



The Steens Mountain range (from east) is an uplifted fault block, rising 5,000' above the Alvord Desert.



The east side canyons, such as Pike Creek, are short, steep and rugged...



...while the west side canyons, like the Blitzen Gorge, are long, deep, glaciated valleys.



The long crest of the Steens range, including Stonehouse Rim, has dramatic views of the desert below.



Most of the high-elevation stream canyons in the Steens have at least some water year-round...



...which supports mature groves of quaking aspen...



...and thriving populations of mountain beavers.



The lower elevation canyons, such as Home Creek, are much drier but no less scenic.