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STEENS MOUNTAIN COUNCIL MEETS NOVEMBER 18-19

HINES, Ore. – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, November 18 and 19, at the Phoenix Inn and Suites in Bend, Oregon, 300 NW Franklin Avenue.

On Thursday, the meeting opens at 10:00 a.m. and adjourns around 4:30 p.m. The Council will hear Designated Federal Official and Chairperson updates, review and approve previous meeting minutes, establish the meeting schedule for 2011, designate officer positions, talk about Sage grouse and wind energy, and have a lengthy discussion with a Solicitor from the Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management (BLM) State Office.

On Friday morning, the Council session opens at 8:00 a.m. with an update from the Andrews/Steens Resource Area Field Manager. Other agenda items for the day include: a review of the National Landscape Conservation System annual report, discussion of the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan, a talk about Special Recreation Permits issued in the Burns District in Fiscal Year 2010, establishing the next meeting agenda and discussing the Facilitator role. Friday's session adjourns around 1:00 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 and can contribute during the public comment periods at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and 10:00 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 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.

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