

NEWS Release

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

28910 Hwy 20 West • Hines, Oregon 97738 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns>
Contact: Tara Martinak (541) 573-4400 • Release No. OR-020-11-12 • May 27, 2011

STEENS MOUNTAIN COUNCIL MEETS JUNE 9, 10

HINES, Ore. – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10, at the Frenchglen School in Frenchglen, Oregon.

On Thursday, the meeting opens at 9:00 a.m. and adjourns around 5:00 p.m. Agenda items for the full-day session include Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Designated Federal Official, Chairperson and Andrews/Steens Mountain Resource Area Field Manager updates; a presentation and discussion on the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation plan; and a field trip to Riddle Brothers Ranch, various trailheads, and the Page Springs weir. The public may attend the field trip, but must provide their own transportation.

On Tuesday, the meeting opens at 8:30 a.m. with approval of the previous meetings' minutes and discussion on recommendations for the Comprehensive Recreation Plan. Other agenda items for the day include: discussion on a recommendation from the Council to the BLM regarding wild horse gathers; information sharing on the Mule Deer Initiative, the Sage-grouse subcommittee, and land trust and conservation easements; and a presentation on the South Steens Water Development Environmental Assessment. Friday's session adjourns around 12:30 p.m. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed anytime during the two-day meeting.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, and can contribute during the public comment periods at 11:15 a.m. each day. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open session are asked to also provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Christi West at the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, 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 Christi West at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4541. Additional information about the SMAC can be found online at:

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

The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

Come join the Oregon/Washington BLM on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr for the latest on outdoor opportunities, videos of your public lands, spectacular photos, and a whole lot more!

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/oregonblm
FLICKR: www.flickr.com/photos/blmoregon



YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/user/blmoregon
TWITTER: www.twitter.com/blmoregon

