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STEENS MOUNTAIN LOOP ROAD OPEN TO FISH LAKE CAMPGROUND

HINES, Oregon – The lower portion of the Steens Mountain Loop Road, north from Page Springs Campground, has been opened, affording visitor access to fishing, hiking, and overnight camping up to Fish Lake Campground. Maintenance has been completed on this portion of the road; however wet and muddy conditions still exist, especially on secondary roads. Visitors should restrict their travels to clear, open, maintained primary routes and avoid use of most or all side roads until conditions improve.

The southern portion of the Steens Mountain Loop Road from Black Canyon to Big Indian Overlook was opened mid-May. The remaining portion of the Loop Road, from Fish Lake to Big Indian, will be opened as soon road conditions allow. Although several snowdrifts remain across the remaining section of closed road, maintenance crews begin work on the area next week. If the hot and dry weather continues, visitors can expect the entire Loop Road to be open by Independence Day.

Page Springs, Fish Lake and South Steens Campgrounds are open and in full service.

For the most up to date road and access conditions, contact the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400.

