

## A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER

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Last night a very unusual thing happened to us... it rained! After years (it seems), of dry hot weather, the sound of rain on the roof was so welcome! It continued for most of the morning as we drove.

Driving into Oregon, along the coastline, we were reminded of the dramatic differences in California coasts. For the most part, Oregon coast beaches are littered with huge rock formations and haystack islands offshore.

Wide unpopulated sandy beaches, and of course, cold water. Are we going crazy, when much too soon our mind starts thinking, "is this all there is, just all these tall green trees and lush green foliage along the road?" What happened to all the dry dirty hills and littered roadsides and hordes of people?

We finalized our day at a town named Lakeside, beside a lake named Osprey.

Luckily there was a spot available because unbeknownst to us was a sanctioned drag boat race going on. The finish line was right in front of the RV park dock.

It has been years since I have seen and heard such unlimited, unmuffled, supercharged, V-8 power!



The 101 Coast route in Oregon is similar to Highway 1 in California, as far as the twisty road and the ocean views go. The big difference is the beautiful trees that line the way.

We ended the day at a Thousand Trails Preserve called Pacific City. It is back from the coast but you can hear the roar of the surf from the camp. We plan to stay here for a couple of days. It has been raining on and off for the two days we were here.

Dave & Bonnie

