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STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS AUGUST 16, 17

HINES, Oregon – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, August 16 and 17, at 8:00 a.m. each day, at the Frenchglen School in Frenchglen, Oregon.

On Thursday morning, the Council will hear Chairman, Designated Federal Official, and Field Manager updates, review a new recreation map for the southern portion of the Burns District, and discuss conservation/non-development easements and the South Steens Water Development Environmental Assessment. The Council will tour the South Steens Allotment area Thursday afternoon.

Agenda items for Friday include reviewing the South Steens Allotment tour, revisiting flip chart notes from the May Council meeting, hearing information on the Comprehensive Recreation Plan for the Cooperative Management and Protection Area and discussing development of a science strategy. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC throughout the 2-day meeting may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may contribute during the public comment period at 11:00 a.m. each day. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open session are asked to also provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the SMAC for a maximum of 5 minutes. Time for SMAC members to address speakers will be allotted at the end of each public comment period.

If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Rhonda Karges at the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, prior to the start of the meeting. If you send information or general correspondence to anyone at the Burns District Office and would like a copy given to the SMAC, please write "COPY TO SMAC" on the envelope and enclosed document(s).

For further information on the SMAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Rhonda Karges at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400, weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

