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## STEENS MOUNTAIN LOOP ROAD TO BE OPEN TO SOUTH STEENS CAMPGROUND

**HINES, Oregon** – The lower portion of the Steens Mountain Loop Road, from Highway 205 to South Steens Campground, will open Friday, May 15 for the summer season. The opening affords visitor access up to South Steens Campground and to the entrance gate for Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District.

Although maintenance has been completed on most of the Steens Mountain Loop Road, wet and muddy conditions still exist on secondary roads and across country. Visitors are encouraged to restrict their travels to maintained primary routes and avoid use of most or all side roads until conditions improve.

The northern section of the Steens Mountain Loop Road, beyond Page Springs Campground toward Fish Lake and Steens Summit, remains closed until further notice.

For more information on road conditions or recreation opportunities, contact the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400, weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### About the BLM:

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. 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.

