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## NEWS

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## ***Representatives Needed for Steens Mountain Advisory Council***

**BURNS, Oregon** – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting public nominations to fill two unexpired terms on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC). Nominations are being accepted for a person who is a recreational permit holder or is a representative of a commercial recreation operation in the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA); and a person with expertise and interest in wild horse management on Steens Mountain.

SMAC members represent others within particular categories of interest and work collaboratively to recommend management strategies for the CMPA to BLM. Serving on the Council gives members a chance to significantly contribute to the future of public lands 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 Wednesday, September 6, 2007 to the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon. Nomination forms can be picked up in person at this same location, by calling (541) 573-4400, or on the web at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns). 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. SMAC members are normally appointed to 3-year terms. The wild horse management and the recreational permit holder positions are currently vacant; therefore, newly-appointed members will complete the unexpired portion of these terms. The wild horse management position expires in October 2008, and the recreational permit holder position expires in October 2009. The SMAC currently meets five times per year.

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

