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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Planning Commission to Meet at Pendleton Convention Center on July 23, 2009**

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The Umatilla County Planning Commission has moved its July 23<sup>rd</sup> hearing venue to the Pendleton Convention Center. The move is to insure everyone has an opportunity to share their opinion about the proposed Goal 5 scenic area designation in the Blue Mountains.

“We expect a standing room only crowd”, said Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Rhinhart. There is limited seating capacity at the Justice Center, so the July 23<sup>rd</sup> hearing will be held at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The hearing on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, will begin at 6:30 at the Umatilla County Justice Center. Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Rhinhart, said he would like to “encourage all citizens to participate either at the hearing or by submitting written comments.” The Planning Commission will take public testimony until 9:30 pm.

Persons who are not able to speak at the June 25<sup>th</sup> hearing will be allowed to do so at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> hearing.

For more information about the proposed Blue Mountain Scenic and Open Space designation, visit [umatillacounty.net](http://umatillacounty.net).

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