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Campground Host Needed on Steens Mountain

HINES, Ore. – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District is seeking campground hosts for the 2015 summer season at Page Springs Campground near Steens Mountain in southeast Oregon.

To qualify as a campground host, 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 three 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 soon as possible.

To inquire about or apply for a position, interested volunteers should call Tara Thissell at the Burns District BLM office at (541) 573-4519. An in-person or phone interview, Federal background check, and electronic banking information are required for this position. More information about Steens Mountain is available here: <http://blm.gov/ccmd>

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. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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