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SE OREGON ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS APRIL 2, 3

HINES, Ore. – The next Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting is set for Monday and Tuesday, April 2-3, 2012 at The Gathering Place, 3 North “F” Street, in Lakeview, Oregon. The two-day meeting schedule is: Monday, 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Aside from regular business items such as Chairperson and Designated Federal Official reports, Monday’s meeting agenda includes an update on the National Planning Strategy for Greater Sage grouse habitat conservation and discussion on wilderness inventory characteristics and criteria. A discussion regarding a travel management proposal for the Chiloquin Ranger District ends Monday’s session.

On Tuesday, the RAC will discuss the ongoing Lakeview Resource Area Resource Management Plan Amendment, hear member updates and constituent reports, plan priority topics for future meetings and set the RAC meeting calendar for 2012. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the RAC throughout the two-day session may also be discussed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, and can contribute during the public comment periods at 3:15 p.m. on Monday and 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Those who verbally address the RAC during the open session are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation.

For further information on the Southeast Oregon RAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Tara Martinak at the Burns District Bureau of Land Management Office at (541) 573-4519. Additional information about the RAC can be found online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/seorrac.php>

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