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## **STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS FEBRUARY 12-13 IN HINES**

**HINES, Oregon** – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, February 12 and 13, at the Burns District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office in Hines. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the agency's main conference room, located at 28910 Hwy 20 West.

On Thursday afternoon, the Council will hear Chairperson, Designated Federal Official, and Field Manager updates, review recommendations made by the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board at their November meeting, and receive information on trespass cattle issues in the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

Agenda items for Friday include an update on the Oregon Explorer web site, discussion of the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan and associated Steens Niche Planning, Council action items review and identification, and establishing the April meeting agenda. 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 periods at 3:05 p.m. on Thursday and 10:20 a.m. on Friday. 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 Tara Martinak 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 Tara Martinak at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4519.

### **About the BLM:**

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

