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Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meeting to be held in Burns

BURNS, Oregon – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13 beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day. The meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Office at 28910 Highway 20 West in Hines.

On Thursday morning, the SMAC will hear updates from the Chair and Designated Federal Official, receive a field manager's report, hear information on the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) Monitoring Plan and the CMPA Transportation Plan, and then tour the Wildland Juniper Management Area (WJMA) in the afternoon.

On Friday, the SMAC will review action items and recap the previous day's tour, then discuss public information needs for the CMPA and purposes of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000. The SMAC will set the agenda for the December meeting before adjourning in the early afternoon. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed any time during the two-day meeting.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting including the WJMA tour, but must provide their own transportation. Public comment periods are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. each day. 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 Rhonda Karges 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 Rhonda Karges at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

