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STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS SEPTEMBER 11-12 IN FRENCHGLEN

HINES, Oregon – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, September 11 and 12, at 8:00 a.m. each day, at the Frenchglen School, Highway 205 South, Frenchglen, Oregon.

On Thursday morning, the Council will hear Chairperson, Designated Federal Official, and Field Manager updates and discuss the South Steens Water Development Environmental Assessment (EA). In the afternoon, Council members will tour the Ruby Springs area.

Agenda items for Friday include information sharing on the Oregon Explorer web site and interpretation for the Wildland Juniper Management Area, more discussion on the South Steens Water Development EA, review of Council vision and goals, and compiling the December meeting agenda. 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. Those interested in attending the Ruby Springs tour on Thursday afternoon must provide personal transportation. Public comment periods are offered at 11:00 a.m. each day. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open sessions are asked to also provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, the public comment periods 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 is allotted at the end of each public comment period.

If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Tara Martinak at the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, 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 Tara Martinak at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400 during regular business hours.

