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Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meets Sept 29, 30

HINES, Ore. – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, September 29 to 30, at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 W, in Hines, Oregon. The two-day meeting schedule is: Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Thursday's session includes discussions on public access in the Pike Creek Canyon area on the east side of Steens Mountain; Lands and Water Conservation Funds and public easements; the No Livestock Grazing Area Fence Environmental Assessment (EA); an Inholder Access EA; and the Steens Mountain Running Camp Special Recreation Use Permit. On Friday, the SMAC will recap Thursday's session if necessary, hear an update from the Designated Federal Official, approve previous meeting minutes, share constituent reports and establish the 2017 meeting calendar and next meeting's agenda. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC throughout the two-day session may also be discussed. A full agenda can be found at the web link below.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, and can contribute during the public comment periods at 11 a.m. on Thursday and 10:15 a.m. on Friday. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open session are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation.

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

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

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