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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meets Nov. 3, 4

HINES, Ore. – The next Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting is set for Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 3-4 at the Harney County Community Center, 484 North Broadway, in Burns, Oregon. The two-day meeting schedule is: Monday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 8 to 11:45 a.m.

Monday's meeting agenda includes a discussion on criteria for Lands with Wilderness Characteristics in the Vale District and a working session regarding actively managing landscapes to manipulate pre-wildfire fuel composition and to increase post-fire resiliency of desired plant communities.

On Tuesday, the RAC will discuss a potential grassbank proposal and hear updates from the Designated Federal Official and other agency representatives. The Council will also hear member updates and constituent reports, set the 2015 meeting schedule and establish the next meeting's agenda. 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 2:30 p.m. on Monday and 11:30 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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