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## LOGJAM

### Molalla River blocked, prompts BLM to issue safety warning

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A logjam on the Molalla River is blocking travel and has prompted officials to release a safety advisory for recreationists along the Molalla Wild and Scenic River corridor.

The Bureau of Land Management announced that the blockage is located at river mile 38, just downstream from Horse Creek Bridge, and that river travel is not possible past that point.

BLM staff will place safety signs to warn people in the area of the jam as the agency assesses conditions and determines how to address it.

"Public safety is our top priority," said Andy Frazier, acting Cascades field office manager. "We urge boaters to safely exit the river prior to the logjam."

BLM recommends using the Turner Creek Bridge, located 3.5 miles downstream from the logjam, as a launch point for any recreational activities, but warns that people should remain alert and be on the lookout for other logjams or river blockages along the Molalla River.

Conditions along the Molalla River corridor have remained unstable since the 2020 Labor Day fires, BLM said. Anyone in the area should always be aware of their surroundings and stay alert for falling trees, loose ground, rockfalls, trees fully or partially submerged and other hazards.

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## Pitch-black neighborhood complicates Guthrie case

Police still examining range of digital evidence

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TUCSON, AZ – It's just past 7 p.m. in the Catalina Foothills, not far from where authorities say "Today" show co-host Savannah Guthrie's mother was apparently kidnapped, and already it's pitch black.

There are no streetlights. Nobody is out walking on the darkened residential roads, which wind past muted lights on the adobe walls of upscale homes tucked among mesquite trees that perfume the desert air. Above the dark silhouettes of giant saguaros soars a sky unimpeded by light.

It's a neighborhood whose rural nature in a celebrated dark-sky region may have helped shroud what is suspected to be the abduction for ransom of Nancy Guthrie, 84. Authorities believe Guthrie was taken from her home "against her will" after returning from her family's game night shortly before 10 p.m. on Jan. 31. The family began to worry after she failed to show up for church the next day.

FBI agent Heith Janke confirmed that a ransom letter seeking "a monetary value" had given two deadlines of Feb. 5 and Feb. 9. Officials reiterated that she is in need of daily medication.

Guthrie's home had multiple security cameras and more than a dozen outdoor light fixtures. Other homes in the area had cameras, too.

"We are asking everyone to please check any security or doorbell camera footage, especially from Saturday night after 8:00 PM," the Catalina Foothills Association said in a Feb. 2 email to residents obtained by USA TODAY. "Your help could make a difference."

Yet despite ongoing efforts, no camera footage had led police to identify a vehicle or a suspect yet. Authorities were offering a \$50,000 reward for information that leads to finding her.

How could a possible kidnapper escape unseen when everything from home surveillance cameras to license-plate reading technology to biometric facial recognition seems to be everywhere in America?

Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos said investigators were still working to collect and analyze video from residents and businesses, going door to door.

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## Survey: 3 best places in Oregon to watch Super Bowl

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With the Super Bowl coming up, a recent study ranked the best places in Oregon to watch the big game.

Gambling 'N Go, an online gambling resource hub, conducted a national survey to determine the "top places to eat, drink and watch the Super Bowl in 2026." The January survey asked 3,474 fans which "food-first viewing spots" across the United States were the best and determined that where people go on gameday can be unique to the region.

"What emerges isn't just a list of bars," the study said. "It's a snapshot of how America snaks, grazes, and full-on feasts its way through the biggest sports night of the year."

Here were the top three places to watch the Super Bowl in Oregon.

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Arena Sport Bar & Grill was named one of the best spots in Oregon to watch the Super Bowl.

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