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## ***EAST STEENS MOUNTAIN FIRE CLOSURE TO BE IN EFFECT***

**HINES, Oregon** – A regulated fire closure on the east side of Steens Mountain, including the Pueblo Mountains, Alvord Desert, and a portion of the Trout Creek Mountains, will be in effect beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. The regulated fire closure prohibits the following acts on federal land:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire. Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted. When used outside of developed recreation sites, stoves and heaters must be used within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or clear of all flammable material.
2. Smoking outside of a vehicle, trailer or building, except within areas barren of all flammable materials for at least a 3-foot diameter, or on boats on rivers and lakes.
3. Operating any type of motorized vehicle without a shovel and a container with at least 1-gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5-pound fire extinguisher.
4. Parking vehicles on roadways not clear of all flammable materials. Vehicles must be parked on developed roadways, which are those areas clear of flammable debris, berm to berm.

Land affected by the closure is within the following boundary: from Hwy 78 and East Steens Road, southwest along the crest of Pueblo Mountains to the Oregon/Nevada border, and along the Burns District boundary east and north until it reaches the East Steens Road at Hwy 78. A map of the closure area is available at the Burns District BLM Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West in Hines.

The fire closure is necessary due to the onset of hot, dry summer weather, and depleting fuel moisture. Visitors should use extreme caution when recreating this time of year and are reminded that ignition of fireworks on all public land within the Burns District is prohibited.

Fire danger is currently rated MODERATE and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is a Level 1. The East Steens Mountain regulated fire closure will remain in effect until further notice.

For more information, contact the Burns Interagency Communication Center at (541) 573-4545. **To report a wildfire, call (541) 573-1000.**

