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SOUTH STEENS CAMPGROUND OPEN ON STEENS MOUNTAIN

South Steens Campground on Steens Mountain is expected to be open and in full service by Friday, May 23, 2003. According to Karla Bird, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Andrews Resource Area Manager, "BLM maintenance personnel have completed spring road repairs on the south segment of the Steens Mountain Loop Road, restored campground garbage service and restroom facilities, and activated the fee collection system in time for Memorial Day Weekend." Camping fees of \$6.00 per vehicle per night will be in effect upon opening and collected throughout the camping season.

Visitors to South Steens Campground will find 36 campsites, 15 equestrian sites with horse tie areas and corrals, vault toilets, picnic tables and grills, garbage service, drinking water, and opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and sightseeing. Nearby attractions include Riddle Brothers Historic Ranch District, Big Indian Gorge, and Little Blitzen Gorge.

Remaining campgrounds in the Steens Mountain Area will be opened later this spring or summer, depending on weather and road conditions. Information on those sites will be provided as it becomes available.

For information on how to access South Steens Campground, on current road and weather conditions in the area, or on other recreation opportunities on public land, 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 view our Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Burns>.

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