



Steens Mountain Advisory Council September 22-23, 2011 Meeting Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Receive status reports from the SMAC Chair, the Designated Federal Official, and the Field Manager
- Review and approve the August 11-12, 2011 minutes
- Develop advice to BLM for the South Steens based on:
 - Discussion of the purpose and need for action to provide additional water on the Steens and Tombstone pastures
 - Panel presentation related to issues for consideration in development of a response to the purpose and need for action as well as proposed solutions to address the purpose and need
 - Discussion about each of the alternatives evaluated in the draft Environmental Assessment
 - Reactions to each of the alternatives evaluated in the draft EA
 - Collaborative discussions around the SMAC's best advice for addressing the purpose and need for action
- Discuss the proposed road closures and roads for conversion to trails under BLM's Alternative D as evaluated in the Draft Comprehensive Recreation Plan
- Discuss creative solutions for adaptable management of winter recreation
- Receive and discuss (as appropriate) comments from the public
- Identify objectives for the November 2011 meeting, identify action items, and evaluate the September 2011 meeting.

Agenda, Thursday, September 22, 2011

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, and Housekeeping 8:30 am – 8:50 am

*David Bilyeu (Chair) and Wendy Green
Lowe (Facilitator)*

Chairperson Update 8:50 am – 9:10 am

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Designated Federal Official Update 9:10 am – 9:30 am

Kenny McDaniel (Burns District Manager)

Field Manager's Report 9:30 am – 9:50 am

*Joan Suther (Steens/Andrews Resource
Area Field Manager)*

Break 9:50 am – 10:00 am

South Steens Environmental Assessment 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Presentation: Purpose and Need for Action to Provide Additional Water on the Steens and Tombstone Pastures 10:00 am – 10:10 am

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Panel presentation: Issues for Consideration and Proposed Solutions 10:10 am – 11:10 am

Panelists to include:

- *Oregon Natural Desert Association (invited, unable to attend)*
- *Jerry Magee, BLM State Office (wilderness/WSA expert, confirmed)*
- *Rob Sharp, Burns District BLM (wild horse expert, confirmed)*
- *Rod Klus, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (wildlife expert, confirmed)*
- *Stacy Davies, South Steens Allotment Permittee (confirmed)*

Questions and answers 11:10 am – 11:30 am

Public Comment 11:30 am – 12:00 noon

Five minutes per person

Response to Public Comments 12:00 noon – 12:30 pm

As needed

Lunch 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

South Steens Environmental Assessment (continued) 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Presentation: Alternatives Evaluated in the Draft EA 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

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Reactions to the Alternatives Evaluations 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Break 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

South Steens Environmental Assessment (continued)	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
<i>All/facilitated discussion</i>	
<i>Close by agreeing about how much time will need to be spent finishing advice on Friday. If necessary, the first three topics on Friday could be moved to the November meeting</i>	
Group Dinner	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Frenchglen Hotel	
Agenda, Friday, September 23, 2011	
Proposed Road Closures and Roads for Conversion to Trails Under BLM's Alternative D as Evaluated in the Draft Comprehensive Recreation Plan	8:00 am – 9:15 am
<i>All (facilitated discussion)</i>	
August 2011 Minutes	9:15 am – 9:30 am
<i>Discuss revisions and approve the August 2011 minutes</i>	
Break	9:30 am – 9:45 am
Creative Solutions for Adaptable Management of Winter Recreation	9:45 am – 11:00 am
<i>All (facilitated discussion)</i>	
November 2011 Meeting Objectives	11:00 am – 11:15 am
Public Comment	11:15 am – 11:45 am
<i>Five minutes per person</i>	
Response to Public Comments	11:45 am – 12:00 noon
<i>As needed</i>	
Lunch	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
South Steens Environmental Assessment (continued)	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
<i>Finalization and approval of the SMAC's Advice to the Bureau of Land Management</i>	

Action Items

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

September Meeting Evaluation

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm