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Representatives Needed for Steens Mountain Advisory Council

HINES, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting public nominations to fill six positions on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) that are either currently vacant or have a term ending in 2014. Nominations are being accepted for:

- A person to represent statewide interests who has no financial interest in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA).
- A recognized environmental representative from the local area.
- Two persons who are grazing permittees on Federal lands in the CMPA.
- A person who participates in what is commonly called mechanized or consumptive recreation, such as hunting, fishing, off-road driving, etc.
- A representative of the State government to serve as a liaison to the Advisory Council.

SMAC members represent others within particular categories of interest and work collaboratively to recommend management strategies for the CMPA to BLM. Serving on the SMAC gives members an opportunity to significantly contribute to the 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 to the BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon. The application deadline is May 23, 2014. Nomination forms can be picked up at this same location, by calling (541) 573-4400, or from the website at: www.blm.gov/or/rac/steensac.php.

The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the nomination form and letters of reference. The BLM, the Harney County Court, and the Oregon Governor's Office will review the applications and submit recommended nominees to the Secretary of the Interior, who has the responsibility for making the appointments.

Appointed members must reside in the State of Oregon. The SMAC generally holds quarterly meetings. Although members serve without monetary compensation, travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed at current rates for government employees. SMAC members are normally appointed to three-year terms. For more information on the SMAC, call Tara Martinak at (541) 573-4400.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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