

South Steens Herd Management Area Burns District



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LOCATION: The herd area is about 70 miles southwest of Burns and 10 miles south of Frenchglen along Hwy 205 and the Steens Mountain south loop road.

ACREAGE: Over 130,000 acres

ELEVATION/LANDMARKS: Elevation ranges from 5,000 to over 7,500 feet. Climate is harsh with very cold winters and dry, hot summers.

TOPOGRAPHY/VEGETATION: Area is in rugged high desert country located on the southwestern flank of Steens Mountain and is characterized by extremely rocky surfaces divided by canyons, rimrocks and plateaus, dissected by perennial and intermittent stream channels.

WILD LIFE: Pronghorn antelope, mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, coyote, badger, black-tailed jackrabbit, cottontail, bobcat, and mountain lion. Also, Golden eagle, chukar, California quail, red-tailed hawk, kestrel, and great horned owl.

HERD SIZE: 159 to 304 head

HORSE COLORS: Pinto, buckskin, sorrel, bay, palomino, gray, brown, black

SIZE OF HORSES: 900 to 1200 pounds, 14-16 hands

GENERAL INFORMATION/HISTORY: The HMA is managed for pinto colored horses with above average conformation.