

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[OR-027-1020-PI-020H; G-05-0029]****Notice of Public Meetings, Steens Mountain Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act (Steens Act) of 2000, Public Law 106-399, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, BLM, Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) will meet as indicated below:

**DATES:** The SMAC will meet at the BLM, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738 on February 7 and 8, 2005 and April 18 and 19, 2005. Both meeting sessions will begin at 8 a.m., local time, and will end at approximately 4:30 p.m., local time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SMAC was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior on August 14, 2001, pursuant to the Steens Act and rechartered in August 2003. The SMAC's purpose is to provide representative counsel and advice to the BLM regarding (1) new and unique approaches to management of the land within the bounds of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA), (2) cooperative programs and incentives for landscape management that meet human needs, maintain and improve the ecological and economic integrity of the area, and (3) preparation and implementation of a management plan for the CMPA.

Topics to be discussed by the SMAC at these meetings include categories such as transportation, recreation/public use, wildlife, special designated areas, partnerships/programs, cultural resources, watersheds, projects, education, volunteer-based information, adaptive management, Steens Mountain CMPA Resource Management Plan implementation process, science committee/consultants, socioeconomic, and other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC.

All meetings are open to the public in their entirety. Information to be distributed to the SMAC is requested at least 10 days prior to the start of each SMAC meeting. Public comment is generally scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:30

a.m., local time, both days of each meeting session. The amount of time scheduled for public presentations and meeting times may be extended when the authorized representative considers it necessary to accommodate all who seek to be heard regarding matters on the agenda.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information concerning the SMAC may be obtained from Rhonda Karges, Management Support Specialist, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, call (541) 573-4400 or [Rhonda\\_Karges@or.blm.gov](mailto:Rhonda_Karges@or.blm.gov) or from the following Web site: <http://www.or.blm.gov/Steens>.

Dated: December 8, 2004.

**Dana R. Shuford,**

*Burns District Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[NM-220-1430-ES; NMNM-109919]****Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Santa Fe County, New Mexico have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the Town of Edgewood, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lora Yonemoto, Realty Specialist, (505) 751-4709.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described public land in Santa Fe County, New Mexico, has been examined and found suitable for conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The Town of Edgewood proposes to use the lands for a recreation area, to include developed picnic areas, hiking, mountain bike and equestrian trails, a horse use area, and a Town public works facility.

**New Mexico Principal Meridian**

T. 10 N., R. 7 E.,

Sec. 34, lots 1 through 4 and N1/2SE1/4;

Containing approximately 248.720 acres.

The lands are not needed for Federal Purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease/conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Taos Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Rd., Taos, NM 87571.

On December 14, 2004, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Office Manager, BLM Taos Office, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571 until January 28, 2005.

**Classification Comments:** Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a recreation area and public works facility to the Town of Edgewood. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

**Application Comments:** Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for the proposed use.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective on February 14, 2005.

**Sam DesGeorges,**

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