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## NEWS

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### ***August Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meeting Canceled***

***BURNS, Oregon*** – The Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting scheduled for this Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25 in Frenchglen, Oregon has been canceled. “With heavy fire activity near Diamond, Frenchglen, Fields, and on Steens Mountain, we have no choice but to postpone our meeting,” reports Dana Shuford, Designated Federal Official for the SMAC. Road closures and campground evacuations left no access for Monday’s scheduled tour of the Wildland Juniper Management Area and created limited overnight lodging facilities for Council members.

The August meeting may be rescheduled for a later time. The next scheduled meeting is set for October 12 and 13.

For further information on the meeting cancellation, the SMAC or the scheduled meeting for October, contact Rhonda Karges at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

