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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meets Oct. 3, 4

HINES, Ore. – The next Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, October 3-4, at the Clarion Inn, 1249 Tapadera Avenue, in Ontario, Oregon.

On Thursday, the Southeast Oregon RAC will depart the Clarion Inn at 8:00 a.m., local time, for a full-day field tour to visit lands with wilderness characteristics in the Vale District. Thursday's session will adjourn around 4:30 p.m.

On Friday, the RAC will review the previous day's activities and continue discussing lands with wilderness characteristics; hear Designated Federal Official and agency representative updates; hear a presentation on the Wild Horse and Burro program and discuss a fencing issue in the Three Fingers Herd Management Area; attend to general business items such as agenda planning, approving meeting minutes and establishing the 2014 meeting schedule; and receive member updates and constituent reports. Friday's session will conclude around 3:00 p.m. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the RAC throughout the two-day meeting may also be discussed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, including the field tour (provide private transportation), and can contribute during the public comment period at 1:15 p.m., local time, on Friday, October 4. 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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