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Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meets June 20, 21

HINES, Ore. – The Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meets Monday and Tuesday, June 20 and 21, in Frenchglen, Oregon.

On Monday, the meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Frenchglen School – Hwy 205 South – and proceed with a full-day tour to the east side of Steens Mountain, adjourning around 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, the SMAC will hold a regular business session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Frenchglen School Gymnasium. Tuesday's agenda items include a recap of Monday's tour, an update from the Designated Federal Official, constituent reports from SMAC members and planning the next meeting's agenda. Any other items that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed anytime during the two-day session.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, including the field tour, as long as personal transportation and all other travel necessities are self-provided. A public comment period is set for 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday. 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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