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Campground Hosts Needed in Harney County

HINES, Ore. – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District is seeking campground hosts for the 2012 summer season at Page Springs Campground near Steens Mountain in southeast Oregon.

To qualify for this host assignment, volunteers must enjoy the outdoors and living in a secluded camping environment, be able to easily and effectively communicate with and help visitors, be in good health, and enjoy talking with travelers about recreation opportunities in the area.

The Steens Mountain area encompasses deep glacier carved gorges, stunning scenery, wilderness, wild rivers, and a rich diversity of plant and animal species. Thousands of visitors explore this area each year and campground hosts play a vital role in helping travelers to have a comfortable, fun recreation experience.

Hosts must be at least 18 years old, provide a trailer, camper or motor home, be willing to stay at the site for a minimum of 3-months, and are expected to work weekends and holidays with the option of two mid-week days off. The BLM will provide a free host site, water, electricity, garbage collection, and a daily subsistence per individual or as a couple.

Anyone interested in spending the summer outdoors, getting to know new people and new areas, and being involved in the use and welfare of our county's public lands should take this opportunity and apply. Hosting begins as early as May 1.

To inquire about or apply for a position, interested volunteers should call Tara Martinak at the Burns District BLM office at (541) 573-4519. An in-person or phone interview, Federal background check, and electronic banking information are all required for this position.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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