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## NEWS

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## Final North Steens Ecosystem Project Environmental Impact Statement Available

**HINES, Oregon** – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District announced today the public availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project (North Steens Project). The North Steens Project is a landscape-level project that proposes utilization of a combination of prescribed fire and western juniper treatments to:

- manage fuels,
- reintroduce fire and the natural function of the historic fire regime into aspen, remnant aspen, sagebrush-bunchgrass, and riparian communities in the project area,
- restore habitat, and
- increase forage for grazing.

The proposed project area is roughly 336,000 acres of public and private lands primarily within the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) in southeast Oregon.

The Final North Steens EIS has been mailed to those individuals on BLM's North Steens mailing list. If you did not receive a copy and would like to request one, please call (541) 573-4400. You may also obtain the Final EIS in hard copy at the Burns District Office during regular business hours, or on the internet at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns).

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