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F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E

BLM SETS SAFETY CLOSURE AT STONEHOUSE PRESCRIBED BURN

Beginning Wednesday, September 11, 2002, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will impose a temporary closure of public land involved in the Stonehouse Creek prescribed burn project on Steens Mountain reports BLM Burns District Manager Tom Dyer. Dyer says the closure is to assure public safety during the burning operations and regrets any inconvenience to visitors to the area.

The closure area will be posted at main entry points, will be patrolled, and the order will remain in effect until burning operations can be completed. Total length of time for the closure is subject to weather conditions but it is likely to be less than 1-month.

Hunters with big game tags for the area have been sent letters to give them advance notice so they can adjust their hunting plans accordingly.

People needing additional information and/or maps of the project area may contact the BLM Burns District Office at 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, OR 97738; call (541) 573-4434 weekdays; or check the District Web site at www.or.blm.gov/Burns.

*****TO REPORT WILDFIRES CALL 573-1000*****

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