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Steens Mountain Advisory Council meets Nov 14

HINES, Ore. – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday, November 14, at the Phoenix Inn, 300 NW Franklin Ave, in Bend, Oregon.

The meeting opens at 9:00 a.m. with approval of the previous meeting's minutes and an update from the Designated Federal Official. A discussion on recreation issues on the east side of Steens Mountain fills up the remainder of the morning session. In the afternoon, the SMAC will hear an update on the Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan amendments, discuss the South Steens Allotment Management Plan subcommittee meeting, review a section of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, and tend to general business items such as future agenda planning and reviewing action items. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed. The meeting adjourns around 4:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may contribute during the public comment period at 2:45 p.m. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open session 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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