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## **San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee to Meet**

*Spokane, Wash.* – The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee (MAC) will hold three separate meetings over the next month. The meetings are open to the public. At each meeting, at 3:45 p.m., members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the MAC during a one-hour public comment period.

**May 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**San Juan Island Grange, 152 N 1st Street, Friday Harbor**

Meeting discussions will include an update on outcomes of the scoping process in March 2015. The MAC will be guided through the planning process steps, with explanations of key steps. The committee will then review the variety of resource comments and preliminary planning issues developed by the BLM interdisciplinary team. The committee will provide recommendations on any modifications to this list that they may have.

**June 5, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**San Juan Island Grange, 152 N 1st Street, Friday Harbor**

This meeting will focus on the ecological values within the National Monument for which the BLM will be developing alternative management approaches through the planning process. BLM resource leads for wildlife, botany, and invasive species will be present to share the breadth of considerations and opportunities that will be considered in the generation of alternatives.

**June 9, 2015 9:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Brickworks, 150 Nichols St., Friday Harbor**

This meeting will focus on cultural and historic values within the National Monument for which the BLM will be developing alternative management approaches through the planning process. The BLM resource lead for cultural and heritage resources will be present to introduce the MAC to the requirements for considerations and analysis in the generation of alternatives.

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Persons wishing to make comments during the public comment period should register in person with the BLM by 3 p.m. on that meeting day at the meeting location. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, the length of comments may be limited. The public may send written comments to the monument manager at [mdechade@blm.gov](mailto:mdechade@blm.gov), or San Juan Islands National Monument, Attn. MAC, P.O. Box 3, 37 Washburn Ave., Lopez Island, Washington 98261.

The 12-member San Juan Islands MAC was chartered to provide information and advice regarding the development of the San Juan Islands National Monument's RMP. Members represent an array of stakeholder interests in the land and resources from within the local area and statewide. For more information about the MAC, visit [www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php)

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