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STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS OCTOBER 21-22 IN BEND

HINES, Ore. – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Wednesday and Thursday, October 21 and 22, at the Phoenix Inn in Bend, Oregon – 300 NW Franklin Avenue. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn mid to late afternoon both days.

On Wednesday, the Council will hear Designated Federal Official, Field Manager and Oregon Explorer web site updates. The rest of the day will be spent in a workshop setting regarding Niche Planning for the Steens Mountain area and associated Comprehensive Recreation Plan.

The Council will continue with the Niche Planning discussion on Thursday morning, then set the agenda for the December meeting and review possible field trip dates and locations in the afternoon. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC throughout the 2-day meeting may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may contribute during the public comment period at 2:20 p.m. on Thursday. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open session are asked to also provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the SMAC for a maximum of 5 minutes. Time for SMAC members to address speakers will be allotted at the end of each public comment period.

If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Christi Courtemanche at the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, at least 1 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 Courtemanche at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4541.

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