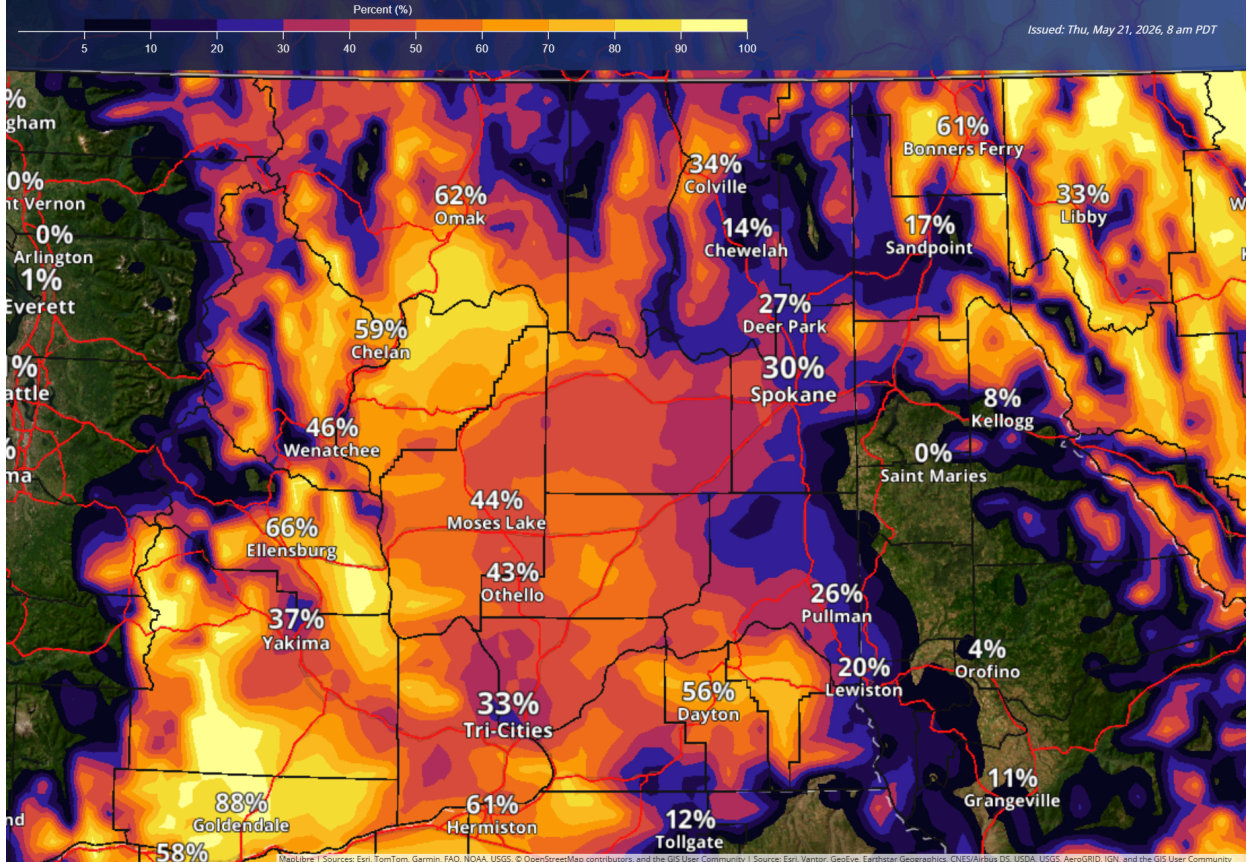


**SAT: Prob of Wind Gusts > 30 mph**



# SUN: Probability of Wind Gusts > 30 mph

Sun, May 24, 2026, 11 pm PDT

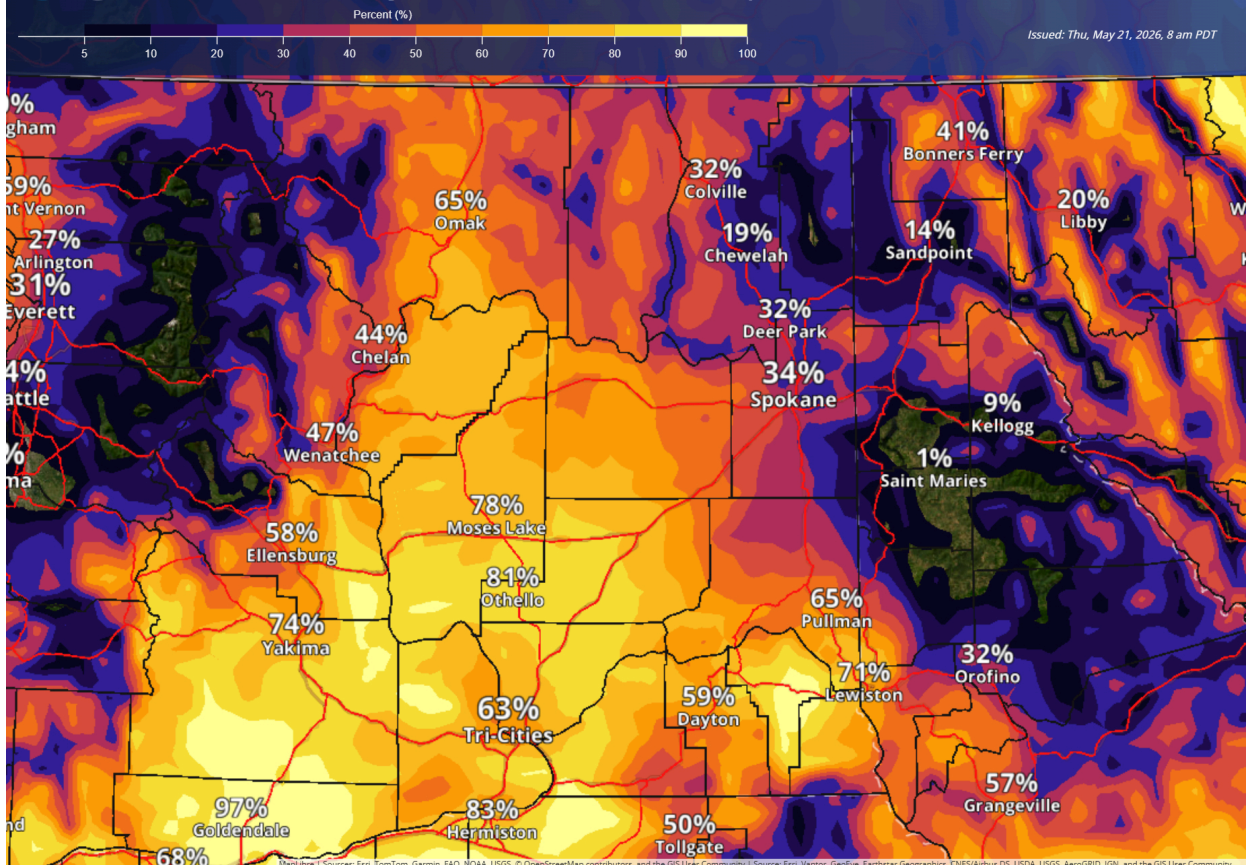


**SUN: Prob of Wind Gusts > 30 mph**



# MON: Probability of Wind Gusts > 30 mph

Mon, May 25, 2026, 11 pm PDT



**MON: Prob of Wind Gusts > 30 mph**

# Probability of Precipitation (%) Forecast

	5/25 Mon				5/26 Tue		5/25 Mon				5/26 Tue
	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am		12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am
<b>Coeur d'Alene</b>	15	40	45	50	45	<b>Pullman</b>	5	25	30	40	30
<b>Colville</b>	15	40	50	45	45	<b>Republic</b>	15	30	50	55	35
<b>Grand Coulee</b>	5	15	30	30	25	<b>Ritzville</b>	5	30	30	35	25
<b>Kellogg</b>	15	35	40	55	40	<b>Sandpoint</b>	15	40	45	55	55
<b>Leavenworth</b>	25	45	45	25	20	<b>Spokane</b>	5	35	35	40	35
<b>Lewiston</b>	0	15	35	45	40	<b>St. Maries</b>	15	35	40	55	40
<b>Moses Lake</b>	15	15	25	20	10	<b>Wenatchee</b>	5	25	25	25	20
<b>Omak</b>	5	15	35	30	40	<b>Winthrop</b>	5	25	50	40	25

