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REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED FOR STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) is still looking for interested individuals to fill four vacant positions on the SMAC. If you enjoy the Steens Mountain Area, and like to hunt or maybe just drive your jeep to the end of a two-track, nominate yourself to fill the mechanized/consumptive recreation position.

Other vacancies include:

- A member of the Burns Paiute Tribe
- A person who is a grazing permittee on Federal land in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA)
- A person who has no financial interest in the CMPA

Each member has the opportunity to represent others within their category of interest and work collaboratively to recommend management strategies for public lands in the Steens Mountain Area to Federal agencies.

The nomination period for the four vacancies has been extended until June 30, 2004, and interested individuals are urged to apply. Members appointed will serve a term of 3 years without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for government employees. The SMAC shall meet only at the call of the Designated Federal Official, but not less than once per year. In recent years, the council has met approximately eight times per year.

To nominate yourself or someone you know, submit a nomination form and letters of reference addressing your capabilities for the position. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Burns District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon, by calling (541) 573-4400, or from the Steens Mountain Web site at www.or.blm.gov/Steens. The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the nomination form and letters of reference. Upon completion, send or deliver nomination forms and letters of reference to the Burns District Office.

For more information on the SMAC nominations, call Rhonda Karges at the BLM at (541) 573-4400.

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