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Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meets September 20, 21

HINES, Ore. – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, September 20-21, at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West in Hines.

On Thursday, the meeting opens at 8:30 a.m. and adjourns around 5 p.m. Agenda items for the full-day session include Designated Federal Official and Chairperson updates; a lengthy discussion on the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan alternatives; and a field trip to the Riley/Double “O” area to observe and learn about Medusahead and other invasive species issues in the Burns District of the BLM. The public may attend the field trip, but must provide personal transportation.

On Friday, the meeting opens at 8:30 a.m. with approval of the previous meetings’ minutes and a review of action items. Next, the Council will discuss the Medusahead field trip and recommendations for the Comprehensive Recreation Plan from the previous day. Other agenda items include: review and discussion of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, review of the Council charter, and an opportunity for members to share information from their constituencies. Friday’s session adjourns around 1:00 p.m. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed anytime during the two-day meeting.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting, and can contribute during the public comment periods at 11:45 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. If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Tara Martinak at the Burns District Office prior to the start of the meeting.

For further information on the SMAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Tara Martinak at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4519. Additional information about the SMAC can be found online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/steensac.php>

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