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## **STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS DECEMBER 4-5 IN HINES**

**HINES, Oregon** – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5, at the Burns District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office in Hines. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the agency's main conference room, located at 28910 Hwy 20 West.

On Thursday afternoon, the Council will hear Chairperson, Designated Federal Official, and Field Manager updates, review interpretive signs for the Wildland Juniper Management Area on Steens Mountain and receive information on Wind Energy Projects in the Burns District, 2008 recreation statistics, and Law Enforcement activities over the last year.

Agenda items for Friday include charter review, a discussion on the current situation in the Wild Horse and Burro Program, establishing the 2009 meeting calendar and setting the following meeting's 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 and may contribute during the public comment periods at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and 10:15 a.m. on Friday. 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 Christi Courtemanche 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 Christi Courtemanche at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4541.

