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## Steens Mountain Advisory Council meets May 9, 10

*HINES, Ore.* – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10, at the Frenchglen School, Hwy 205 South in Frenchglen, Oregon.

On Thursday, the meeting opens at 8:30 a.m. Agenda items for the full-day session include: a presentation on access to a private land inholding in the Steens Mountain Wilderness, discussion on the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation plan, and a field tour to the east side of Steens Mountain. The meeting will conclude around 6:00 p.m. when the Council returns from the field.

On Friday, the meeting opens at 8:30 a.m. with a re-cap of the previous day's discussion and field trip regarding the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan. Other agenda items include: approval of the February 2013 meeting minutes, Designated Federal Official and chairperson updates, and planning the August 2013 meeting agenda. Friday's session adjourns around 2:00 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, including the field tour (personal transportation must be provided) and may contribute during the public comment periods at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday and 11:15 a.m. on Friday. 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 Tara Martinak at the Burns District Office prior to the start of the meeting.

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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