

## Burns District BLM – “Did you know?”

- Public lands in the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Burns District have been in the commercial spotlight on many occasions. A few examples from recent years: Nike, Freightliner, Alienware (high performance desktop gaming) and Icon Motorsports have used the Alvord Desert and Steens Mountain for photo and video advertisements; The Discovery Channel featured Steens Mountain in a 2014 episode of “Matt on the Run”; Public Broadcasting Services aired features on the Wild Horse and Burro Program and the Steens Mountain Running Camp; and, “Meeks Cutoff,” a 2010 major motion picture about centuries-ago settlers, captured much of Oregon’s High Desert. Oregon Public Broadcasting also regularly films and produces features from rural Harney County!
- This year marks the 70th anniversary of the creation of the BLM, as well as the 40th anniversary of BLM’s Federal Land Policy Management Act.
- The BLM is in the process of launching “Planning 2.0” – an initiative to modernize the agency’s planning process and increase public involvement in the management of public lands. The new approach will make future land-use planning more collaborative, transparent, and effective.
- The Steens Mountain Advisory Council is currently accepting applications for its “Dispersed Recreation” position. If you live in Oregon and recreate on Steens Mountain, this is a great opportunity for you to be a voice for the public and recommend management strategies to the BLM. The application deadline is May 4, 2016. Call (541) 573-4519 for more information.
- There are currently 770 mustangs at Oregon’s Wild Horse Corral Facility – milepost 122, Hwy 20 West. Stop by and check ‘em out!
- The Burns District of the BLM is a big part of many community events, such as the Harney County Migratory Bird Festival (coming this weekend!), Free Fishing Day (coming in June!), the annual Chris Miller Memorial Steens Rim Run & Walk (coming in August!), the Hunters’ Information Station (coming in September!), and – new in 2016 – the Burns Bike & Brew (coming in September!).
- Dozens of **local** suppliers and businesses benefit every year from BLM contracts for fencing, cleaning, plumbing, construction, concrete, equipment work, timber work, weed spraying, road work, hay, manure removal, wildland firefighting, portable toilet services, hauling, painting, and materials/supplies (among other things). Are you a business owner and want to bid on federal contracts? Check out Federal Business Opportunities at [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov).

