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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET IN BURNS

The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 17-19, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, in the conference room at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon.

The meeting will open with Chairman and Designated Federal Official updates. Discussion of the Andrews Management Unit/Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Andrews/Steens RMP/EIS) will immediately follow and continue throughout the remainder of the meeting. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed, and the SMAC may adjourn early on Thursday as business allows.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may contribute during public comment sessions scheduled at 11:00 a.m. each day. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the public comment period are asked to also provide a written statement of their presentation. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, public comment periods will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the SMAC for a maximum of 5 minutes.

If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Rhonda Karges at the Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, no later than 5 days 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 courtesy 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 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, or call (541) 573-4400, weekdays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. You may also visit the Steens Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Steens>.