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NWS Issues High Wind Warning for December 17.

The National Weather Service in Portland has issued a High Wind Warning that will be in effect from noon, December 17, 2018 until 4:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. South winds of 35 to 45 mph with gusts to 75 mph are forecast on the beaches and headlands. Winds will be 30-40 with gusts to 60 in the coastal communities. Winds are forecast to increase Monday afternoon with the highest winds between 4:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. Damaging winds will blow down trees and power lines. Power outages are possible. Travel will be difficult especially for high profile vehicles.

This wind warning coincides with a high surf warning. Seas are forecast to be 25-30 feet with a long period swell. The long period swell will maintain a high danger of sneaker waves. Stay off the beach and nearby rocks.

Stay out of the surf zone, especially this afternoon through Tuesday. Large drift logs and other floating debris could be hidden in the surf zone, and could be tossed onto the beach or rocks with little if any warning. Significant erosion of sand and dunes can be expected.

Precautionary/Preparedness Actions:

A high wind warning means a hazardous high wind event is expected or occurring. Headland areas and beaches are vulnerable to very strong wind gusts that may pose a safety hazard for individuals. Sustained wind speeds of at least 40 mph or gusts of 58 mph or more can lead to property damage. Trees may fall across roadways with little warning. Scattered power outages are possible.

Please visit the NWS website at <http://www.weather.gov/portland> for the most up to date weather information. This page brings up all advisories, watches, and warnings for the Southwest Washington area.

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