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PAGE SPRINGS CAMPGROUND AND CHICKAHOMINY RESERVOIR IN FULL SERVICE

Page Springs Campground and Chickahominy Reservoir are now open with full services reports Tom Dyer, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Burns District Manager. "Maintenance personnel have completed spring maintenance of the facilities and drinking water, and have activated the fee collection system in time for the tourist season. Camping fees of \$8.00 per vehicle per night are now in effect and will be collected throughout the camping season until cold weather conditions require shutting down the water systems in the fall.

Visitors to Page Springs Campground, which is located 3 miles east of Frenchglen along the Donner und Blitzen River, will find 30 campsites, toilets, drinking water, garbage service, fire rings, tables, and a short nature trail. The area is popular with hikers, birders, and fishing enthusiasts.

At Chickahominy Reservoir, located 5 miles west of Riley, visitors will find 18 camp units, a fish cleaning station, sun shelters, drinking water, garbage service, toilets, fire rings, access roads, and a boat ramp. The area is popular for overnight camping, although low water will not allow fisheries this season.

A host will not be provided at Chickahominy Reservoir this year; however, one *will* be available at Page Springs Campground from May 7, 2003 through the end of the summer season.

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 further information on campgrounds or other recreation opportunities on public land, visit the Burns District Office, 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>.