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Nomination Period for Steens Mountain Advisory Council Positions Extended Through May

HINES, Oregon – The application period for vacant positions on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) has been extended through the month of May. 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 for the CMPA.

The following positions are open for application:

- 1) A person who has no financial interest in the CMPA to represent Statewide interests;
- 2) A member of the Burns Paiute Tribe;
- 3) A person who participates in what is commonly called mechanized or consumptive recreation, such as hunting and fishing; and
- 4) A person who is a grazing permittee on Federal lands in the CMPA.

If you are concerned about statewide interests affecting the CMPA, are involved in mechanized or consumptive recreation, are a member of the Burns Paiute Tribe, or are a grazing permittee within the CMPA, apply for a position on the SMAC. Shuford continues, “Serving on the Council gives members a chance to represent people of like-interest and contribute significantly to the management and 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 Friday, June 1, 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. The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the nomination form and letters of reference. The BLM, Harney County Court, Burns Paiute Tribe and the Governor of Oregon 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. Terms expire in October 2010, after their standard 3-year duration. The SMAC currently meets five times per year.

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

