

STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 15-16, 2023 - Frenchglen School, 39235 Highway 205 Frenchglen, OR 97736

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AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

TIME	TOPIC	LED BY
10 a.m. (30 minutes)	Welcome Introductions/, field tour overview	Tara Thissell (BLM Public Affairs Specialist/SMAC coordinator)
10:30 (all day)	Field Tour on Steens Mountain Locations will vary due to road and access condition; among other possibilities, SMAC may visit Riddle Brothers Ranch, Page Springs Weir, and/or fuels treatment areas.	All
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn (back in Frenchglen)	
6 p.m.	SMAC dinner (optional, and only potentially happening; depends on availability of Frenchglen Hotel)	

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. (15 minutes)	Welcome Introductions, update on SMAC nominations/vacancies, review agenda, facility logistics, field tour recap	Tara Thissell
8:45 (30 minutes)	Designated Federal Official / Manager's Report The Council's Designated Federal Official and Andrews/Steens Field Office Manager share information about topics that generally do not require much discussion. Examples could include updates on ongoing litigation, staffing changes, project implementation status, or things on the horizon. For June 2023, items include but are not limited to the Alvord Allotment Management Plan, Steens Travel Management Planning, Page Springs Weir, and Nature's Advocate Inholder Access.	Jeff Rose (BLM Burns District Manager) Don Rotell (BLM Andrews/ Steens Field Office Manager)
9:15 (15 minutes)	Recreation Program Update Information sharing regarding current, ongoing, and upcoming recreation matters in the greater Steens Mountain area.	Kyle Wanner (Acting Assistant Field Manager, Andrews/Steens)
9:30 (90 minutes)	Bridge Creek Area Allotment Management Plan / EIS Update Grazing in the Bridge Creek area on Steens Mountain has been a complex and controversial topic for many years. The Allotment Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement is underway, and the range of alternatives will be discussed; the Council may look into establishing a subcommittee to dig deeper into the document for a future full-Council recommendation on an alternative.	Don Rotell
11:00 (30 minutes)	PUBLIC COMMENT / BREAK	

<p>11:30 (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Steens Act Review The SMAC chose to review and discuss purposes and objectives of the Steens Act at each meeting to keep the Act fresh and known as they work on creative management solutions. "Reasonable use" is the topic for this session.</p>	<p>John Helmer (SMAC Dispersed Recreation representative)</p>
<p>11:50 (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Council Member Round-robin Council members are provided time on the agenda to share information from their constituents.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>12:10 p.m. (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Administrative Business Chair and Vice Chair nominations Parking Lot Items Meeting Close-out Review follow-up items and anything left in on the table for discussion; plan the next meeting's agenda/date; start the process for new chairperson elections</p>	<p>Tara Thissell</p>
<p>12:30</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>	