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## Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meets Jan. 29, 30

**HINES, Ore.** – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, Jan. 29-30, at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, in Hines, Oregon. The two-day meeting schedule is: Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Thursday's session focuses on the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan and a separate sign plan for lands within the National Landscape Conservation System. On Friday, the SMAC will recap Thursday's session if necessary, approve previous meeting minutes and hold chairperson and vice-chairperson elections, hear an update from the Designated Federal Official, share constituent reports and establish the next meeting's agenda. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC throughout the two-day session may also be discussed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, and can contribute during the public comment periods at 2:30 p.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 Martinak 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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