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Representatives Needed for Steens Mountain Advisory Council

HINES, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting public nominations to fill five positions on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC), including one unexpired term that ends in 2010. Nominations are being accepted for:

- 1) a person who is a recreational permit holder or is a representative of a commercial recreation operation in the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA),
- 2) a representative of fish and recreational fishing,
- 3) a representative of a statewide environmental organization,
- 4) a representative of private landowners in the CMPA boundary, and
- 5) a person representing the Burns Paiute Tribe.

The SMAC members represent others within particular categories of interest and work collaboratively to recommend management strategies for the CMPA to BLM. Serving on the SMAC gives members a chance to significantly contribute to the future of public lands on Steens Mountain.

To nominate yourself or someone you know, submit a nomination form and supporting letters of recommendation from the groups or interests to be represented to the BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon.

Nomination forms can be picked up in person at this same location, by calling (541) 573-4400, or from the website at:

www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns

The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the nomination form and letters of reference. The BLM, the Harney County Court, and the Oregon Governor's Office will review the applications and submit recommended nominees to the Secretary of the Interior, who has responsibility for making the appointments.

Appointed members must reside in the State of Oregon. The SMAC currently meets five times per year. Although members serve without monetary compensation, travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed at current rates for government employees. SMAC members are normally



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appointed to three-year terms. The Burns Paiute Tribal position is currently vacant, so the newly-appointed member will complete the remaining portion of the current term, which expires in October 2010.

For more information on SMAC nominations, call Christi Courtemanche or Kenny McDaniel at (541) 573-4400.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of subsurface 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, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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