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SNOW CLOSES ADDITIONAL SECTION ON STEENS MOUNTAIN LOOP ROAD

Additional snowfall on Steens Mountain has resulted in the closure of another portion of the Steens Loop Road. Effective November 18, 2003, the gate at South Steens Campground will be closed for the winter season. Visitors will still be able to access the campground, although facilities have been winterized and running water is not available.

Burns District, U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Andrews Resource Area Field Manager Karla Bird reports that the North Loop Road Winter Recreation Program on Steens Mountain is set to get underway as soon as adequate snowfall exists. Popular winter recreation activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and limited snowmobiling. Bird encourages visitors to contact the Burns District Office as early as possible when planning a trip to the area. Permits are required if you wish to access the snowline by motor vehicle.

For further information on current road and recreation conditions throughout the Burns District, or to inquire about obtaining a winter recreation permit for the Steens, please contact the BLM at (541) 573-4400 or visit our office at 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon. You may also check the Burns District Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Burns> for additional help.

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