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**ANDREWS/STEENS MOUNTAIN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING  
NEWSLETTER TO BE AVAILABLE**

As part of the development process for the Andrews Management Unit / Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District will be issuing an RMP newsletter in July of 2002. The newsletter was developed to keep interested members of the public informed about the progress of the planning effort and upcoming involvement opportunities, and includes a scoping summary, the preliminary planning criteria, proposed alternatives, goals, and objectives developed for analysis in the EIS.

The RMP newsletter will be sent to those on the Andrews/Steens Mountain RMP mailing list in mid-July. For those interested who are not on the mailing list, call the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400 to request a copy.

According to Gary Foulkes, BLM's District Planning and Environmental Coordinator, "This newsletter will be the first of a few to come out during the planning process. The information provided is meant for public input, so I encourage those interested to read the update and provide feedback." Comments on the planning criteria, proposed alternatives, goals, and objectives should be submitted in writing to the Burns District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Gary Foulkes, 28910 Hwy 20 W, Hines, OR 97738, no later than August 23, 2002.

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For further information on the Andrews/Steens Mountain RMP, call (541) 573-4400 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or visit the Burns District Planning Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Burns/Planning>.

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