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STEENS MOUNTAIN LOOP ROAD OPEN IN TIME FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Burns District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has opened the entire Steens Mountain Loop Road, reports Andrews Resource Area Field Manager Karla Bird. The remaining snowdrifts were cleared late last week, and all Loop Road gates have been opened. Jackman Park Campground is also open and in full service, with fees of \$6.00 per vehicle per night in effect. Amenities at Jackman Park include six campsites, a vault toilet, picnic tables with grills, garbage cans, and drinking water. Sightseeing, picnicking, and cross-country hiking are popular activities with Little Blitzen Gorge and Wildhorse Lake nearby.

Travelers on the Loop Road are encouraged to drive carefully and should expect to encounter road maintenance equipment periodically throughout the summer. Visitors are also asked to be watchful of wildlife, wild horses, and livestock on the road, and to avoid side roads at higher elevations until later in the summer season. Please travel only on designated open roads, and avoid those that have been closed due to the passage of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000.

For more information on designated open roads, the Steens Mountain Loop Road, current road conditions, or recreation opportunities, or to obtain maps of the area, visit the Burns District Office at 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, call (541) 573-4400, weekdays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or check the Burns District BLM Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Burns> .

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