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F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E

SNOWFALL BRINGS WINTER ROAD CLOSURE TO STEENS MOUNTAIN

Due to recent snowfall in the higher elevations, the upper section of the Steens Mountain Loop Road has been closed until further notice. Effective October 20, 2004, gates at Jackman Park Campground and Big Indian Overlook were closed. Although unlikely, the upper section may be reopened this fall if weather conditions improve.

Fish Lake, South Steens, and Page Springs Campgrounds remain open and accessible. As winter weather continues, campground services and facilities maintenance will become limited and closures will be in effect. Those planning winter travels or hunt trips to the Steens Mountain Area are encouraged to contact the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400 to learn about the most up-to-date road closures and facilities conditions. Remember to travel with caution and be prepared for sudden winter storms and cold weather.

For further information, please visit our office at 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon. You may also check the Burns District Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Burns>.