



# **NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

## **MEETING PACKET**

Tuesday January 9, 2018

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## STATE OF NEVADA Nevada State Board on Geographic Names

MEMBERS: Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Historical Society, Nevada State Library and Archives, Nevada State Planning Agency, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service

### Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda of the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names

A public meeting will be held on:

**January 9, 2018**

At the following location:

Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library  
UNR Bureau of Mines and Geology  
2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno, Nevada 89512

**9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Please note times stated are approximate, and agenda items may be heard out of order. Chair reserves the right to take breaks where practical.**

#### AGENDA:

1. Introductions and approval of Agenda (For possible action)
2. Public comment (Action will not be taken)  
*Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. Comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. All public comments may be limited to 5 minutes for each person at the discretion of the Chair.*
3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting (For possible action)
4. Announcements, Chairman or Executive Secretary
5. Announcements from Board members
6. Protocol and streamlining of NSBGN procedures update (For possible action)  
*Standing item reserved for discussing efficiency of NSBGN operations.*  
*NSBGN Members*
7. Smalls Peak (For possible action)  
*First hearing for proposed renaming Jefferson "Jeff" Davis Peak to Smalls Peak in White Pine County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
8. Ramsey Summit (For possible action)  
*First hearing for proposed naming of Ramsey Summit in Storey County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
9. Nugget Peak (For possible action)  
*First hearing for proposed naming of Nugget Peak in Pershing County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
10. Koipato Peak (For possible action)  
*First hearing for proposed naming of Koipato Peak in Pershing County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
11. Pony Express Hill (For possible action)  
*Second hearing for proposed naming of Pony Express Hill in Lander County.*

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12. Dunn Butte (For possible action)  
*Second hearing for proposed naming of Dunn Butte in Washoe County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
13. Whitebark Peak (For possible action)  
*Third hearing for proposed naming of Whitebark Peak in Humboldt County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
14. Quinn Peak (For possible action)  
*Third hearing for proposed naming of Quinn Peak in Humboldt County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
15. Select tentative meeting place and date for May 2018 meeting (For possible action)
16. Public comments (Action will not be taken)  
*Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. Comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. All public comments may be limited to 5 minutes for each person at the discretion of the Chair.*
17. Adjournment

Please Note:

- Times stated herein are approximate.
- Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; Chair reserves the right to take items out of order to expedite the meeting or to accommodate speakers;
- Items may be removed from the agenda or discussion delayed related to an item on the agenda at any time.
- Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Christine Johnson in writing at the Nevada Historical Society, 1650 N. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89503 or by calling 775-688-1190 x231 no later than January 6, 2018.
- Notice of this meeting will be posted prior to January 4, 2018 at all Board member agencies as well as the following public agencies:
  - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701
  - Nevada Historical Society, 1650 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89503
  - Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library, 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512
- In addition, this notice of meeting is posted on the NSBGN Website at:  
<http://www.nbmng.unr.edu/geonames/index.html> and on the Nevada State Clearinghouse Website at:  
<http://clearinghouse.nv.gov/notices.htm>

*Directions to Meeting Location:* Take U.S. Highway 395 north of Reno, take the Parr Blvd exit; turn right (east) on Parr Blvd, turn right (south) on Raggio Pkwy. The GBSSRL is the first building on the left at 2175 Raggio Pkwy. See map: [http://www.nbmng.unr.edu/\\_docs/GBSSRL/GBSSRL\\_map\\_directions.pdf](http://www.nbmng.unr.edu/_docs/GBSSRL/GBSSRL_map_directions.pdf)

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**NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

**MINUTES**  
**September 19, 2017**

The meeting began at 9:37am, at the Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library at 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno NV, 89512.

**Board Members Present:**

Skip Canfield, Chair, Nevada Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources  
Christine Johnson, Executive Secretary – Nevada Historical Society (non-voting)  
Linda Newman, University of Nevada, Reno – (voting alternate)  
Cynthia Laframboise – Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records  
Diane M. Lightwood – Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records (voting alternate)  
Larry Schmidt, US Forest Service (alternate)  
Paul Starrs, University of Nevada, Reno – Department of Geography  
Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Catherine Magee, Nevada Historical Society – (voting alternate)  
Robert (Bob) Stewart, US Bureau of Land Management (Retired)  
John Burgess, Nevada Dept. of Transportation  
Jack Hursh, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology  
David Davis, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology (alternate)  
Dan White, USFS (calling in)  
Mike Boyles, NPS (calling in)

**Absent:**

Margaret (Peg) Rees, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Members of Public/Guests:**

Lois Kane  
Mike Kane  
Lonnie Feemster – Reno, Sparks, & Las Vegas NAACP  
Joshua Woodbury – Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General's Office  
Bryan Stockton – Senior Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General's Office  
Victor Henney  
Sue Wyman  
Terry Flynn  
Jana Dunn  
Mark Vollmer  
Eric Moody – NSBGN Advisory Panel  
Don Harper – US Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
Jim Kattelman  
Louis Forline – NSBGN Advisory Panel

**1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda (for possible action)**

Meeting called to order at 9:37am by Skip Canfield. Introductions made of attending Board members and guests. Chair Skip Canfield noted that item number 8 – Smalls Peak – is listed incompletely – should be listed as a renaming, and to err on side of caution, and to avoid violation of Open Meeting Law in Nevada, and with the advice of the Deputy Attorney Generals present, Smalls Peak hearing will

be tabled until the January 2018 meeting. Discussion on process ensued. Motion to approve agenda made by Jack Hursh, seconded by John Burgess. Unanimous approval of agenda. Motion approved.

**2. Public Comment (action not taken)**

Pursuant to Nevada Open Meeting law, the NBSGN allows for public comment at the beginning and end of our meetings. Member of public - Jim Kattelman - attended because he saw an article in the paper regarding Jeff Davis Peak and spoke in opposition to the proposed name change. Lois Kane - member of George Family - family is honored that there is intent to honor her grandmother. Thanks board for the consideration. Contacted her uncle, last living son of Wuzzie George. She shared what she knows her uncle's sentiments are on the naming: in the Paiute culture, you don't speak the name of that person - and his suggestion was to perhaps name the place instead for Wuzzie George (although he doesn't have a specific opposition to it), George Ridge is good, very general, but to name it in a way that denotes the person has passed. Also perhaps could name it for what the feature was for the people in the area - Wuzzie George used to call that place "Coyote Falls Down Ridge" - but this is not the proposal before the NBSGN. She is of a new generation, and supports her uncle's thoughts on the idea, and restated that they are honored for the naming prospect. She supplied a letter of support for the naming of George Ridge. Lonnie Feemster (NAACP) stated support for renaming Jeff Davis Peak, stating Davis was responsible for the death of thousands of people. Robert Smalls (application to rename Davis Peak for Smalls Peak) was a hero, and will not speak in opposition to a Native American name (which is not before the NBSGN), but Smalls eventually became a U.S. Congressman, and is worthy of support.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting (for possible action)**

Minor correction requested by Mr. Crawford as to tribal affiliation and representation, which will be made. Motion to approve minutes with these corrections from May 16, 2017 meeting made by Paul Starrs, seconded by Catherine Magee. One abstention, by Cynthia Laframboise, otherwise unanimous approval of the minutes. Motion approved.

**4. Announcements, Chairman or Executive Secretary**

From Executive Secretary Christine Johnson, two announcements: Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) 2018 annual conference will be held in June in Tacoma, Washington. Report on US Board actions: Booker Hot Springs and Pony Bob Peak are now official. From Chair Skip Canfield: values commitment of the members and work done by NBSGN, and also the participation of the public and proponents in the process. Thanks everyone for participation.

**5. Announcements from Board Members**

Cynthia LaFramboise mentioned that former board member and chair Jeff Kintop has researched Jeff Davis Peak, and found reference that the peak has had several other names applied to it until the 1980s, including Union Peak, and Wheeler Peak. Christine Johnson mentioned the (now) enacted Advisory Panel to the NBSGN. Mr. Stewart resigned his position and Don Harper assigned as replacement.

**6. Protocol and Streamlining of NBSGN procedures update (for possible action)**

Mr. Burgess mentioned that our procedures need to be more visible (process on naming in general). Mentioned that perhaps the steps should be on the website. Mr. Hursh mentioned he had recently updated the website to reflect this suggestion. Mr. White asked for clarification on terms and process (first/second hearings, and for possible action).

**7. Pony Express Hill (first hearing - for possible action)**

This is the first hearing for Pony Express Hill in Lander County. Application is complete, and NBSGN will do due diligence. Mr. White did research prior to meeting and wrote to U.S. Forest Service district ranger regarding Pony Express Hill, and is waiting for reply. There is a Pony Express 'loop' apparently, and Dr. Starrs is questioning the "loop" in what should otherwise be a straight line (trail was meant to be direct). Chair Skip Canfield reminds NBSGN members to bring their expertise to the next meeting on all

items. Motion made by Jack Hursh, seconded by Cynthia Laframboise to forward to second hearing. No additional discussion, unanimous approval, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**8. Smalls Peak (first hearing - for possible action)**

Due to agenda error and advice from Deputy Attorney General, this item tabled to January 2018 meeting for the first hearing. No discussion had.

**9. Dunn Butte (first hearing - for possible action)**

This is the first hearing for Dunn Butte in Washoe County. Jeff Dunn authored the State Highway map. Cartographer with the NV Dept of Transportation for 23 years, and this proposal is a commemorative name. The State Highway map design was created in 1999 by Mr. Dunn, and persists to this day. The level of detail is such that no one has seen fit to change it. The proposed name of Dunn Butte is in the very northwest corner of the state near the borders of California and Oregon. The Butte in 12-mile creek is a unique feature in the state, unnamed, and the feature matches the NSBGN standard definition of a butte. The map he created is the closest thing to an official State map that Nevada has and is published bi-annually – 1-2 million copies generated with each printing. Mr. Dunn was also involved with the re-designing of the Nevada State flag. Mr. Dunn was also a candidate for the Exec. Secretary of the NSBGN. Feature is on BLM land, and a small portion of the feature hits into private land, and we should reach out to the owners. Mr. White asked if Mr. Dunn had any direct association with the feature, and he mentioned that the name should have direct association with the feature. Mr. Hursh mentioned that the feature is located directly below where his name appears in the printed state line on the state map. NSBGN members mentioned that Mr. Dunn had association with the whole state. Guest Mark Vollmer (representing the Dunn Family) thanked the NSBGN for considering the name. George Wheeler (cartographer), John C. Fremont (cartographer/explorer) both have features named for them in Nevada. Motion made by Paul Starrs to forward item to second hearing, seconded by Jack Hursh. No additional discussion, unanimous approval, no objections and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**10. Engeler Peak (second hearing - for possible action)**

This is the second hearing for Engeler Peak in Humboldt County. High point in the Bilk Creek Mountains. Mr. Hursh gave synopsis: proponent represents family (Engeler Family), to commemorate the peak after her family who homesteaded in the King's River Valley in the 1950s. Dry-crop farming and new technologies were implemented in this area by the family and was part of an initiative by the state of Nevada to develop agricultural areas that otherwise did not have agricultural activity. Family was very bonded to this mountain. Peak is NOT in wilderness. Dr. Starrs reiterated the Engeler family's contribution to the case with the submission of many photographs and family history. Executive Secretary Christine Johnson reached out to the Humboldt County Commission and the nine tribes affiliated with the site location per the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) database, and no response was given. Chair copied this information to the Nevada Indian Commission and no response. Motion made by Paul Starrs to forward to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names with NSBGN support for naming. Seconded by Cynthia Laframboise. No additional discussion, unanimous approval, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**11. Whitebark Peak (second hearing – for possible action)**

This is the second hearing for this feature. Proponent has proposed the name Whitebark Peak for the name of the high point in the Pine Forest Range in Humboldt County. The white bark pine grows prolifically there in the highest elevations, therefore is an appropriate name. However, the peak is in wilderness area, and the proponent knows the proposal should be withdrawn due to the Wilderness Act of 1964. The standing protocol is to follow the intent of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (no intrusion and application of names, save for safety issues and education). Dan White made mention that there are exemptions in favor of safety and education (which this might be). The NSBGN general discussion included requesting more information on why this would be educational (and therefore exempt), the proponent understands and respects the wilderness policy, and the NSBGN does not feel this is defensible. Exec. Secretary received no feedback from affiliated tribes or county officials. This feature

falls in BLM wilderness. BLM member suggested tabling item until more information can be gathered, motion made by Don Harper to table this item until January meeting. Seconded by Jack Hursh. No additional discussion, unanimous approval, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**12. Quinn Peak (second hearing – for possible action)**

This the second hearing for this feature in Humboldt County. Jack Hursh provided synopsis: this is the high point in the Jackson Mountains. Mr. Hursh mentioned the colloquial of “Queen” is Quinn, and King Lear peak is nearby at the southern end of the Jackson Mountains, and the desire to pair “King” with “Queen” is the reasoning. The Quinn River and Quinn River Valley is in the affiliated region. However, this feature as well is in BLM wilderness. Dan White did research, and found that Dan Dobbins Peak has been used for this peak, and is asking who the Quinn River Valley is named for. More research to be done on this item. No feedback from the Humboldt County Commissioners or affiliated tribes to the Exec. Secretary Christine Johnson. Motion made by Don Harper to table this item until more information can be gathered. Seconded by Paul Starrs. Further discussion – Chair asked whether U.S. Board on Geographic Names can provide more information on when a feature within wilderness can be named. NSBGN protocol over many years has been to reject any application for a name within wilderness. Clarification is needed from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names as to what criteria should be used that warrants a new name based on public safety, navigation or education. Dan White said it is a case-by-case basis based on safety, navigation or education. No additional discussion, unanimous approval, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**13. Wheat Peak, Churchill County (third hearing – for possible action)**

This is the third hearing for this feature, in Churchill County, the high point in the Bunejug Mountains. Unnamed on maps, with no apparent local usage. This feature connects to item 12, inasmuch as both are submitted by same proponent, and both features named for the women who worked together. Jack Hursh gave synopsis: this feature, Wheat Peak, to be named for Margaret Wheat, notable anthropologist from the University of Nevada, Reno – active in the area in the 1950s-1980s. The Bunejug Range where this feature is located gleaned its name from a mispronounced version of “junebug” by Margaret Wheat’s daughter in the 1960s (which has become the official name of the range in Nevada). Proponent wants to commemorate work of Margaret Wheat in naming this peak for her. Ms. Wheat wrote the “Arts of the Primitive Paiute, and contributed greatly to archaeological surveys in Nevada. No feedback received from Churchill County Commissioners or the affiliated tribes for this feature, save for communication from UNR anthropologists Emeritus Don and Kay Fowler substantiating Margaret Wheat’s importance and her great importance and contribution to academia with regard to documenting early Paiute life in Nevada. In this way, no opposition and only support for Wheat Peak. Motion to forward to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names with NSBGN support for naming consideration made by John Burgess, seconded by Catherine Magee. No further discussion, unanimous approval, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**14. George Ridge, Churchill County (third hearing – for possible action)**

This is the third hearing for this feature, in Churchill County, unnamed on maps, with no apparent local usage. This feature connects to item 11, inasmuch as both are submitted by same proponent, and both features named for the women who worked together. Synopsis given by Jack Hursh: this feature would be named for Wuzzie George, local Paiute woman and well-respected elder in their community. No feedback received from Churchill County Commissioners, and two letters of support were received from tribes for this feature (from the Walker River Paiute tribe and Ft. McDermitt Paiute/Shoshone tribe). This item was tabled last time due to NSBGN desire to reach out to family, and Lois Kane (granddaughter) spoke earlier in this meeting relaying her uncle’s perspective and her own, in general support. Daryl Crawford said Inter-Tribal Council has received to additional feedback and the organization is in favor of the name. Mr. Hursh relayed that his conversation with Ms. Kane was happy to learn that the name requirement for a person being deceased more than five years was a requirement, and further explained why a name with many words (e.g. Coyote Falls Down Ridge) cannot work given current naming standards. Motion to forward to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names with NSBGN support for naming consideration made by Daryl Crawford, seconded by Paul

Starrs. No additional discussion, unanimous approval, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**15. Mount Hanna (review for possible action)**

This is a review of the site and past vote – this item was sent back for clarification to the NSBGN by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. Jack Hursh stated that proponent (Dr. Eugene Smith at UNLV) has referred to this site as Mount Hanna in many publications. Triangulation station is Hanna. This site is in BLM wilderness, which the NSBGN did not realize when we heard this the first time. Discussion on how the name can be denied given that they predate the Wilderness Act of 1964. Dan White asked who Hanna and Sutor were (can we find out – seem like commemorative names). May have been surveyor's names; Robert Stewart said no one would know that information now – surveying teams of the day just named sites as they went and as needed to progress with work at the time. U.S. Board on Geographic Names asked if Mr. Smith (proponent) can justify names. Proponent states that triangulation stations are there, the sites predate the Wilderness Act, and there are publications out that reference these peaks (for both items 15 and 16). Motion that based on predating the Wilderness Act, the presence of triangulation stations, and usage in research literature published by UNLV made by Paul Starrs (and to send publication list to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names), seconded by Cynthia Laframboise. No further discussion, unanimous approval, no objections and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**16. Mount Sutor (review for possible action)**

This is a review of the site and past vote – this item was sent back for clarification to the NSBGN by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. Jack Hursh stated that the proponent (Dr. Eugene Smith at UNLV) has referred to this site as Mount Sutor in many publications. Triangulation station is Sutor. Same discussion as in item 15.

Motion that based on predating the Wilderness Act, the presence of triangulation stations, and usage in research literature published by UNLV made by Paul Starrs (and to send publication list to U.S. Board), seconded by Dan White. No further discussion, unanimous approval, no objections and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**17. Select tentative meeting place and date for January, 2018 meeting (for possible action).**

Tentative meeting place selected for next meeting at the Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library at 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno NV, 89512, on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Motion made by Jack Hursh, seconded by Catherine Magee. Unanimously approved, no objections, no abstentions. Motion passed.

**18. Public Comments**

Pursuant to Nevada Open Meeting law, the NBGN allows for public comment at the beginning and end of our meetings. Paul Starrs spoke as a member of the public – proposed that we thank Bob Stewart for his service on the board. Larry Schmidt mentioned that we should consider the RE-naming situation with regard to Jefferson Davis Peak (being in wilderness). Dan White mentioned that it is exempt given that it has a name.

**19. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Skip Canfield to adjourn, seconded by Diane Lightwood. Unanimously approved, no objections, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:13am.

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FOR THE  
NEVADA STATE BOARD  
ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Introduction

Names have a special significance to persons using maps, charts or documents, as they identify geographic locations, recount history, commemorate people and events. Without geographic place names, communication would be difficult. The misspelling, misapplication, duplication or omission of a name may cause geographic confusion, complications in emergency situations, create resentment and impair the validity of an otherwise excellent map. In a broader sense, the strength, consistency and appropriateness of names are marks of the vigor, growth and permanence of a nation and its people. Much can be done to enhance historic heritage, color and picturesqueness of a region through judicious selection and preservation of significant and appropriate names.

Consequently, while geographic place naming is responsive to the needs and will of the public, it is of necessity a function that requires the supervision and coordination of local, state and federal government and their respective map-producing agencies. The Nevada State Board on Geographic Names, established May 1985 by chapter 327 of NRS as amended, coordinates and approves names within the State of Nevada. The U.S. Board formulates federal principles, policies and procedures related to both domestic and foreign geographic names, and determines the final choice, spelling and application of names for official national and international use. While it is the ultimate authority for federal usage, the U.S. Board works in close and dependent cooperation with the Nevada State Board. Hence, application for proposed name changes, new names, spelling clarifications, etc., sent directly to the U.S. Board, are first referred to the State Board for local evaluation and recommendation.

Persons wishing to suggest names or who seek clarifications are urged to make application through the Nevada State Board. Applications may be obtained from and submitted to:

Secretary  
Nevada State Board on Geographic Names  
Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology  
University of Nevada  
Reno, NV 89557-0088

As much justification as possible should be included to support proposals, especially concerning alteration or elimination of existing names.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD

### ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

1. To serve as the responsible agent to coordinate the important place-naming activity between local, state and federal agencies;
2. To establish a procedure for the retention and formal recognition of existing names;
3. To standardized the procedures for naming or renaming geographic features within state boundaries;
4. To avoid or eliminate, whenever possible, the duplication of names and to correct spelling errors;
5. To retain and enhance the significance, heritage and distinctive color of names associated with the history and developement of the state.

### COMPOSITION OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD

One representative of each of the following agencies or organizations:

- (a) Bureau of Mines and Geology of the State of Nevada.
- (b) Faculty of the University of Nevada, Reno
- (c) Faculty of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- (d) Nevada State Library and Archives.
- (e) Department of transportation of the state.
- (f) State department of conservation and natural resources.
- (g) Nevada historical society.
- (h) United States Bureau of Land Management
- (i) United States Forest Service.

Each agency or organization shall designate a representative and on alternative representative for this purpose.

### AUTHORITY OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD

1. The board shall:
  - (a) Receive and evaluate all proposals for changes in or additions to names of geographic features and places in the state to determine the most appropriate and acceptable names for use in maps and official documents of all levels of government.
  - (b) Make official recommendations on behalf of the state with respect to each proposal.
  - (c) Assist and cooperate with the United States Board on Geographic Names in matters relating to names of geographic features and places in Nevada.
  - (d) Maintain a list of advisers who have special knowledge of or expertise in Nevada history, geography or culture and consult with those advisers on a regular basis in the course of its work.

2. The board may:

- (a) Adopt regulations to assist in carrying out the functions and duties assigned to it by law.
- (b) Initiate proposals for changes in or additions to geographic names in the state. Any proposal initiated by the board must be evaluated in accordance with the same procedures prescribed for the consideration of other proposals.

#### PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING NAMES

1. Any person, group or agency of federal, state or local government may propose a change in or the addition of any geographic name within the state by submitting it to the board for evaluation and recommendation.
2. Upon receipt of any such proposal, together with sufficient supporting information, the board shall:
  - (a) Place the proposal on the agenda for preliminary consideration at its next meeting.
  - (b) Give appropriate notice to persons and groups who are affected by the proposal or might have an interest in it.
  - (c) Provide opportunities for public comment.
  - (d) Conduct such research and field investigations as it deems necessary.
3. The board may not take final action on any proposal until it has been given preliminary consideration at one or more previous meetings.
4. Occasionally, decisions on disputed or questioned names are delayed pending further research and/or additional public input.
5. Whenever the board takes final action on a proposal, it shall notify the person, group or agency who submitted the proposal and shall transmit the official recommendation to the United States Board of Geographic Names which renders final action and informs all concerned governmental agencies including, directly and indirectly official and private mapmakers.

#### GUIDELINES FOR NAMING

##### New Names Applied to Unnamed Features

###### Acceptable:

1. Names in dominant local usage that are strongly supported by local residents;
2. Spelling and pronunciation sanctioned by local usage;
3. Euphonious and suitable names of Indian, pioneer or pertinent foreign origin;
4. Names suggested by peculiarities of topographic features, such as form, vegetation or animal life.
5. Pertinent, concise names in good taste, without derogatory or defamatory implications.

6. In the case of a river, it is preferable that the name usually follow its longest branch;
7. Names created by acts of the State Legislature, municipal councils or other local governing bodies with direct jurisdiction regarding geographic names, unless application of the names is in conflict with the established and interlocking naming principles followed by both the federal and state boards;
8. Names in conformity with the flavor of existing names in the area and, in the case of Indian names, names which adhere to correct (most standardized) spelling;
9. The relative importance of a feature commensurate with the importance of the name being applied. Thus, it is inappropriate to name a major peak for a relatively unknown individual or a small pond for a major personality.

Avoid:

1. Duplication of names within the state, particularly in small or contiguous areas;
2. Names that commemorate living persons;
3. Long and clumsily constructed names;
4. Multiplicity of names for different parts of the same feature, such as a river or mountain range. One name is preferable for the main stem of a stream or throughout the length of a single mountain range;
5. The use of hyphens;
6. Application of a personal name unless it is in the public interest and of historic significance;
7. Names with commercial overtones.

Commemorative Names

1. Must not commemorate living persons;
2. Only one feature of a kind after the same person;
3. The person so honored must have enduring honorable fame relative to the region;
4. Public service credentials must be truly significant and noteworthy in a broad area or sense;

5. The relative importance of the feature should be commensurate with the importance of the individual;
6. The person so honored should be closely associated with the feature.

#### Changes in Naming, Spelling or Application

1. Changes in existing names will generally be restricted to the elimination of names which are inappropriate, duplicative, defamatory and derogatory, or to names which have historically changed or corrupted from their original form, and to names with commercial overtones.
2. Changes in spelling will be encouraged to standardize form of a single (identical) name given to related features, to eliminate the use of the possessive apostrophe, e.g. Bell Creek rather than Bell's Creek, and to correct obvious spelling errors.
3. Changes in application are encouraged where the name is applied to the wrong feature, or where the title does not correctly reflect the technical definition of the feature to which applied, e.g. lagoon for lake or mountain for hill.
4. Changes should be supported by the local area.

#### CONCLUSION

The Nevada State Board on Geographic Names is dedicated to perpetuating the rich and varied heritage of the state by the logical application of standardized naming guidelines, the elimination of controversial spelling, location and duplication, and the application of appropriate and acceptable names to unnamed features. To further this purpose, the Board will coordinate the ongoing naming process so that new and old titles reflect existing common usage terms of residents and apply appropriate designations that aptly fit the history and topography of the Silver State.

Approved

**NRS 327.120 Nevada State Board on Geographic Names: Composition.** The Board consists of:

1. One representative of each of the following agencies or organizations:
  - (a) Bureau of Mines and Geology of the State of Nevada.
  - (b) Faculty of the University of Nevada, Reno.
  - (c) Faculty of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
  - (d) State Library, Archives and Public Records.
  - (e) Department of Transportation of the State.
  - (f) State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
  - (g) Nevada Historical Society.
  - (h) United States Bureau of Land Management.
  - (i) United States Forest Service.
  - (j) Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc.

➔ Each agency or organization shall designate a representative and one alternative representative for this purpose.

2. An Executive Secretary who is a nonvoting member of the Board. The State Resident Cartographer shall serve in this position. If there is not such a cartographer, the voting members of the Board shall select the Executive Secretary.

(Added to NRS by [1985, 588](#); A [1993, 507](#))

**NRS 327.130 Nevada State Board on Geographic Names: Officers; rules; quorum; meetings; compensation.**

1. The Board shall designate from among its members a Chair and a Vice Chair and shall adopt rules for its own management.

2. A majority of the voting members of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. The Board shall meet at such times and places as are specified by the Chair, but may not hold more than four meetings in any 1 year.

4. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, travel expenses or subsistence allowances except as they may be provided by the members' respective agencies and organizations.

(Added to NRS by [1985, 588](#))

**NRS 327.140 Nevada State Board on Geographic Names: Powers and duties.**

1. The Board shall:

(a) Receive and evaluate all proposals for changes in or additions to names of geographic features and places in the State to determine the most appropriate and acceptable names for use in maps and official documents of all levels of government.

(b) Make official recommendations on behalf of the State with respect to each proposal.

(c) Assist and cooperate with the United States Board on Geographic Names in matters relating to names of geographic features and places in Nevada.

(d) Maintain a list of advisers who have special knowledge of or expertise in Nevada history, geography or culture and consult with those advisers on a regular basis in the course of its work.

2. The Board may:

(a) Adopt regulations to assist in carrying out the functions and duties assigned to it by law.

(b) Initiate proposals for changes in or additions to geographic names in the State. Any proposal initiated by the Board must be evaluated in accordance with the same procedures prescribed for the consideration of other proposals.

(Added to NRS by [1985, 588](#))

**NRS 327.150 Changes in or additions of geographic names: Submission of proposal; preliminary consideration; final action and notice.**

1. Any person, group or agency of federal, state or local government may propose a change in or the addition of any geographic name within the State by submitting it to the Board for evaluation and recommendation.

2. Upon receipt of any such proposal, together with sufficient supporting information, the Board shall:

(a) Place the proposal on the agenda for preliminary consideration at its next meeting.

(b) Give appropriate notice to persons and groups who are affected by the proposal or might have an interest in it.

(c) Provide opportunities for public comment.

(d) Conduct such research and field investigations as it deems necessary.

3. The Board may not take final action on any proposal until it has been given preliminary consideration at one or more previous meetings.

4. Whenever the Board takes final action on a proposal, it shall notify the person, group or agency who submitted the proposal and shall transmit the official recommendation to the United States Board on Geographic Names.

(Added to NRS by [1985, 589](#))

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

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REGION - Propose New or Change Name

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Name Proposal ID:

9242

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Date Created:

28-AUG-17

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Date Submitted:

28-AUG-17

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Proposed Name:

Robert Smalls Peak

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Action Requested:

Change an existing name

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Existing Name:

Jeff Davis Peak

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Unnamed Evidence:

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Locally Used:

No

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Locally Used Years:

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Local Conflict:

No

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Local Conflict Detail:

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Additional Details:

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REGION - Feature Information

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GNIS Feature ID:

862412

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Feature class:

SUMMIT

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Descriptive information:

Class: Summit (Definitions) Citation: U.S. Geological Survey. Geographic Names Post Phase I Map Revisions. Various editions. 01-Jan-2000. Entry Date: 01-Dec-1989 \*Elevation: 12775/3894

## Meaning or significance:

Jeff Davis was a traitor, slaveholder, and the President of the Confederacy. Robert Smalls was an ex-slave who became the first African American to hold the rank of Captain in the history of the United States Navy. From Wikipediak "Robert Smalls (April 5, 1839 – February 23, 1915) was an enslaved African American who, during and after the American Civil War, gained freedom and became a ship's pilot, sea captain, and politician. He freed himself, his crew and their families from slavery on May 13, 1862, by commandeering a Confederate transport ship, CSS Planter, in Charleston harbor, and sailing it from Confederate-controlled waters to the U.S. blockade. His example and persuasion helped convince President Lincoln to accept African-American soldiers into the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy."

## Commemorative:

Yes

## Biographical information:

From <http://www.blackpast.org/aah/smalls-robert-1839-1915>, "Robert Smalls was born in Beaufort, South Carolina, on April 5, 1839 and worked as a house slave until the age of 12. At that point his owner, John K. McKee, sent him to Charleston to work as a waiter, ship rigger, and sailor, with all earnings going to McKee. This arrangement continued until Smalls was 18 when he negotiated to keep all but \$15 of his monthly pay, a deal which allowed Smalls to begin saving money. The savings that he accumulated were later used to purchase his wife and daughter from their owner for a sum of \$800. Their son was born a few years later. In 1861 Smalls was hired as a deckhand on the Confederate transport steamer Planter captained by General Roswell Ripley, the commander of the Second Military District of South Carolina. The Planter was assigned the job of delivering armaments to the Confederate forts. On May 13, 1862, the crew of the Planter went ashore for the evening, leaving Smalls to guard the ship and its contents. Smalls loaded the ship with his wife, children and 12 other slaves from the city and sailed it to the area of the harbor where Union ships had formed their blockade. This trip led the ship past five forts, all of which required the correct whistle signal to indicate they were a Confederate ship. Smalls eventually presented the Planter before Onward, a Union blockade ship and raised the white flag of surrender. He later turned over all charts, a Confederate naval code book, and armaments, as well as the Planter itself, over to the Union Navy. Smalls' feat is partly credited with persuading a reluctant President Abraham Lincoln to now consider allowing African Americans into the Union Army. Smalls went on a speaking tour across the North to describe the episode and to recruit black soldiers for the war effort. By late 1863 he returned to the war zone to pilot the Planter, now a Union war vessel. In December 1863 he was promoted to Captain of the vessel, becoming the first African American to hold that rank in the history of the United States Navy. After the Civil War Smalls entered politics as a Republican. He was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives and later to the South Carolina Senate. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives first from South Carolina's 5th Congressional District and later from South Carolina's 7th Congressional District. Smalls served in Congress between 1868 and 1889. "

## Supporting materials:

No

## REGION - Supporting Materials

No information entered.

## REGION - States and Counties

State Name	County Name
Nevada	White Pine

## REGION - Geographic Coordinates

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec		Long Deg	Min	Sec		Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Geographic Information System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38.9885849	-114.2970356	-

## REGION - Administrative Areas

Administrative Area T	ype	Administrative Area Name	Details
National Park	-		Great Basin National Park

## REGION - Maps and Documents with Name

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Web Site	Wheeler Peak Map	1989

## REGION - Other (Variant) Names and Their Source

No information entered.

## REGION - Authorities

Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Occupation	Years
Burch	Scott	7752347502	scott_burch@nps.gov	100 Great Basin National Park	Baker	Nevada	89311	Acting Superintendant	1

## REGION - Submitters and/or Preparers

Role	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Company	Title
SUBMITTER	Oertel	Anthony	4154571635	tony@frederickbee.com	1747 Lincoln Avenue Apt 19A	San Rafael	California	94901	none	none

DGNP Guest

## Skip Canfield

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**From:** Christine K. Johnson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** Skip Canfield  
**Subject:** NPS Input on J.Davis Peak

**From:** Williams, Tod [mailto:tod\_williams@nps.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** Christine K. Johnson <ckjohnson@nevadaculture.org>  
**Cc:** Dimmick, Curt <curt\_dimmick@nps.gov>; Boyles, Michael <michael\_j\_boyles@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: thoughts...

Hi Christine: I have been told that the NPS is not to take a position on this and to let the process simply play out. It has also been discussed that if the local tribes petition to have their historical name for the peak applied the NPS would support this name change. While lacking in literature and time I have found that: Wheeler Peak and what is now Jeff Davis were originally considered one mountain and named as such.

In Western Shoshone language the tall peak in the desert was called Biap or Pe-up meaning Big or the Great One.

### 1854 - Colonel Edward Steptoe Expedition

- Steptoe named it in honor of his superior, Secretary of War Jefferson Davis.
- This was 7 years prior to Davis becoming the President of the Confederate States. So it appears the naming had nothing to do with Davis being a secessionist.

### 1855 – White Mountain (Ezra Williams – lead) Expedition

- Ezra Williams named it "Williams Peak," after himself. He was the leader of an exploring party from the new Mormon settlements in southern Utah Territory
- A Native American woman they met called the mountain "Too-bur-rit," but other readings show that this was what the local tribes called the entire mountain range to include the North Snake Range and South Snake Range.

### 1859 - Captain James H. Simpson Expedition

- Proposed to name the mountain "Union Peak." He explained that a ridge united the mountain's twin summits.
- This name was adopted by the Federal Government at the conclusion of the Civil War.

186? – It is also reported that two miners gave the double form of the peak two different names. They named the two spires Davis Peak (now Jeff Davis) and Lincoln Peak (now Wheeler).

- This is the only early reference to naming what is now Jeff Davis Peak as Davis peak.

1869 – Wheeler Expedition

- Recommended to rename after Captain Wheeler but idea was not pursued since already named Union by Simpson.
- Can't find a date but years later the name was officially changed to honor the Wheeler expedition.

1881 – U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey

- Numerous references to the mountains name as the Jeff Davis Group, Jeff Davis/Wheeler Group.

Limited is historical literature about naming of peaks in the Snake Range, I can't seem to find when Jeff Davis became the official name for the peak. Leads one to assume that when Wheeler became the official name, the local name of Jeff Davis was applied to the secondary peak of the two spires.

My personnel opinion which is unofficial, unprofessional and does not represent the agency or department is that the White Mountain Expedition got it right the first time.

Tod Williams  
Chief - Planning & Resources  
Great Basin National Park  
775/234-7560

9/13/2017

10:45am

## **Memo of Documentation**

Re: Jeff Davis Peak Renaming

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Phone call received by Christine Johnson at the Nevada Historical Society on this date and at the time listed above:

From: Francis Smith – Reno resident for 19 years, 28 years in Anchorage prior.

“I hope the [NSBGN] does NOT change the name of the peak. It is part of Nevada’s history and we should not be “politically correct” on this, because it WAS politically correct.”

**Christine K. Johnson**

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**From:** jeff cruess [thesurveyor1951@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 6:46 PM  
**To:** Christine K. Johnson  
**Subject:** Fwd: jeff davis peak

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**From:** jeff cruess <[thesurveyor1951@aol.com](mailto:thesurveyor1951@aol.com)>  
**To:** scanfield <[scanfield@lands.nv.gov](mailto:scanfield@lands.nv.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tue, Sep 12, 2017 6:40 pm  
**Subject:** jeff davis peak

Mr. Canfield,

I believe the name of Jeff Davis Peak should remain as such. It was named before the civil war. It makes no sense to change it. He served this Country well before the war. I have not been perfect in my life, especially in my youth, but I am proud of what I have accomplished since. I hope that my life is not defined by my mistakes alone, but also by its successes. The same should be true for Mr. Davis.

Jeff Cruess

## Christine K. Johnson

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**From:** Skip Canfield  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** Christine K. Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Name Change For Jeff Davis Peak

**From:** sgtchip [<mailto:sgtchip@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2017 7:54 AM  
**To:** Skip Canfield <[scanfield@lands.nv.gov](mailto:scanfield@lands.nv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Name Change For Jeff Davis Peak

Jefferson Davis was a traitor who eventually became president of The Confederate States of America where they wrote their own constitution, printed their own money and had their own army. They killed hundreds of thousands of American citizens just to preserve slavery for economic purposes. You have my vote to change the name of Jeff Peak and any other landmark named after confederate traitors

Charles H. Butler, Smsgt, USAF, Retired. 702-260-4082

230 Camelback Ridge Ave Henderson, NV, 89012

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

## Christine K. Johnson

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**From:** RStew160@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 10, 2017 7:42 PM  
**To:** Christine K. Johnson  
**Subject:** Jeff. Davis

Interesting story in the Appeal about the coming board meeting. Here's how they felt about use of former Secretary Davis' name in the North in 1862:

LOYAL NOMENCLATURE.—The late U.S. schooner *Jeff. Davis* arrived at this port, a day or two since, bearing the name of *Governor Wallace*, Congressional Delegate from Washington Territory, and as loyal a man as the President of the bastard Confederacy is infamous. This vessel was sold by the Government at auction, in Port Townsend, to private parties. A cargo of machinery was put aboard, and she shipped from Puget Sound to China. She is only in our harbor for a crew, securing which she at once proceeds to her destination with two saucy guns, besides small arms. --**Marysville Daily Appeal** > 20 April 1862 page 2, bottom of col. 4.

**Christine K. Johnson**

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**From:** Charlie Press [charlie.press@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:36 AM  
**To:** Skip Canfield; Christine K. Johnson  
**Subject:** Jeff Davis Peak name change...

Mr. Canfield & Ms. Johnson,

I just read about the proposed name changing for Jeff Davis Peak in the Reno Gazette Journal! Please help stop the madness in our country and leave the name alone. Our history needs to be studied and not erased in the name of political correctness. Thanks...

Charles W Press  
2045 Horse Prairie Road  
Reno, NV 89521-4353  
(775) 870-9078

[http://elkodaily.com/opinion/columnists/thomas-mitchell-learn-from-the-mistakes-of-the-past-don/article\\_33cf0f5f-e26d-5f16-9ff1-571012e7ec4b.html](http://elkodaily.com/opinion/columnists/thomas-mitchell-learn-from-the-mistakes-of-the-past-don/article_33cf0f5f-e26d-5f16-9ff1-571012e7ec4b.html)

## **Thomas Mitchell: Learn from the mistakes of the past, don't erase them**



This paroxysm of efforts to eradicate all monuments and place names that memorialize historic leaders of the Confederacy serves as merely a distraction from real problems, wasting time and money that could be devoted to worthy endeavors.

The latest target of this futile campaign appears to be the name of Jeff Davis Peak in Great Basin National Park.

According to the park's website, the moniker was first attached to what is now Wheeler Peak, the tallest point in the park and the second tallest in Nevada. It was given that name by Lt. Col. Edward Steptoe of U.S. Army Corps of Topographical Engineers in 1855 while Jefferson Davis served as secretary of the War Department, a half dozen years before the Civil War began.

After the Civil War, during which Davis served as president of the Confederacy, an Army mapping expedition headed by Lt. George Montague Wheeler, named the peak for Wheeler and the Jeff Davis tag was shifted to a shorter nearby peak.

In May the Reno newspaper reported that, even though statues of Confederate leaders were being torn down in New Orleans, there was no clamor to erase the Davis name from the 12,771-foot peak. The penultimate paragraph of the account stated, "By today's standards Jeff Davis is an unlikely choice that appears out of step with contemporary naming practices. But modern standards don't undo prior names which means, for the foreseeable future, the name of a Confederate president will maintain a place of honor in Nevada."

Actually, such a mountain top name change took place a couple of years ago. After bearing the name of President William McKinley for 98 years, the tallest peak in North America in Alaska was renamed to its original native American name Denali, which means "the great one" in Athabascan. The White House said the name change "recognizes the sacred status of Denali to generations of Alaska Natives."

Earlier this month, the Las Vegas newspaper reported that there are now a couple of bids to remove the Davis name. It said two applications have been filed with the state and national naming boards to eradicate the Davis name and replace it with some other name.

The paper reported that one application called for renaming the peak for Las Vegas civil rights leader James McMillan or one of the Shoshone names for the peak. Another called for naming the peak for Robert Smalls, an escaped slave who fought for the Union.

This month's meeting agenda for the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names lists an action item in which a peak in White Pine County could be named Smalls Peak. There is no mention as to what it is currently called, if anything.

According to Dennis Cassinelli in a piece in the Elko Daily Free Press, political correctness has been whitewashing Nevada geographical names for years. Colorful names like Chicken Shit Springs and Squaw Tit Butte have disappeared from maps simply at the whim of squeamish government mapmakers.

Now squeamishness is being extended to those who fought for the Confederacy. Yes, Davis was a slave owner who sought to continue what was euphemistically called "our peculiar institution" in the South.

But in the waning years of his life Davis was an advocate for reunifying the nation, saying in a speech in 1888: "I feel no regret that I stand before you this afternoon a man without a country, for my ambition lies buried in the grave of the Confederacy. There has been consigned not only my ambition, but the dogmas upon which that Government was based. The faces I see before me are those of young men; had I not known this I would not have appeared before you. Men in whose hands the destinies of the South land lie, for love of her I break my silence, to let it bury its dead, its hopes and aspirations; before you lies the future — a future full of golden promise; a future of expanding national glory, before which all of the world shall stand amazed. Let me beseech you to lay aside all rancor, all bitter sectional feeling, and to make your places in the ranks of those who will bring about a consummation devoutly to be wished — a reunited country."

What's in a name? History is not changed, just forgotten, perhaps along with the lessons that should've been learned? We could use more unifying and less dividing.

Thomas Mitchell is a longtime Nevada newspaper columnist. You may email him at [thomasmnv@yahoo.com](mailto:thomasmnv@yahoo.com). He also blogs at <http://4thst8.wordpress.com/>.

## APPENDIX C.

U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey

## Domestic Geographic Name Report

1. Use this form to recommend a feature name or to suggest a name change.

2. For features on Federal lands, coordinate requests with the agency (U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) for the administrative area in which the feature is located.

3. On the reverse side of this form give information on the local usage and authority for recommended name.

4. For more information about the Geographic Names Information System or the National Gazetteer program, contact the U.S. Board on Geographic Names at 703-648-4544.

5. Return this form to:

Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 20192

### Action Requested:

☒ Proposed New Name

☐ Application Change

☐ Name Change

☐ Other

### Recommended Name

Ramsey Summit

State Nevada

County or Equivalent Storey

Administrative Area BLM

### Specific Area Covered:

Latitude: 39° 28' 40" N S

39.4777

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ N S

Longitude: 119° 24' 02" W E

119.4005

Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ W E

Mouth End Center

Heading End

Mount Diablo

5675 ft

Section(s) 28 Township(s) 19 N Range(s) 23 E

Meridian \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation \_\_\_\_\_ ft./m.

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): mountain summit or pass

Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?

Yes

☒ No

Unknown

If yes, please indicate how it is listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):

The high point along the route of the USA Parkway or Nevada State Route 439 over the Virginia Range

Maps and Other Sources Using Recommended Name (include scale and date)

Martin Canyon  
USGS 7.5' Quad

Other Names (variants)

Maps and Other Sources Using Other Name or Applications (include scale and date)

Name Information (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information):

Is the recommended name in local usage?

Yes

☒ No

If yes, for approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name?

Yes

☒ No

(If yes, explain)

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

no name exists

Additional information:

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Company or Agency <b>Nevada Bureau of Mines + Geology</b>	Address (City, State, and ZIP Code) <b>MS 178 UNR, Reno, NV 89557</b>		
Authority for Recommended Name	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area

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NEVADA  
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Ramsey  
Summit





## **Ramsey Mining District history by Joe Tingley**

The Ramsey Mining District lies across the Lyon-Storey County line in the western Flowery Range about 18 miles northeast of Virginia City, Nevada. The district includes portions of Township 18 North, Ranges 23 and 24 East. Access is provided by State Route 439, the new USA Parkway which connects Clark Station on Interstate 80 east of Reno with Silver Springs on US Highway east of Carson City. The highest point on the new parkway, where it crosses the Flowery Range, is near the center of the old mining district.

Prospectors no doubt walked the area at the time of the Comstock rush in the 1860s and the 1867 State Mineralogists Report mentions a Nevada Mining District in this part of the Flowery Range. The first recorded mineral discovery, however, was made by Tom Ramsey in 1906. Other discoveries followed, a townsite was soon laid out and, before the end of 1906, a 30-ton amalgamating mill was built to treat ore from the principal mine, the Ramsey-Comstock. This mine produced about \$80,000 between 1906 and 1910 and another \$36,000 between 1933 and 1937. Other mines in the district include the Ramsey Mine, a few hundred feet west of the Ramsey-Comstock, mines around San Juan Hill, about one mile to the southwest, and the Gooseberry Mine, about four and a half miles to the west-northwest. Of these other mines, only the Gooseberry has recorded production.

The Gooseberry Mine, also discovered in 1906, was explored and developed on a small scale over the years following until 1967 when a large underground mine and associated 350-ton flotation, cyanidation mill were constructed on the property. The mine produced continuously between 1967 and 1981, and intermittently until 1990 when operations were suspended. Incomplete records for this period show an estimated production of over \$60 million in silver and gold, making the Gooseberry, by far, the most important mine in the district. The district has been inactive since 1990.

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U.S. Geological Survey  
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Reston, VA 20192

<b>Action Requested:</b>	Recommended Name
Proposed New Name	Nugget Peak
Application Change	State
Name Change	Nevada
Other	County or Equivalent
	Pershing County
	Administrative Area
	BLM

**Specific Area Covered:**

Latitude: 40° 50' 9.82" N Longitude: 118° 11' 6.34" W Mouth End Center 40.83606 118.185094  
 Latitude: \_\_\_\_° \_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_" N S Longitude: \_\_\_\_° \_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_" W E Heading End 7529 ft  
 Section(s) 17 Township(s) T34N Range(s) R34E Meridian MDM Elevation \_\_\_\_ ft./m.

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): peak

Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?  
 Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown ☐ If yes, please indicate how it is listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.): A peak which is the range high point of the Eugene Mountains

Maps and Other Sources Using <u>Recommended</u> Name (include scale and date)	Other Names (variants)	Maps and Other Sources Using Other Name or Applications (include scale and date)
<u>USGS 7.5'</u>		
<u>Woody Canyon</u>		

**Name Information** (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information):

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, for approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name?

Yes

No

(If yes, explain)

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

No name on USGS 7.5' or 1:100K

The "Eugene" triangulation station is located on this peak  $\Delta$  2294<sup>m</sup> meters, Woody Canyon 7.5'

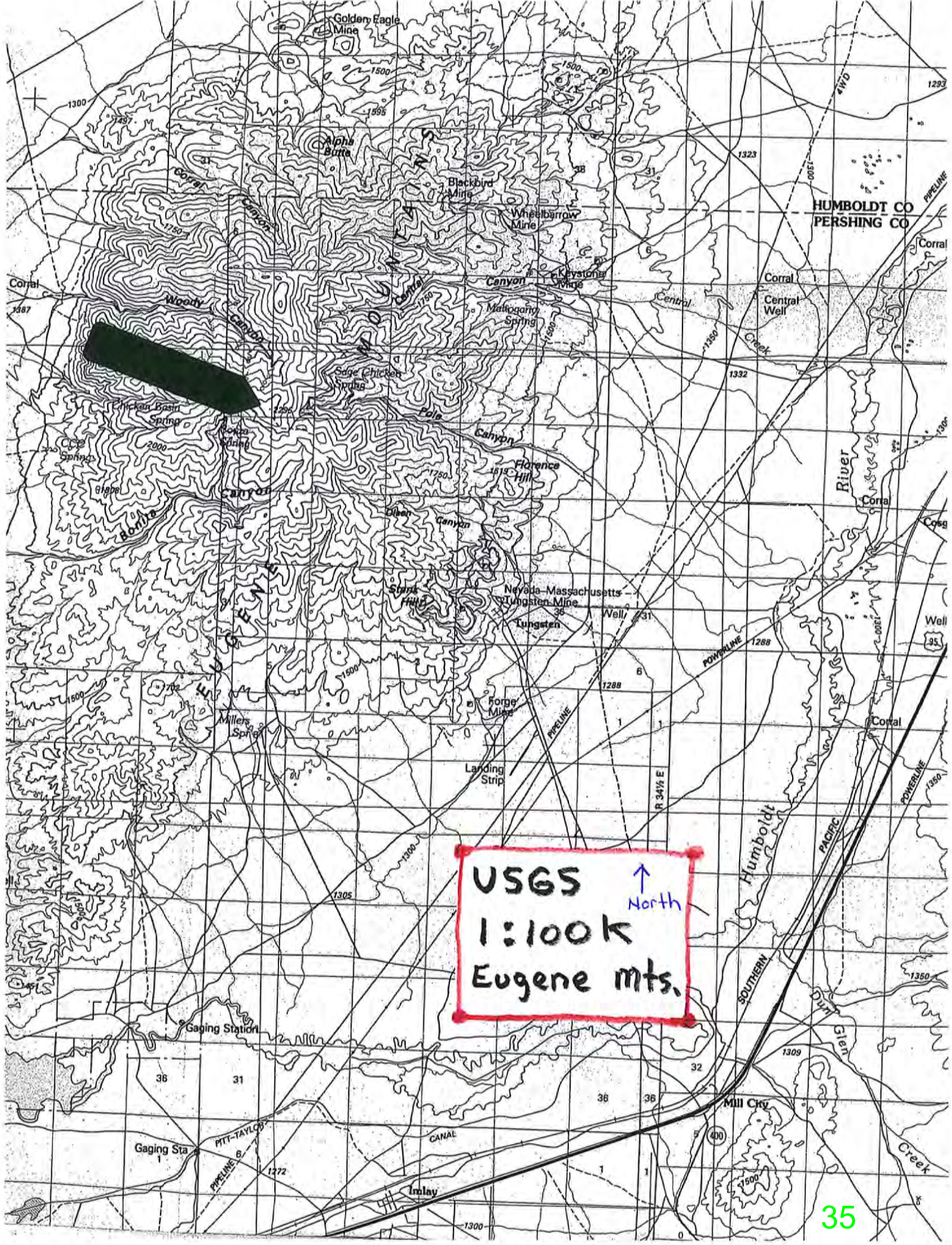
Additional information:

Placer mining in the Eugene mountains has yielded spectacular "nuggets" of gold.

There are no "Nugget Peaks" in Nevada (GNIS)

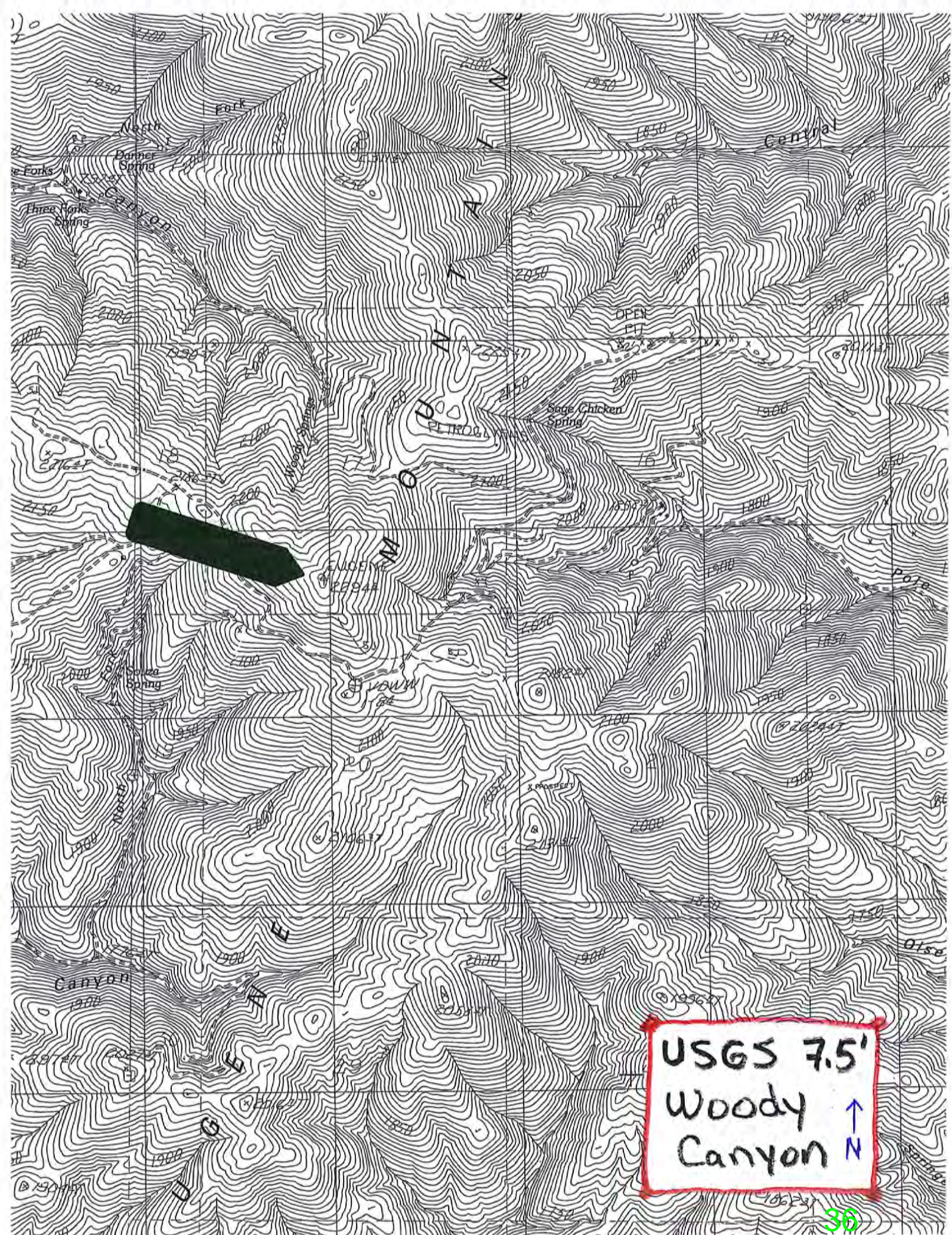
Copy Submitted By (name): <b>Ron Moe</b>	Title <b>citizen</b>	Telephone (day) <b>775-883-5381</b>	Date <b>12-21-17</b>
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Company or Agency <b>UNR MS178 NBMG</b>	Address (City, State, and ZIPCode) <b>Reno, NV 89557-0178</b>		

Authority for Recommended Name	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area



USGS  
1:100k  
Eugene mts.

↑  
North



USGS 7.5'  
Woody Canyon





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**Gold Nugget 1305**

**Weight:** 321 Grams

**Mining District:** Eugene Mountains

**County:** Humboldt

*\$1,000,000.00*

*(Click or mouse over for description)*



**Gold Nugget 2034ER**

**Weight:** 179.5 Grams

**Size:** 5.5 x 4 x 3cm

**Mining District:** East Range

**County:** Pershing

*\$9,500.00*

*(Click or mouse over for description)*



**Gold Nugget 2237ER**

**Weight:** 11.9 Grams

**Size:** 2.5 x 1.8 x 0.7cm

**Mining District:** East Range

**County:** Pershing



**Gold Nugget 2239ER**

**Weight:** 4.24 Grams

**Size:** 1.1 x 1.1cm

**Mining District:** East Range

**County:** Pershing

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<b>Action Requested:</b>	Recommended Name <u>Koipato Peak</u>
Proposed New Name	State <u>Nevada</u>
Application Change	County or Equivalent <u>Pershing County</u>
Name Change	Administrative Area <u>BLM</u>
Other	

**Specific Area Covered:**

Latitude: 40° 06' 57.96" N Longitude: 118° 20' 08.1594" W Mouth End Center

Latitude:    °    '    " N S Longitude:    °    '    " W E Heading End

Section(s) 13 Township(s) T26N Range(s) R32E Meridian MDM Elevation 6381 ft/m.

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): peak

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Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown ☐ If yes, please indicate how it is listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.): A peak which is the range high point of the West Humboldt Range

Maps and Other Sources Using <u>Recommended</u> Name (include scale and date)	Other Names (variants)	Maps and Other Sources Using Other Name or Applications (include scale and date)
<u>USGS 7.5'</u>		
<u>Wildhorse</u>		
<u>Spring</u>		

**Name Information** (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information):

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Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name?

Yes

No

(If yes, explain)

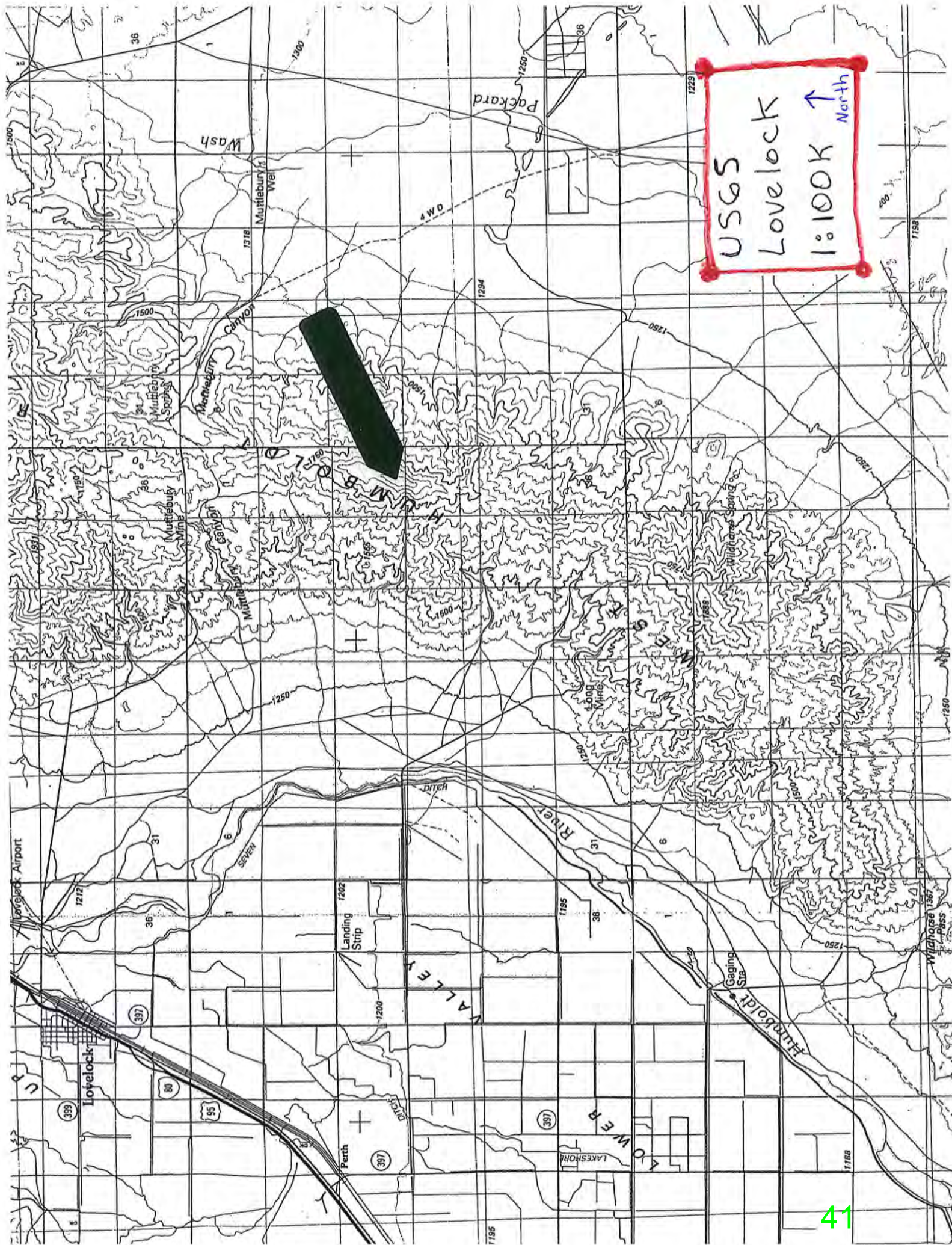
For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

No name on USGS 7.5' or 1:100K

Additional information: "Koipato" is listed as a variant name in the GNIS for the West Humboldt Range. In Silent Cordilleras, Alvin McLane defines "Koipato" as the native american word for mountain sheep.

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Company or Agency UNR MS178 NBM6	Address (City, State, and ZIPCode) Reno, NV 89557-0178		

Authority for Recommended Name	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area



USGS  
Lovelock  
1:100K  
North

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

118° 22' 30"  
40° 07' 30"

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5'

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Prospect

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Open Pit Mine

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USGS  
7.5' Quad  
wildhorse  
Spring

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North

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TZ5N



Lovelock Lovelock

# Silent Cordilleras

THE MOUNTAIN RANGES OF NEVADA



BY ALVIN R. McLANE

Humboldt Mountains, see RUBY MOUNTAINS

HUMBOLDT RANGE, also see EAST HUMBOLDT RANGE and WEST HUMBOLDT RANGE (Black Range, Koipato Range, Star Peak Range, Western Humboldt River Mountains)

Located in Pershing County between the Humboldt River on the west and Buena Vista Valley on the east, the Humboldt Range is 38 miles long. The range averages seven to eight miles wide. Star Peak is the most elevated summit in the range. With an altitude of 9834 feet, it rises 5700 feet above the level of Rye Patch Reservoir.

The Humboldt Range is one of the most interesting ranges in western Nevada. Its great mineral wealth was discovered early, and no less than a dozen communities and several lesser camps have sprung into existence. The range has several caves, arches, natural windows and other unusual rock formations.

Equally interesting are the early names for the range. To the Indians, the name of the range was Koipato (according to the King Survey), which means mountain sheep. The Pacific Railroad Survey called the range Western Humboldt River Range. The artist with this group of explorers ascended a point near Humboldt Peak and a fine panorama of the country to the west appeared in their reports. G. D. Louderback (1904), of the U.S. Geological Survey, knew the area as Star Peak Range and recorded that the southern portion was called Black Range. That name is retained today as the portion is called Black Ridge. The present name, Humboldt, is taken from the river with that name. The river was named in 1845 by John C. Fremont to honor Baron Friedrich Wilhelm Karl Heinrich Alexander von Humboldt, the great South American explorer of the early 1800's. Over the years, various names have been attached to Star Peak, the summit of the range. Apparently, Star Peak was named, not because it was a guiding landmark, but for the five ridges radiating from its summit. Other names for Star Peak have been Lindsays Peak and Quiednan Ove.

As an interesting note, the following is taken from the 1877 Pacific Tourist, when describing the Ruby Mountains in Elko County:

We will here state that nearly all the people in the vicinity, call the range of mountains last alluded to 'Ruby,' and we have followed the custom; but Lieutenant Wheeler's Map speaks of it as the Humboldt Range, and according to the custom of the people along this valley, nearly every range of mountains in sight, from one side of the State to the other, is called 'Humboldt Range,' or 'Humboldt Mountains.'

Humboldt River Mountains, see EAST HUMBOLDT RANGE and RUBY MOUNTAINS

#### HUNGRY RANGE\*

The Hungry Range consists of three northeast trending blocks located between Hungry and Antelope valleys in Washoe County. The range is 10 miles long and up to three miles wide. Warm Springs Mountain and Hungry Mountain are two of the named blocks. The southern mountain is unnamed and has an altitude of 6021 feet. However, Warm Springs Mountain, 6025 feet, is the highest summit. It rises more than 1400 feet above its eastern base.

The author has suggested the name for the range, taking it from Hungry Valley and Hungry Mountain.

#### HUNTER POINT MOUNTAINS

The Hunter Point Mountains are located in Elko County in Butte Valley west of the juncture of the Egan Range and Cherry Creek Mountains. The range is 20 miles long and up to eight to nine miles wide. The highest peak is near the center of the range and has an altitude of 9253 feet. It rises 2700 feet above Egan Basin on the east.

#### HUNTOON MOUNTAINS\*

The Huntoon Mountains are a group of northeast trending ridges largely made up of volcanic rocks. The greatest part of the mountains are located in Mineral County, though a few miles extend into

Smith Valley. The name of the range is after the community of Wellington, a former stage station. The name honors Daniel Wellington who bought the station in 1863 (Smith, 1913, p. 227).

Western Humboldt River Range, see HUMBOLDT RANGE and WEST HUMBOLDT RANGE

#### WEST GATE RANGE\*

The West Gate Range is located in southeastern Churchill County, east of the Fairview Range. The range extends about 13 miles south of the pass of West Gate on U.S. Highway 50. The range is five miles wide. Bell Mountain, 7152 feet, in the south part of the range is the highest summit. It stands 1100 feet above its base. West Gate is a term used in 1859 by James H. Simpson for the gap between the West Gate Range and the Clan Alpine Mountains. This author has named the range for the Gate named by Simpson.

Westgate Range or Mountains, see CLAN ALPINE MOUNTAINS

WEST HUMBOLDT RANGE, also see EAST HUMBOLDT RANGE and HUMBOLDT RANGE (Humboldt Lake Range or Mountains, Koipato Range, Western Humboldt River Mountains)

The West Humboldt Range lies east of Lovelock and Humboldt Lake in Pershing and Churchill counties. Adolph Knopf (1924) describes the naming of the range this way: "The West Humboldt Range was so termed to distinguish it from the East Humboldt Range, the loftiest mass in Nevada, which lies south of Wells. The East Humboldt Range, however, is now generally known as the Ruby Range and the West Humboldt simply as the Humboldt Range. According to the Fortieth Parallel Survey, the Indian name for the range is Koipato."

From a point near Huxley on the Southern Pacific Railroad, the range trends northeast 44 miles to Rochester Canyon where it junctures with the Humboldt Range. The extreme south end of the range is called the Mopung Hills. Mopung is Paiute for mosquitoes. The south end of the range between Humboldt and Carson sinks

is very narrow, sometimes less than one mile wide. However, north of Cole (Coal) Canyon in the north end of the range, it reaches a maximum width of eight miles. A peak in this area is the highest in the range. Unnamed, it rises to an altitude of 6349 feet, about 2000 feet above the west base of the range.

Members of the Pacific Railroad Survey (1854) called the West Humboldt Range and the Humboldt Range Western Humboldt River Mountains. To the King Survey, the West Humboldt Range also included the Humboldt Range, which was also called Koipato by the Indians. The range has also been called Humboldt Lake Range or Mountains.

#### WEST RANGE

The West Range is a limestone range in Lincoln County west of the Bristol Range, nearly buried with alluvium of Dry Lake Valley. The range is 5.5 miles long and one to two miles wide. In the center of the range the highest point rises to an altitude of 6355 feet. This is about 1250 feet above its west base. The name of the West Range appears to have been applied by L.G. Westgate and Adolph Knopf (1932) during their study of the ore deposits and geology of the Pioche district.

#### WHISTLER RANGE

Located in Eureka County, the Whistler Range extends 15 miles north of Devils Gate on U.S. Highway 50 to Mount Hope and Sulphur Spring Range at Tyrone Gap. Kobeh Valley lies to the west and Diamond Valley on the east. The range varies from one to 5.5 miles wide. Whistler Mountain is the summit of the range at 8147 feet and rises about 2600 feet above Diamond Valley.

#### WHITE MOUNTAINS

The White Mountains are a high, massive range located in Mono County, California, with the northern end extending into Esmeralda and Mineral counties. White Mountain Peak in California is the highest summit in the range. With an altitude of 14,246 feet, it is only about 250 feet lower than Mt. Whitney, the

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I hope this helps.

Jeff

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## Skip Canfield

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**From:** Jeffrey Kintop  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017 1:35 PM  
**To:** 'Jack P Hursh'  
**Cc:** Christine K. Johnson; Skip Canfield  
**Subject:** RE: Koipato Peak proposal - NSBGN

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**From:** Jack P Hursh [mailto:jhursh@unr.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017 11:22 AM  
**To:** Jeffrey Kintop <JKintop@admin.nv.gov>  
**Cc:** Christine K. Johnson <ckjohnson@nevadaculture.org>; Skip Canfield <scanfield@lands.nv.gov>  
**Subject:** Koipato Peak proposal - NSBGN

Hello Jeff,

Find attached a packet of information helping describe a proposal to name the highpoint in the West Humboldt Range with the name “Koipato Peak.” As you will see, Alvin McLane refers to the King Survey and the Fortieth Parallel Survey as using the name Koipato with reference to the native American name for “mountain sheep.” The interest in naming this peak is that the mountain climbing/hiking community wishes to have a name to reference an accomplished climb of this peak.

Our question is this. Is there any archived evidence that proves that “Koipato” is Paiute or Shoshone or Lovelock Culture? Where is it written or proven that “Koipato” is indeed native American and that it means “mountain sheep.” To whom or what is the King Survey and Fortieth Parallel Surveys referring?

Jack Hursh

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<b>Action Requested:</b>	Recommended Name PONY EXPRESS HILL
X Proposed New Name	State NEVADA
Application Change	County or Equivalent LANDER
Name Change	Administrative Area HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST
Other	

### Specific Area Covered:

Latitude: 39 ° 29 ' 30 " ☒ N S Longitude: 117 ° 02 ' 21 " ☒ W E Mouth End ☒ Center  
 Latitude: \_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_ " N S Longitude: \_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_ " W E Heading End  
 Section(s) 21 & 28 Township(s) 019 0 N Range(s) 044 0 E Meridian MT. DIABLO Elevation 7865 ☒ ft. m.

**Type of Feature** (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): HILL

Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown If yes, please indicate how it is listed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Feature** (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.): SMALL HILL WITH AN ELEVATION RANGE OF 7,840 AND 7,880 FEET. USGS MAP FROM 1956 LISTS ELEVATION AS 7,865 FEET.

SOURCE: [https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/img4/ht\\_icons/Browse/NV/NV\\_Austin\\_320687\\_1956\\_62500.jpg](https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/img4/ht_icons/Browse/NV/NV_Austin_320687_1956_62500.jpg)

Maps and Other Sources Using <b>Recommended</b> Name (include scale and date)	Other Names (variants)	Maps and Other Sources Using <b>Other</b> Name or Applications (include scale and date)
NONE		

**Name Information** (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information): PONY EXPRESS TRAIL PASSES BY HILL.

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, for approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name?

Yes



(If yes, explain)

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

VARIOUS TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS FROM THE 19TH, 20TH, AND 21ST CENTURIES.

<https://contentdm.library.unr.edu/explore/NVMapsExplore/nvmaps/plats/plats4.html>

<http://www.oldmapsonline.org/en/Nevada>

Additional information:

Information on the Pony Express Loop trail that passes by this hill:

<http://austinnevada.com/wide-open-spaces-austin-nevada/biking/>

<http://austinnevada.com/wp-content/images/PonyExpressLoop.jpg>

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<b>Action Requested:</b>  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Proposed New Name  <input type="radio"/> Application Change  <input type="radio"/> Name Change  <input type="radio"/> Other	Recommended Name	Dunn Butte
	State	Nevada
	County or Equivalent	Washoe County
	Administrative Area	Bureau of Land Management

### Specific Area Covered:

Latitude: 41 ° 59 ' 31.07 " N S Longitude: 119 ° 58 ' 25.59 " W E Mouth End Center  
 Latitude: \_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_ " N S Longitude: \_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_ " W E Heading End  
 Section(s) 16 Township(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 48 N. Range(s) 23 E. Meridian Mt Diablo Elevation 5411 ' ft./m.

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): Butte

Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown ☐ If yes, please indicate how it is listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):

Butte in the bend of Twelvemile Creek in northwest Washoe County near the corner of  
the California/Nevada/Oregon Stateline

Maps and Other Sources Using <i>Recommended</i> Name (include scale and date)	Other Names (variants)	Maps and Other Sources Using Other Name or Applications (include scale and date)
Nevada State Highway Map 1999-Present		

**Name Information** (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information):

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, for approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name? Yes ☒ No (If yes, explain)

There is not a conflict nor local opposition we are aware of at this time.

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

The Barrell Springs (1966, Nevada) USGS 7.5' does not have a name for this feature.

Additional information:

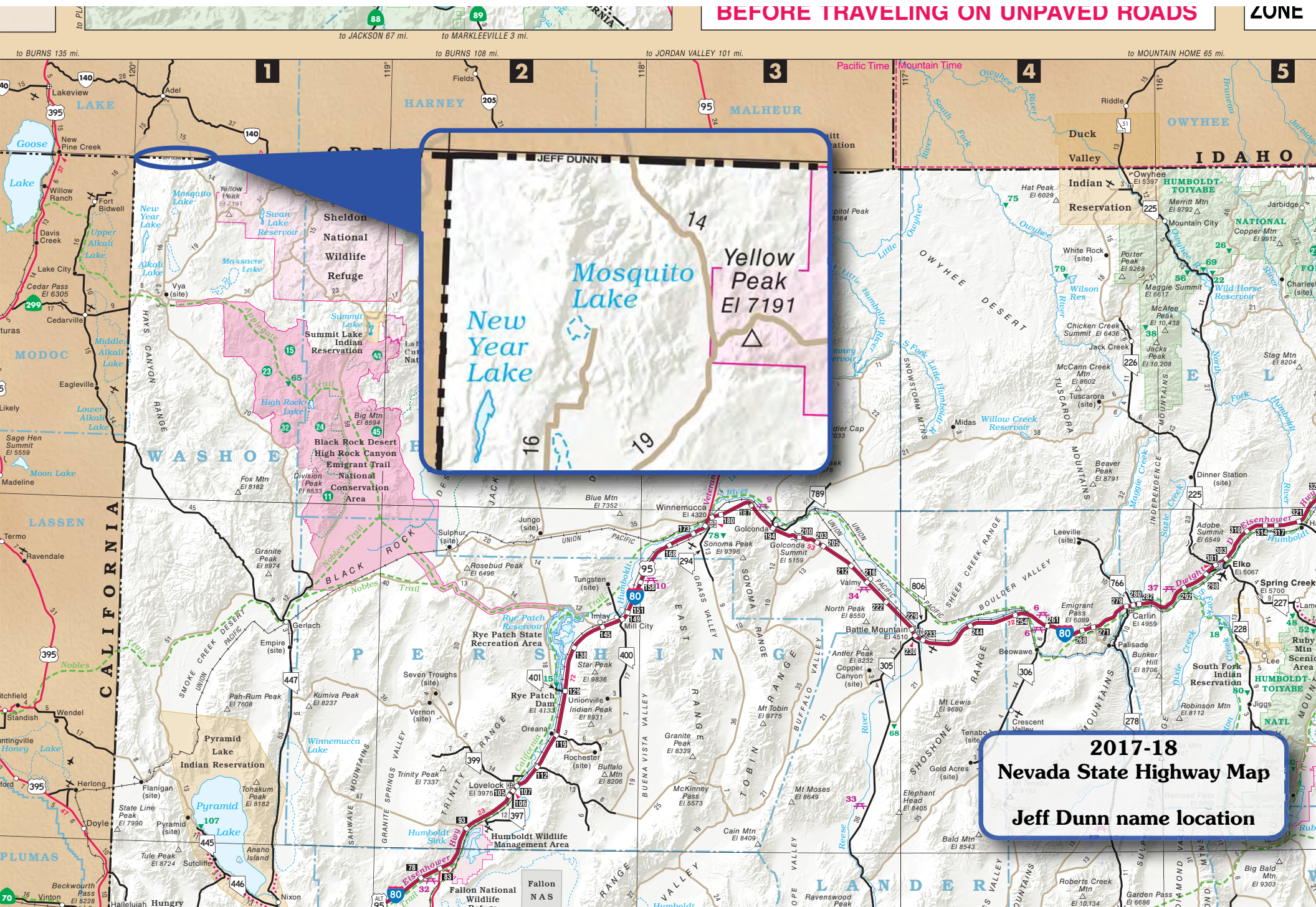
Jeff Dunn authored the State Highway Map and beginning in 1999 embedded in the Nevada/Oregon state line in the vicinity of the proposed naming site until his passing in 2009. The NDOT Cartography section has kept the name there as a memorial to him.

Copy Submitted By (name): <b>Karl T. Yonkers</b>	Title <b>Cartographer III</b>	Telephone (day) <b>(775) 888-7249</b>	Date <b>05/11/2017</b>
Company or Agency <b>Nevada Dept. of Transportation</b>	Address (City, State, and ZIPCode) <b>1263 S. Stewart St. Carson City, NV 89712</b>		
Copy Prepared By (if other than above):	Title	Phone (day)	Date
Company or Agency	Address (City, State, and ZIPCode)		

Authority for Recommended Name	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area

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Jeffery Paul Dunn graduated from Wooster High School in Reno, Nevada and attended the University of Nevada, Reno then completed his education at Cal Poly Pomona.

Jeff was a cartographer for the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) mapping section from October of 1986 until shortly before his passing in October of 2009.

As a cartographer for the NDOT, Jeff was very meticulous and detail oriented while working on the Nevada State Highway map which has his name hidden in the Oregon border near the California state line. The earliest map with his name appearing was in 1999. Not only did Jeff work on the State Highway Map for Nevada, but designed the current layout which is still in use to this day.

Jeff's personality, creativity and sense of humor made him pleasant to be around and a person to be looked up to and in combination with his intelligence, a great mentor and example for those around him.

## APPENDIX C.

U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey

# Domestic Geographic Name Report

1. Use this form to recommend a feature name or to suggest a name change.

2. For features on Federal lands, coordinate requests with the agency (U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) for the administrative area in which the feature is located.

3. On the reverse side of this form give information on the local usage and authority for recommended name.

4. For more information about the Geographic Names Information System or the National Gazetteer program, contact the U.S. Board on Geographic Names at 703-648-4544.

5. Return this form to:

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Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 20192

<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Proposed New Name <input type="radio"/> Application Change <input type="radio"/> Name Change <input type="radio"/> Other	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Recommended Name</td> <td>Whitebark Peak</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>Nevada</td> </tr> <tr> <td>County or Equivalent</td> <td>Humboldt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administrative Area</td> <td>BLM</td> </tr> </table>	Recommended Name	Whitebark Peak	State	Nevada	County or Equivalent	Humboldt	Administrative Area	BLM
Recommended Name	Whitebark Peak								
State	Nevada								
County or Equivalent	Humboldt								
Administrative Area	BLM								

**Specific Area Covered:** 41,6574 N, 118.7323 W

Latitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" N S Longitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" W E Mouth End Center

Latitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" N S Longitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" W E Heading End

Section(s) 14 Township(s) 43 N Range(s) 28 E Meridian MDM Elevation 9428 ft ft/m.

**Type of Feature** (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): Peak

Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?  
 Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown ☐ If yes, please indicate how it is listed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Feature** (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.): Highpoint in the Pine Forest Range

Maps and Other Sources Using <u>Recommended</u> Name (include scale and date)	Other Names (variants)	Maps and Other Sources Using Other Name or Applications (include scale and date)
Duffer Peak		
USGS 7.5' Quad		

**Name Information** (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information):

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, for approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name?

Yes

No

(If yes, explain)

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

- unnamed on maps
- no name in local usage

Additional information:

Copy Submitted By (name): <b>Ron Moe</b>	Title <b>citizen</b>	Telephone (day) <b>775-883-5381</b>	Date <b>4-19-17</b>
Company or Agency	Address (City, State, and ZIPCode) <b>1195 Kingsley Lane, Carson City, NV 89701</b>		
Copy Prepared By (if other than above):	Title	Phone (day)	Date
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### Action Requested:

☒ Proposed New Name

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☐ Name Change

☐ Other

Recommended Name

Quinn Peak

State

Nevada

County or Equivalent

Humboldt

Administrative Area

BLM

Specific Area Covered: 41.3033 N, 118.4161 W

Latitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" N S

Longitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" W E

Mouth End Center

Latitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" N S

Longitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" W E

Heading End

Section(s) 32

Township(s) 40 N

Range(s) 32 E

Meridian MDM

Elevation 9095 ft. ft./m.

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): Peak

Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?

Yes

☒ No

Unknown

If yes, please indicate how it is listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):

Jackson Mountains

Highpoint in the

Maps and Other Sources Using Recommended Name (include scale and date)

Parrot Peak  
USGS 7.5' Quad

Other Names (variants)

Maps and Other Sources Using Other Name or Applications (include scale and date)

Name Information (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information):

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Yes

No

If yes, for approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name?

Yes

☒ No

(If yes, explain)

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