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PUBLIC ASKED TO COMMENT ON RECREATION PLAN FOR STEENS MOUNTAIN

HINES, Oregon – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District is working on a plan to assess, determine and provide for recreational opportunities on Steens Mountain and invites the public to be part of the planning process. For persons interested in recreation and its future on Steens Mountain, this is the time to get involved and have a part in management of public lands.

The Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (the Act) designated over 428,000 acres of pristine landscape for special management and increased resource protection in southeast Oregon. The Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) is home to an extraordinary landscape with deep glacier carved gorges, stunning scenery, wilderness, wild rivers, a rich diversity of plant and animal species, and a way of life for all who live there. The diverse scenic and recreational experiences in the area attract outdoor enthusiasts through all seasons, from all walks of life. Over the next year, BLM will be looking into those diverse recreation opportunities and how they should be managed in the future.

“Some questions the public needs to consider might be: Do you think existing recreation sites meet your needs? Are there changes you would suggest? Is there a need for additional trails? What kinds of educational materials would improve your visit to the area?” said Burns District Manager Dana Shuford.

Remember, when providing input for the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan, please be as specific as possible about your concerns and possible solutions you would like the BLM to consider. Information about particular sites or areas, or a certain type of activity or season of use on Steens Mountain are the most helpful to the BLM in developing management alternatives.

Comments on the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan should be submitted, in writing, to:

BLM
Mr. Rob Perrin, Outdoor Recreation Planner
28910 Hwy 20 West
Hines, Oregon, 97738

or through email at: SteensRecPlan@blm.gov



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A detailed scoping letter, comment form and specific outline of potential issues to be addressed in the plan can be found at the address listed above or online at:

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On April 30, 2008 BLM will host an “open house”-style scoping meeting in the Rotunda Galley in the Barber Library at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon. The public is welcome to drop in anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. to learn about the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan. Light refreshments will be served. Additional open houses may be held throughout the year.

Recreational users have a great stake in the decisions set forth in the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan. Take the opportunity to participate in management of your public lands in southeast Oregon and be sure to get your comments in by December 31, 2008.

Contact Mr. Rob Perrin at (541) 573-4442 with any questions, or to be placed on the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan mailing list.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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