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## **NOMINATION PERIOD FOR STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL POSITIONS EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER**

**HINES, Oregon** – The application period for vacant positions on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) has been extended through the month of October. U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Manager Dana Shuford says, “These vacancies allow anyone interested to apply for the opportunity to become intimately involved in the administration of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA).” SMAC members represent others within particular categories of interest and work collaboratively to recommend management strategies to BLM for the CMPA.

The following positions are open for application:

- 1) a recreational permit holder or a representative of a commercial recreation operation in the Steens Mountain CMPA, and
- 2) a person with expertise and interest in wild horse management on Steens Mountain.

To nominate yourself or someone you know, submit a nomination form and supporting letters of recommendation from the groups or interests to be represented by Friday, November 2, 2007 to the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon. Nomination forms can be picked up in person at this same location, on the web at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns), or by calling (541) 573-4400. The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the nomination form and letters of reference. The BLM and Harney County Court will review the applications and submit recommended nominees to the Secretary of the Interior, who has responsibility for making the appointments.

Appointed members must reside in the State of Oregon. Although members serve without monetary compensation, travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed at current rates for government employees. The term for the recreation permit holder position expires in October 2009 while the wild horse management term expires in October 2008. The standard duration for service is 3 years. The SMAC currently meets five times per year.

For more information on SMAC nominations, call Rhonda Karges or Dana Shuford at (541) 573-4400.

