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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 two currently vacant positions on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC). Nominations are being accepted for:

- A recognized environmental representative from the local area, and
- A representative of the State government to serve as a liaison to the Advisory Council.

The SMAC members represent others within particular categories of interest and work collaboratively to recommend management strategies for the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area to the 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 July 20, 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 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.

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