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## NEWS

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## PROPOSED DECISION ISSUED FOR STEENS MOUNTAIN TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

**HINES, Oregon** – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District announced today public availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record/Proposed Decision for the Steens Mountain Travel Management Plan Environmental Assessment.

Thousands of public comments on the Travel Management Plan Environmental Assessment were received during scoping and comment periods earlier this year. Those comments, along with input from BLM, Harney County Court, multiple private landowners and the Steens Mountain Advisory Council, helped develop the decision which preserves motorized use on 555 of 556 miles currently open to the public within the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area in southeast Oregon. Most routes historically used by grazing operators also remain open with limitations placed on some routes within the Steens Wilderness. The decision closes two short roads accessing private lands to public travel and designates eight miles of routes no longer recommended for use with full size vehicles but acceptable to All-Terrain Vehicles.

The Travel Management Plan Finding of No Significant Impact, Decision Record/Proposed Decision, maps and appeal information are available at the Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West in Hines, Oregon, or on the Burns District web site at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/plans/burns.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/plans/burns.php).

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