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STEENS MOUNTAIN COUNCIL MEETS AUGUST 11, 12

HINES, Ore. – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, August 11 and 12, at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Office in Hines, Oregon, 28910 Hwy 20 West. The two-day meeting schedule is: Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Aside from regular business items such as Chairperson, Designated Federal Official and Field Manager's reports, the August meeting focuses almost entirely on the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan (Plan). Throughout the two-day meeting, the Council will spend designated time discussing various sections of the Plan and work toward making recommendations to the BLM on topics such as roads, trails, signing, campgrounds, winter recreation, dispersed recreation, and developed recreation sites. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, and can contribute during the public comment periods at 11:00 a.m. each day. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open session are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Tara Martinak at the BLM Burns District Office at least one week prior to the start of the meeting. If you send information or general correspondence to anyone at the Burns District Office and would like a copy given to the SMAC, please write "COPY TO SMAC" on the envelope and enclosed document(s).

For further information on the SMAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Tara Martinak at the Burns District 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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