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## NEWS

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## STEENS MOUNTAIN TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR SCOPING COMMENTS

**BURNS, Oregon** – The Burns District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is currently gathering information for preparation of a Travel Management Plan (TMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for BLM-administered land within the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA).

Currently there are about 563 miles of motorized routes available to the public within the CMPA. The TMP EA will analyze the types of use on these routes such as access to public lands for a variety of recreation purposes, access to private lands, grazing management, and BLM administration. The maintenance, improvement, and closure of many of the motorized routes will also be analyzed in the EA.

In addition, since the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 prohibits *off road* motorized travel on federal lands within the CMPA except under limited circumstances, the TMP will provide guidance on the types and amounts of *off-road* motorized travel.

Comments, concerns, or ideas you think are important in helping shape the alternatives for motorized vehicle use both *on* and *off* road in the CMPA will be valuable in the development of the TMP EA. All interested parties are encouraged to submit comments no later than January 19, 2007. Comments may be submitted by mail to Karla Bird, Andrews Resource Area Field Manager, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon; by email to [karla\\_bird@blm.gov](mailto:karla_bird@blm.gov); by phone at (541) 573-4425; in person at the Burns District Office; or by fax at (541) 573-4411.<sup>1</sup>

A scoping letter and supporting TMP documents have been mailed to parties who have requested to be on the BLM mailing list for such information. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please call (541) 573-4400. Or, you can find the documents electronically on the web at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns). The TMP EA is expected to be available for public comment in mid-February 2007.

For more information on the TMP EA, to have your name added to the mailing list, or to request TMP documents, contact the Burns District BLM office at (541) 573-4400, weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

<sup>1</sup> Persons wishing to withhold their name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act must state this prominently at the beginning of their written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

