

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Steens Mountain Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Steens Mountain Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

10798

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 11/09/2023 11/09/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

5 U.S.C Appendix

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Steens Mountain Cooperative

Management and Protection 10/30/2000 Continuing No

Act (P.L. 106-399)

13. Effective Date

10/30/2000 Continuing No

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
1	0	0	1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The SMAC will discuss their inholder/edgeholder initiative and hear a presentation from a BLM Archaeologist and the Burns Paiute Tribe about their culture and aboriginal homelands in the area as well. The Bridge Creek Environmental Impact Statement, Natures Advocate, LLC, Inholder Access Environmental Assessment, fire and grazing for fuels management, and/or a recap of the 2024 wildfire season may also come up as time and interest determine.

10/10/2024 - 10/11/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current Next	
	FY	FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Steens Mountain Advisory Council provides advice and guidance to the BLM's Burns District on managing the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA). The members seek collaborative solutions to critical issues in the CMPA, environmental assessments in the CMPA, and recreational uses. The members' goal is seamless landscape management that meets human and resource needs. The Steens Mountain Advisory Council has been meeting this purpose for over 15 years by continually looking at the big picture of public land management, emphasizing on-the-ground/positive impacts, and working hard to find ways among themselves to communicate openly and make tough decisions for the betterment of multiple-uses on public lands.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The 13 members are representative of the varied groups with an interest in the management of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area. Membership categories include: State environmental representative; local environmental representative; Burns Paiute Tribe; representative of the general public (with no Cooperative Management and Protection Area financial interest); recreational permit holder; private landowner; grazing permittee; fish and recreational fishing; dispersed recreation; mechanized or consumptive recreation; and wild horse management. One member serves as a non-voting state liaison. Recommendations for membership come from the Harney County Court, the Oregon Governor's Office, the Burns Paiute Tribe, and the BLM. The Steens Mountain

Advisory Council continues to balance its membership by reaching out to constituents across representation boundaries and encouraging their application to and/or participation in Council actions.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings are typically held approximately every 2-3 months or 4 times per year. This meeting schedule has regularly accommodated the needs of the BLM and the availability of Council members. Topics are related to implementing the management plan for the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Council provides very critical advice and guidance for the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area. The Council's mandate is to develop recommendations to implement the management plan for the area and provide feedback and new approaches to other critical issues.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Steens Mountain Advisory Council met on October 19-20, 2023; January 25-26, 2024; and June 13-14, 2024.

Designated Federal Officer

Jeff Rose District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Davies, Stacy	04/03/2024	04/03/2027	General Manager of the Roaring Springs Ranch	Representative Member
Foster, Lee	09/06/2023	09/06/2026	Wildlife biologist	Representative Member
Fox, Michael	11/17/2022	11/17/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Goette, Rudolph	11/17/2022	11/17/2025	Vice President/Sales Consultant, Alliance Insurance Services	Representative Member
Hawley, Eric	09/14/2018	09/06/2026	Logan Valley Site Manager	Representative Member
Jakubik, Robert	11/18/2020	11/20/2026	Retired	Representative Member
O'Crowley, Timothy	05/20/2024	05/20/2027	Owner and operator of guest ranch	Representative Member
Runnels, Peter	09/14/2018	11/17/2025	Harney County Judge	Representative Member
Turner, Terry	09/14/2018	11/17/2025	Oregon Council Chair for Trout Unlimited	Representative Member
Volpe, Cliff	11/20/2023	11/20/2026	Marketing Project Manager	Representative Member
Wicks, Teresa	11/17/2022	11/17/2025	Field Biologist	Representative Member
Wilson, Katherine	03/23/2015	09/06/2026	Rancher	Representative Member
Withrow, Karen	11/17/2022	11/17/2025	Retired	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

The Steens Mountain Advisory Council advises the Secretary of the Interior regarding managing and promoting cooperative management in the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



Major policy changes



Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

This Council's role is directed by the legislation establishing the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Steens Mountain Advisory Council. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

141

Number of Recommendations Comments

The SMAC made 1 recommendation in FY 24; that the BLM open the Steens Loop Road in its entirety prior to the 2024 season of use.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Fully implemented by the agency?

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

25%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided at in-person meetings, via email, and/or through official correspondence.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Specific management actions have been revised based on Council recommendations.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The BLM utilizes all practicable avenues to provide information to the Council, including mail and email updates.