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Steens Mountain Advisory Council meets June 12-13

HINES, Ore. – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, June 12 and 13, in Frenchglen, Oregon.

On Thursday, the SMAC leave Frenchglen around 9 a.m. and spend the entire day on Steens Mountain, visiting several locations to discuss juniper management and utilization, stewardship contracting, Sage Grouse and sage brush restoration. The SMAC will return to Frenchglen late in the afternoon and adjourn around 5 p.m.

On Friday, the SMAC will hold a regular business meeting at the Frenchglen School in Frenchglen. The session will start at 8:30 a.m. and include a recap of the previous day's field tour, an update from the Designated Federal Official, a review of changes proposed for signs and interpretive products for the Steens Mountain area, approving conference call minutes from February 2014, welcoming newly appointed Council members, and brainstorming juniper utilization and marketing possibilities. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC during the two-day session may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, including the field tour, and may contribute during the public comment period at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 13. Personal transportation must be provided for those interested in following the field tour. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the public comment period are asked to also 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 Office at (541) 573-4519. Additional information about the SMAC can be found online at:

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