



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 Indian Commission; Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno; National Parks Service; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

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

A public meeting will be held on:

May 30, 2023

University of Nevada Reno
1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno NV 89557
Mackay Science Building – Room MS322

or

Via Zoom at

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/82388191376?pwd=N0hqQThreVpWcDBoakdQZkZOZWE1dz09>

Meeting ID: 823 8819 1376

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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. Call to order and approval of Agenda (For possible action)
2. Introduction of Board, Guests (Action will not be taken)
3. Public comment (Action will not be taken)
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4. Approval of the Minutes of the January 2023 meeting (For possible action)
5. Announcements, Updates: Chairman or Executive Secretary

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6. Announcements, Updates: from Board members
7. Protocol and streamlining of NSBGN procedures update (For possible action)
Standing item reserved for discussing efficiency of NSBGN operations.
NSBGN Members
8. Riggs Ridge (For possible action)
First hearing for proposed naming of Riggs Ridge in Carson City.
NSBGN Members
9. Bluewing Mountains (For possible action)
First hearing for Bluewing Mountain name correction from Blue Wing Mountains
10. Select tentative meeting place and date for September 2023 meeting (For possible action)
11. Public comments (Action will not be taken)
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12. 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 need assistance accessing the meeting should notify Christine Johnson at ckjohnson@nevada.unr.edu no later than May 25th.
- Notice of this meeting will be posted on or prior to May 25th on the NSBGN website as well as at 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
 - University of Nevada Reno, Department of Geography, 1664 N. Virginia St. 89557
 - Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library, 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512
 - Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
 - University of Nevada Reno, Department of Mines & Geology, 1664 N. Virginia St. 89557
- In addition, this notice of meeting is posted on the following websites:
NSBGN website at <http://www.nbmng.unr.edu/geonames/index.html>
Nevada State Clearinghouse Website at <https://clearinghouse.nv.gov/>
Nevada Public Notice Website at www.notice.nv.gov

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NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES
Tuesday January 17th, 2023
Public Meeting of the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names

Richard H. Bryan Building
Tahoe Hearing Room. 2nd Floor
901 S. Stewart Street. Carson City, NV

Board Members Present:

- Paul White, Chair, University of Nevada Reno, Dept. of Geography
- Christine Johnson, Executive Secretary – University of Nevada Reno, Dept. of Geography (non-voting Executive Secretary, voting alternate for UNR)
- Cynthia Laframboise, Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records
- Rachel Micander, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology
- Pete Martinez, Intermountain Regional Cartographer, US Forest Service
- Scott Carey, Nevada Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources (voting alternate)
- Shery Hayes-Zorn, Nevada Historical Society (voting alternate)
- Gabriel Judkins, University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Dept. of Geoscience UNLV
- Clifford Banuelos, Tribal-State Environmental Liaison, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
- Craig Burkett – Senior Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office (non-voting)
- Jeff Welter, Nevada Department of Transportation
- Arthur (Duff) Callan, Nevada Department of Transportation (voting alternate)

Board Members/Alternates Not Present:

Dominique Etchegoyhen, Nevada Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
Don Harper, GIS Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada
Dean Tonenna, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada (voting – alternate)
National Park Service Representatives
Catherine Magee, Nevada Historical Society
Stacey Montooth, Nevada Indian Commission
Christina Clack, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology (voting alternate)
Josh Owens, Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records (voting alternate)

Advisory Panel

Cathy Wilson, Cartographer - US Fish & Wildlife Service
Paul Starrs, UNR Dept. of Geog. (Retired, Retired NSBGN member)
Larry Schmidt, USFS (Retired)
Chrissy Klenke, UNR Dept. of Libraries

Guests

Lea Gifford – Citizen, UNR student
Ron Moe – Citizen
Marissa Weaselboy – Citizen, Yomba Tribe

1. Call to order and approval of Agenda (For possible action)
Meeting called to order at 9:40am

2. Introduction of Board, Guests (Action will not be taken)
Board members were introduced, and attending members of the public were introduced.
3. 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.
No public comment made.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the October 2022 meeting (For possible action)
Motion made to approve minutes by Scott Carey, Seconded by Cynthia Laframboise. Votes in favor: ITCN, NMBG, NDCNR, NHS, NSLA, UNLV, UNR, USFS. Not present for voting: NDOT, NIC, BLM, NPS. 8 votes in favor, motion approved.
5. Announcements, Chairman or Executive Secretary
Announcements from Executive Secretary:
 - First annual report for NSBGN submitted to the Legislative Council Bureau as now required by AB88 (2021). Report will be submitted prior to end of calendar year each year from now on. Next annual report will be submitted after September 2023 meeting. First report included verbiage related to Secretarial Orders 3404 and 3405 actions in relation to how those actions would impact State mandated action as designed in AB88.
 - Student intern (Lea Gifford) was taken on through the Department of Geography at UNR to perform internship related to the NSBGN. Lea working to consolidate records, and collect information on location on historic records related to the history of the NSBGN.
 - Portland COGNA conference is September 12-16, 2023 in Oregon – would be easy to attend for NV board members (driving distance). Will send NSBGN board members more information on the COGNA conference.
 - Deacon Peak in NV was approved 1/12/23 by the USBGN.**Announcements from the Chair:**
 - Thanks to Lea Gifford in advance for the work as a student intern. In addition to Lea's consolidation of our records, another student could assist with website development ideas potentially.
 - Christine Johnson and Paul White attended the ITCN conference to present NSBGN information and various Secretarial Orders and State board goals.
 - Clifford Banuelos invited the NSBGN to the Environmental Managers' meeting 2/3/23. Christine Johnson volunteered to attend.
6. Announcements from Board members
Scott Carey reported that the NDCNR has had a change in leadership – Jim Lawrence was the head of the Department and Gov. Lombardo just appointed James Settlemyer is the new Director of the Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources. Dominique Etchegoyhen is still Deputy Director of NDCNR and still the voting member for the agency on the NSBGN.
7. Protocol and streamlining of NSBGN procedures update (For possible action)
Standing item reserved for discussing efficiency of NSBGN operations.
NSBGN Members
Exec. Secretary noted goals for the NSBGN upcoming tasks including topics of Website development, and tasks assigned to other board members to perform between meetings.

NSBGN does not have official subcommittees. Website is a priority. All NSBGN was forwarded contact and site forms for each site to use and submit for permanent record to show action on sites henceforth. NSBGN needs alternates designated for the ITCN and the NIC (all agencies must have alternates). Mr. Banuelos provided alternate name for the ITCN. Exec. Secretary noted original NSBGN goals prior to SO3404 directives, that NSBGN had started to identify list of derogatory names separately and independently of Federal orders. NSBGN had intended to solicit public opinion and open dialogue from the State's public, and pointing back to the original list. Chair noted the importance of dealing with this at the State level is that this task will be dealt with at the Federal level, likely same as SO3404 which was problematic with regard to consultation, and noted that outreach to Tribes was not sufficient with SO3404. Approximately 34 names were replaced with SO3404, and approximately 2/3rds of those names were automatically generated (no Tribal names submitted). NSBGN has an opportunity to present the list of automatically generated names to Tribes to seek approval on these, or suggestions to replace. Suggests presenting an early list of NSBGN designated derogatory names for review to Tribes and for public consultation as part of future outreach. Nevada would like a list of the names that did receive Tribal name replacements in SO3404 – with definitions/meaning, pronunciations, and culture associated. ITCN suggests meeting with Tribal Environmental managers, and once there is consensus, go to ITCN board leadership to further the discussion with Tribal communities. Mr. Banuelos will propose a separate/special session with ITCN board that we might discuss NSBGN topics with the ITCN board. Chair notes 2023 goals are Website development, consolidation of NSBGN documents into one location, and broaden outreach to Tribal communities. Dr. Judkins suggested collecting geographic context with regard to the derogatory names (locations, geographic context) – become a clearinghouse of information that would allow better dialogue when presenting the information during outreach. Also suggested that context (reasons/sources of/meanings) of derogatory names on the landscape need to be researched (approximately 60-70 names). Chair notes research should be conducted on the Sq*** names that have already changed, in order to document the history including new names applied and meanings of Tribal names on new Sq*** features. The Sq*** names that received automatic replacements in S.O. 3404 should also be researched in order that future outreach has whole histories are understood and the process of name replacements and new names is complete. People who volunteered to work on this included Dr. Gabriel Judkins, Cathy Wilson, Christine Johnson, and Pete Martinez. Question from Advisory member – is it possible to add pronunciation in GNIS? Exec. Secretary will ask that question to Federal Authorities. In conclusion: the focus for the rest of 2023 for the NSBGN activities will be to consolidate records, the development of the website, and outreach/research into derogatory names. Deputy Attorney General Burkett announced that the NSBGN will be responsible to submit a one-time report on streamlining board processes in the future (date TBD). NSBGN will add in to future discussions or presentations with the public, Tribes, and government agencies (all stakeholders) the request for feedback on how to better board processes, become more efficient and transparent. Chair asked Depty. Atty. General to report at next meeting information on format and how to comply with new Governor directive.

Additional information in the chat from guest Marissa Weaselboy regarding shared spaces when one Tribe has submitted a name for a replacement during SO 3404 when another Tribe has another name for the same place that was not submitted: can two Tribes submit names? Chair responded with goal regarding Federal mapping to have one name for one place, but variants can be recorded. Chair noted potential issue (not just in Nevada) with this issue with Boards being forced to choose between groups for name suggestions moving forward. Perhaps there is an opportunity through consultation with ITCN & NIC, that

the NSBGN could endorse whatever names come through these kinds of meetings. ITCN member noted using the word ‘consultation’ has to be considered with regard to general process in gathering names for places. The State is still working on a Tribal consultation policy that has not been finalized and should be considered when it is. Marissa Weaselboy also offered as a linguistic anthropologist would be willing to help with pronunciations, and also mentioned the 1863 Ruby Valley Treaty that demarcated their homelands and would like to ensure the Shoshone Tribes are consulted within their homelands.

8. Humboldt Pass/Secret Pass (For possible action)

***Second hearing for proposed name change of Humboldt Pass in Elko County.
NSBGN Members***

Executive Secretary reminded this item was introduced at the previous (September 2022) meeting. Maps and photographs were introduced. Discussion as to the fact that both Secret Pass and Humboldt Pass are on the same feature on different maps. Proposal is to rename the feature “Secret Pass.” Question as to whether these are two separate features or one feature for one name. NDOT representative noted that there are NDOT signs that reflect the name “Secret Pass.” From NDOT’s perspective – all maps show “Secret Pass,” and NDOT is in favor of retaining Secret Pass as the primary name. ITCN representative noted this feature is in his homeland, and everyone knows this place as Secret Pass and it has a rich history. Ranchers and Tribal people call it Secret Pass. Motion made to recommend Secret Pass as the primary name for this feature, with Humboldt Pass as the variant, motion made by Cynthia Laframboise, seconded by Sheryl Hayes-Zorn. Votes in favor: ITCN, NBMG, NDCNR, NDOT, NHS, NSLA, UNLV, UNR. Not present for vote: BLM, NIC, NPS. Abstentions: USFS. 8 votes in favor – motion passed.

9. Select tentative meeting place and date for May 2023 meeting (For possible action)

Meeting at the University of Nevada Reno was proposed by the Chair, intended for May 9th (to be confirmed), seconded by Scott Carey. Details of exact room and digital meeting links will be provided in the future.

10. Public comments (Action will not be taken)

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Marissa Weaselboy from the Yomba Shoshone Tribe, mentioned Ruby Valley Treaty – this is a demarcation of Shoshone homelands. Noted she worked with Chrissy Klenke to map boundaries of these homelands. Important to share with the board, because this treaty was ratified with the US government in 1872, and is still part of Federal Indian law, never been unratified. Should be taken into consideration and is concerned for rush to replace derogatory names, but within this process, the original names may be found years from now – this process takes time. Concerned for other cultures naming sites within their homelands. Ms. Weaselboy offered map files to be considered and used for Shoshone homelands in order to confer with Tribes in the area, and offers her assistance in this process and in phonetics and pronunciations. Chair thanked Ms. Weaselboy for her offer. Chair noted processes to be worked through include developing a page on our website that might address indigenous histories which include discussion on the Ruby Valley Treaty and other elements which will help provide context. Chrissy Klenke (Advisory Panel) offered her assistance with this process as well.

11. Adjournment

Chair moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am.

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| 843955 | Koe Pato | Squaw Butte | Summit | Pershing County | 40.4715765999999 | -117.6806775 |
| 838358 | Smoke Creek Valley Opening | Squaw Valley | Valley | Washoe County | 40.8286179999999 | -119.538677 |
| 843957 | North Rose Creek | Squaw Creek | Stream | Mineral County | 38.6163097 | -118.7331937 |
| 843958 | Izhape' Naokwaide | Squaw Creek | Stream | Elko County | 41.2193498 | -116.697325199999 |
| 843956 | Cooks Butte | Squaw Butte | Summit | Lander County | 40.2393635 | -116.750089399999 |
| 843960 | Too Kapu Tawaka | Squaw Creek Valley | Flat | Washoe County | 40.72881246 | -119.493112499999 |
| 843964 | Daisy Peak | Squaw Tit | Summit | Lander County | 40.3035258 | -117.383165199999 |
| 843963 | Mohave Peaks | Squaw Peaks | Summit | Clark County | 35.7608194999999 | -114.706920999999 |
| 843965 | Tosa Wihi Hunu'u | Squaw Valley | Basin | Elko County | 41.1840722 | -116.733992499999 |
| 843962 | Rock Springs Mountain | Squaw Mountain | Summit | Elko County | 40.4574514199999 | -115.9050586 |
| 844737 | West Pequop Creek | West Squaw Creek | Stream | Elko County | 41.0921458999999 | -114.7155915 |
| 845679 | Depa No'obi | Squaw Hills | Summit | Nye County | 38.7004884999999 | -116.111996 |
| 845678 | Davu'tsi Naokwaide | Squaw Creek | Stream | Elko County | 41.1199081 | -116.437870799999 |

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| 845681 | Murry Peak | Squaw Peak | Summit | White Pine County | 39.2660502 | -114.89363 |
| 847208 | Deep Hole Spring Creek | Squaw Creek | Stream | Washoe County | 40.6807346 | -119.5454706 |
| 849668 | Sonoma Creek | Squaw Valley Creek | Stream | Humboldt County | 40.8401818 | -117.557345799999 |
| 845680 | Craw Knoll | Squaw Knoll | Summit | Lincoln County | 38.2491253 | -114.491382299999 |
| 849669 | Clear Valley | Big Squaw Valley | Basin | Humboldt County | 40.8385152 | -117.585124399999 |
| 847806 | Mud Spring Creek | Squaw Creek | Stream | Mineral County | 38.373592 | -118.920220999999 |
| 849851 | Rocky Creek | North Fork Squaw Creek | Stream | Elko County | 41.1032574999999 | -114.5308622 |
| 849852 | South Fork East Pequop Creek | South Fork East Squaw Creek | Stream | Elko County | 41.0990909 | -114.523917499999 |
| 850063 | North Fork East Pequop Creek | North Fork East Squaw Creek | Stream | Elko County | 41.1029798 | -114.5308622 |
| 850660 | Kwe'na'a | Squaw Peak | Summit | Mineral County | 39.011034 | -118.4295759 |
| 852186 | Koepato To | Squaw Peak | Summit | Humboldt County | 41.2321236 | -117.94625 |
| 857000 | Stone Mother | Squaw With a Basket | Pillar | Washoe County | 39.9785974999999 | -119.498930799999 |

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| 856392 | Baa Do'i | Squaw Wells Spring | Spring | Nye County | 38.7202107999999 | - 116.0833839 99999 |
| 857490 | Doya Goi | Squawtip | Summit | Nye County | 38.0532692 | - 116.4344988 |
| 861556 | Dembi Gaddi | Squaw Flat | Flat | Nye County | 38.5791003 | - 116.4753409 |
| 860383 | Wassuk Creek | Little Squaw Creek | Stream | Mineral County | 38.4788113999999 | - 118.6481895 99999 |
| 861557 | Murry Point | Squaw Point | Summit | White Pine County | 39.24462032 | - 114.8910542 99999 |
| 863350 | Granite Mountain Reservoir | Squaw Valley Reservoir | Reservoir | Washoe County | 40.82494135 | - 119.5368897 |
| 862559 | Groundhog Butte | Squaw Tit Butte | Summit | Humboldt County | 41.78379515 | -117.403552 |

Current Derogatory Names List (In Progress)

Dago Joe Spring (spring)
Dago Spring (spring)
Little Negro Creek (stream)
Middle Fork Negro Creek (stream)
Negro Creek (stream)
Negro Creek (stream)
Negro Creek Reservoir (reservoir)
Negro George Creek (stream)
Negro George Draw (valley)
Negro Ravine (valley)
Negrohead Peak (summit)
North Fork Negro Creek (stream)
South Fork Negro Creek (stream)

Squaw Point (summit)
Squaw Tit (summit)
Squaw Tit Butte (summit)
Squaw Valley (basin)
Squaw Valley (basin)
Squaw Valley Creek (stream)
Squaw Valley Reservoir (reservoir)
Squaw Wells Spring (spring)
West Squaw Creek (stream)

Dago Joe Spring (spring)
Dago Spring (spring)

Cripple Spring (spring)

Names Changed with S.O. 3404

East Squaw Creek (stream)
Little Squaw Creek (stream)
Little Squaw Valley (flat)
North Fork East Squaw Creek (stream)
North Fork Squaw Creek (stream)
South Fork East Squaw Creek (stream)
Squaw Butte (summit)
Squaw Butte (summit)
Squaw Creek (stream)
Squaw Creek (stream)
Squaw Creek (stream)
Squaw Creek (stream)
Squaw Creek (stream)
Squaw Creek Valley (valley)
Squaw Flat (flat)
Squaw Hills (summit)
Squaw Knoll (summit)
Squaw Mountain (summit)
Squaw Peak (summit)
Squaw Peak (summit)
Squaw Peak (summit)
Squaw Peaks (summit)

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

RIGGS RIDGE

State

NEVADA

County or Equivalent

CARSON CITY

Administrative Area

BLM CARSON CITY DISTRICT

Specific Area Covered:

Latitude: 39 ° 10 ' 45 " ☐ N ☐ S

Longitude: 119 ° 41 ' 27 " ☐ W ☐ E

Mouth ☐ End Center

Latitude: 39 ° 7 ' 3 " ☐ N ☐ S

Longitude: 119 ° 40 ' 28 " ☐ W ☐ E

Heading ☐ End

Section(s) ^{SEE ADD INFO} Township(s) 15N

Range(s) 20-21E

Meridian MT. DIABLO

Elevation 5920 ft./

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

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.): Approximately NNW-SSE-trending ridge bounded

in part by the Carson River to the west and north and Brunswick and Sand Canyons to the east. The SSE end of the ridge starts

about near the Bunker Hill Mine just NW of McTarnahan Hill

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

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)

To date, the BLM Office on Morgan Mill Road was not in opposition. Have yet to hear of opposition from others.

Attachment 1 contains maps showing ridge as unnamed.

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

Additional information:

Sections: 11-14, 23-26, 35-36, R20E; 19, 30-31, R21E

Title: Camp Commander, Carlin Camp 25, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attachment 2 will have additional information.

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| Copy Submitted By (name): David A. Davis | Title SEE ADD INFO | Telephone (day) 775-972-7420 | Date 5/23/2023 |
| Company or Agency | Address (City, State, and ZIPCode) 9315 Fremont Way, Reno, NV 89506 | | |
| 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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| David A. Davis | Same as above | Retired from Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology | Since 1983 |
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ATTACHMENT 2

THE REASON FOR NAMING RIGGS RIDGE

ATTACHMENT 2 – The reason for naming Riggs Ridge, Submitted by David Davis.

John Arthur Riggs was a close friend of mine, and over the years, had been very active in various organizations involving the State of Nevada. John's interests were wide ranging, and he could be considered to have been a Renaissance Man. Several times, he told me he wanted a mountain named after him. I propose the name Riggs Ridge for the feature in this application in part to honor his request, to honor the man and his achievements, and because of its proximity to the Nevada State Prison complexes where he worked and helped better conditions for both the male and female inmates. The following bio will explain it all.

John was born in Los Angeles to Robert C. Riggs and Marguerite Elizabeth Riggs on November 29, 1946. His father was a cook, and according to John, his mother definitely was not. Robert was from Ohio, Marguerite was from Michigan, and they married in 1939 in New York City. They had two daughters there, Vivienne and Patricia, now deceased. During World War II, Robert enlisted into the Army as a cook, but was instantly designated a rifle man and given a BAR when he arrived at his unit during the Battle of the Bulge. Later, he was with the troops who liberated a Nazi death camp.

After the war, the family moved to Los Angeles where Robert worked as a cook. Among his chores, he provided food for the people working on the Hollywood movie sets. As a child, John met some of the actors. When he was 4, he wandered away from home. Western actor Andy Devine came by on a horse, said something like, "Johnny, you're kind of far from home." He put John on his horse and took him home.

The family moved to the Bay area and then to Reno around 1962. Vivienne got a job as a change girl at Harrah's, and later worked for the Primadonna. Robert eventually got a job as a cook at the Fireside Inn, and John attended Reno High. In high school, John played baseball and was active in the Science and Camera Clubs, the Thespians, the ROTC Rifle and Drill Teams, the ROTC assembly, and the yearbook staff. During a science project that the teacher did not supervise very well, John made a beaker of nitroglycerin. That cleared the room, and he got a poor grade. John graduated in June 1964. John was also interested in politics as a teenager, and was involved in Democratic political campaigns in California in 1962 and Nevada in 1964.

John attended the University of Nevada, Reno, but ran out of money. In 1966, he enlisted into the Army, and was stationed with the 4th Armored Division in Ansbach, Germany. His assignments included the 2nd Battalion, 14th Artillery; Heavy Weapons Platoon (4.2-inch mortars), 1st Battalion, 37th Armor; Fire Direction Computer and Vehicle Commander; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company Operations and Training Noncommissioned Officer in Charge. John was promoted to Specialist E-5.

John was very much interested in history, and during his time in Germany, when many soldiers got drunk while on leave, he would visit all the historical sites. On one occasion, he visited a manor house and asked the butler who came to door for a tour. The butler was amazed and said the baron was living there. Then the butler went to the Baron and was allowed to give John a tour. Many years later, John looked on-line and found they were giving paid tours.

John volunteered for Vietnam service in 1968 while stationed in Germany. He said it was go to a climate warmer than Europe in the winter. He was first sent to the 2nd Field Force Area near Saigon and his assignments included forward observer with the 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was later assigned as Flame Platoon Leader. During his Vietnam tour, he received the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in

Combat, two Purple Hearts, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantry's Badge, Combat Drivers Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with four Campaign Stars, Vietnamese Service Medal, two Unit awards of the Valorous Unit Award, Unit Award of Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with palm, and Vietnamese Unit Award with palm for Civic Action Honor Medal.

The Bronze Star was received because he was repairing a truck to prevent it from falling into enemy hands. A Vietnamese man came up and grabbed a hand grenade from the truck. John grabbed the guy, took the grenade away from him, and escorted the guy down the road. One of the Purple Hearts was received for wounds acquired when a rocket hit a truck he was standing near. He and the soldier standing next to him should have been killed and both received shrapnel as they were blown backwards. However, John said at the instant of the blast, what seemed like feathers came across his face. Being a devout Catholic, John felt he was saved by his guardian angel. He named his angel "George" and talked to him frequently after that. John was also one of the unfortunates who was in contact with Agent Orange, which resulted in later life ailments.

John was honorably discharged from the Army in January 1969 and returned to Reno. He attended UNR and studied secondary education and political science. He worked as a waiter at Fitzgerald's for awhile. At one point, he was summoned by the reclusive owner, Lincoln Fitzgerald, and was obviously concerned. Mr. Fitzgerald said he noted that John was attending UNR and had just been discharged from the Army. He then told John he could eat there for free as long as he was attending UNR.

John also worked at the University library. He did much of the research that went into "Nevada Place Names" by Dr. Helen Carlson, which was published in 1974. Dr. Carlson would find John sometimes asleep with his nose in the index cards from late night research and tell him to go home to bed. Unfortunately, John got no credit for his research.

John was also part of a group of Legislative Interns at UNR, who were partly under then Lt. Governor Harry Reid. At times, he travelled around the state with Mr. Reid's entourage and was warned to avoid talking to reporters at all costs. When the interns got the chance to work in Washington, DC, they encouraged John to go. By then, John was working at the State Prison and his father was ailing. He bowed out to be close with his parents. In 1972, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a minor in journalism.

At UNR, John was appointed to the University's Military Affairs Review Board Oversight Committee of College ROTC. After graduation, he received a commission as a 1st Lieutenant in the Nevada National Guard Reserve and through the next several years obtained the rank of Major. His duties included Executive Officer of the 2nd Military Police Battalion in Reno and Assistant Provost Marshall for the Nevada Brigade of the Nevada National Guard Reserve.

After graduation, John went on to teach high school level courses for the inmates at the Nevada State Prison. While there he completed his Masters of Educational Administration and Higher Educational Studies in 1975. The Nevada Department of Education made John a Certified Teacher and School Administrator. He was appointed Supervisor of Education at the Maximum Security Prison, and then served in the Northern Nevada Women's Correctional Center. He established full time schools at both prisons and the MAX Prison Law Library. In 1985, he received the degree of Juris Doctor from the Nevada Law School.

In 1976, John bought a house at 1140 Monitor Drive in Reno. He would live out his life and eventually pass away there. On January 23, 1977, his father passed away at age 63 and was interred in Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery. His mother then moved in with him, and he took care of her for the rest of her days.

John continued to work for the State and apparently held a number of positions along with his job at the prison. In 1974, he served as editor of the prison newspaper, "Sagebrush II." The Reno City Directories list him as working as Assistant Director of the Nevada State Prison, 1977-1978; working both as a consultant and for the State, 1979-1985; working as both a real estate appraiser and for the State, 1986-1992; and afterwards for Parole and Probation. As a real estate appraiser, he belonged to the International Real Estate Institute.

Interestingly, John generally had a very good rapport with most of the inmates, even ones who broke parole, and he had to arrest them. Even though he wouldn't trust them, especially the hardened criminals who he could see lacked all empathy for their fellow man, he seemed to have their respect. He wasn't sure, but he thought it came from the inmates thinking of him as being a "killer in Vietnam". However, other prison employees who had been in combat also had killed enemy soldiers, and they did not get the respect John had.

John's job involved checking on those who were out on probation. While in the field, he carried a pocket full of dog treats. Many on probation would have vicious dogs that found a new friend in John because of those treats. More than once, John had to chase down fleeing probation breakers. However, at the age of 52 in 1998, while sitting at his desk, a fellow worker told John he was as white as a ghost. Also, John found he couldn't move and was sweating. He was having heart attack. He obviously survived it, but from then on, he had to leaving much of the chasing to the younger officers. He retired in 2002.

This covers John's working life, but he also had a full public life. His involvement with the UNR Legislative Interns was noted above. John became involved with the Washoe County Democratic Central Committee in 1969 and was involved with the Young Democrats as early as 1971. He ran for Reno city council that year but lost. In 1972, he was the vice president, and at times acting president, of the Young Democrats of Nevada and the president of the Washoe County Young Democrats. In 1973 and 1974, he was a national committeeman of Region 7 Young Democrats of America and secretary-treasurer for the same in 1974. In 1975, he became director of Region 7. He was president of the Young Democrats of Nevada in 1976 and 1977. Internal protests over executive board members resulted in a reorganization of the Young Democrats of Nevada in 1978, and John no longer is mentioned after that. In later years, John became a Republican.

During his time with the Young Democrats, John was vocal. Interestingly, the John and the Young Democrats supported a voucher system for education not unlike that proposed by present-day Republicans. In 1972, John and others also complained that the Democratic State Central Committee was dragging its feet on adopting resolutions and what they were doing was becoming too liberal for conservative Nevada. In 1973, John introduced a resolution calling for a national shield law to protect all forms of the media including their reporters, writers, and researchers from having to divulge their sources. He also introduced a resolution calling for a national health care program covering every aspect of health care for Americans. John and three Las Vegas national committeemen attended the National Young Democrats Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in 1973. The resolution for a shield law was passed as were those to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, form a committee to decriminalize marijuana, have a grand jury investigate the 1970 Kent State affair, and force President Nixon to be truthful about Watergate.

From the 1970s onwards, John was involved in the Nevada Junior Chamber of Commerce, a.k.a. the Jaycees. The Nevada Junior Chamber is part of the United States Junior Chamber, a branch of Junior Chamber International. Membership is for individuals between the ages of 18 and

40. Older individuals can remain involved as members of the independent but associated United States JCI Senate

John belonged to the Sparks chapter and served as its president. In 1975, it was named the top chapter in the State. Among the projects supported by the chapter during John's time were child abuse prevention, 4th of July celebrations, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, and child sponsorships of the Special Olympics. John also organized a chapter of the Jaycees for the prison inmates. In 1973, the Prison Jaycees gave him the "Presidential Award of Honor" for that effort, and in 1974, they chose John as Outstanding Young Educator

John held several positions and received several awards in the Jaycees. In 1975, he received their Distinguished Service Award and was named Outstanding Man of the Year by his chapter. He travelled around the country and overseas promoting the Jaycees. He was also the criminal justice consultant for Nevada Jaycees. This involved attending seminars with intensive sessions on law, the courts, probation, and corrections. In 1975, the U.S. Jaycees supported the "911 Emergency Hotline." In Nevada, John pushed for its establishment, which would start in Washoe and Clark Counties. He ran into a lot of territorial opposition at first, but made his case with a few jurisdictions and was ultimately successful. John was president of the Nevada Jaycees in 1979-1980. He also represented the State by participating in the U.S. Jaycees executive board meetings and several motivational and leadership training seminars. In 1979, he attended a special White House briefing and met with President Jimmy Carter to discuss the nation's energy crisis. John remained involved with Jaycees through the Nevada JCI Senate and Oldtimers, a chapter of the U.S. JCI Senate and served as its president in 2003-2004. He also was the chapter's E-newsletter editor in 2013.

John was a long time member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), and joined the General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 on June 22, 2008. He was elected Camp Senior Vice Commander on December 7, 2008. He was elected Camp Commander on December 12, 2010, and held this office until his passing. Through John's leadership as Camp Commander, Camp 25 achieved the 2014 Abraham Lincoln Award, which designated Camp 25 as the best SUVCW Camp in the United States of America. The SUVCW is the heir organization to the old Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The GAR was the main Union veterans' organization with 18 posts in Nevada.

John was involved in a number of other organizations, but they will just be mentioned here to prevent this write-up from becoming much longer. As noted above, John was a devout Roman Catholic and was a member of the Saint Therese of the Little Flower Parish of the Diocese of Reno. There he belonged to the Knights of Columbus. He also belonged to Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Theta Phi, and Order Saint Michael the Archangel (Chavelier). His other interests involved all eras of history, genealogy, photography, and travel, being quite knowledgeable on all of those subjects. He had a love for horses and animals in general. Though he had a number of girlfriends over the years, John remained an old bachelor.

John passed away at home and was found during a wellness check by the police at the insistence of several members of Carlin Camp 25 on January 12, 2016. He may have been dead for up to three days (January 9 is my birthday!), but he was found with a slight smile on his face. John is interred in Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery at the feet of his parents' graves.

John Arthur Riggs



*November
29, 1946*

*January 12,
2016*

John Arthur Riggs was born and raised in California to parents Robert and Marguerite Riggs. He moved to Reno and graduated from Reno High School in 1963. He joined the U.S. Army in 1966 and was honorably discharged in 1969 as a Specialist E-5. He received the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Combat, 2 Purple Hearts, and numerous honors and awards for his service in the Army. He graduated from the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1972. Served as Major in the National Guard Reserve. His duties included Executive Officer of the 2nd Military Police Battalion in Reno and Assistant Provost Marshall for the Nevada Brigade of the NNGR. He taught as an Academic Teacher at the Nevada State Prison. He was appointed Supervisor of Education at the Maximum Security Prison, and then he served in the

Northern Nevada Women's Correctional Center, establishing full time schools at both prisons and also establishing the MAX Prison Law Library. He became a State Parole and Probation Officer for the Nevada Department of Public Safety for 15 yrs., Retiring in 2002 after 25 years of continuing service to Nevada as a Training Officer, Safety Officer, and State Trainer. organizations: Nevada State President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and as Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Reno Camp 25. Through John's leadership as Camp Commander, Reno Camp 25 achieved the 2014 Abraham Lincoln Award, designated as the best SUVCW Camp in the United States of America. He is survived by his sister, Vivienne Taylor, Nephew and Nieces, Shawn Heisser, Dominique Travino, Kathleen Bowman and numerous nieces, nephews and Great nieces and nephews. The Funeral Services for John will take place at Mountain View Mortuary, 425 Stoker Ave. Reno, NV 89503 on Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 at 10:00 am.

PARTIAL LIST OF REFERENCES:

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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

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|--------------------------|---|
| Action Requested: | Recommended Name Bluewing Mountains |
| Proposed New Name | State Nevada |
| Application Change | County or Equivalent Pershing |
| Name Change | Administrative Area |
| Other | |

Specific Area Covered:

Latitude: 40.374379 ° ' " N S Longitude: -118.986875 ° ' " W E Mouth End Center

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

Section(s) Township(s) Range(s) Meridian Elevation 6506 ft/m.

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

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: Blue Wing Mountains

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.): Range in Pershing County

| 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) |
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| Blue Wing Flat North Quad Map 7.5' | Bluewing, Blue Wing | |
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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? 20+

YES

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

Unknown

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

Additional information:

Information submitted to USBGN by representative of Friends of Nevada Wilderness; name is seen as Bluewing and Blue Wing in various publications

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| Copy Submitted By (name): Compiled by Exec. Secretary on behalf of proponent, Kirk Petersen | | Title Research Coordinator | Telephone (day) 775-324-7667 | Date 3/21/2023 |
| Company or Agency Friends of NV Wilderness | | Address (City, State, and ZIPCode) | | |
| Copy Prepared By (if other than above): Christine Johnson | | Title NSBGN Exec. Secty | Phone (day) | Date 5/1/2023 |
| Company or Agency NSBGN | | Address (City, State, and ZIPCode) | | |

| Authority for Recommended Name | Mailing Address and Telephone | Occupation | Years in Area |
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Bluewing or Blue Wing Question and Information – 2023

From: [PROPONENT]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 6:51 PM

To: BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC <bgnexec@usgs.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Misspelled Nevada Mountain Name in GNIS

We are working on conservation measures for the Bluewing Mountains in Nevada (lat 40.374379 degrees; lon -118.986875 degrees). Your current GNIS system identifies the mountains as the misspelled "Blue Wing Mountains," not as the "Bluewing Mountains" that first appeared on the 1935 USGS Lovelock Nevada 60-minute topographical map (surveyed in 1929-1930). The 1959 USGS Lovelock Nevada 250,000-scale topographic map also identifies the mountains as the "Bluewing Mountains." The 1981 USGS 7.5-minute Juniper Pass Nevada topographical also identified the mountains as the "Bluewing Mountains," as does the 1981 USGS 7.5-minute "Bluewing Flat North" Nevada topographical map.

For unexplainable reasons, the GNIS system now identifies the mountains as the misspelled "Blue Wing Mountains" in the database and in the resultant digital reproductions of the USGS 7.5-minute maps for Juniper Pass Nevada and USGS 7.5-minute maps for the "Blue Wing Flat North" Nevada map, which for some inexplicable reason the title of this topographical map now carries the misspelling of "Blue Wing," which was spelled correctly as Bluewing in the 1981 printed version. Also the name on the flat in the digital version has also been changed to the misspelling "Blue Wing" from the corrected spelling of "Bluewing," as it appeared in the 1981 printed version. This error in arbitrarily changing the spelling of "Bluewing" (as appeared in all versions of the printed USGS maps) to the misspelled "Blue Wing" is infecting all the naming in this area. For example, the name of the 1981 USGS 7.5 minute Bluewing Flat South Nevada map has been arbitrarily changed to "Blue Wing Flat South" in the GNIS, as has the name of the feature Bluewing Flat on the 1981 map been misspelled as "Blue Wing" on the digital GNIS database generated version of the 7.5-minute map.

The Geographic Names Information System page (attached below) is of no help as it states the Feature ID 838946 is named the misspelled "Blue Wing Mountains" and places the correct name for this feature, "Bluewing Mountains," as has been used on all printed USGS maps of this region since 1935, as a "Variant Name." The information of the Series Name and the Publication dates of both the misspelled "Blue Wing Mountains" Feature name and the correctly spelled "Bluewing Mountains" Variant Name are identical, giving no indication how, when, how, and why the name of the feature was changed from the historical correct spelling to the current digital misspelling.

After extensive research, I believe this error in spelling entered into the system as a result of an error made by the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Nevada in

the 1970s when they initiated their Wilderness Inventory process. Within the 1979 Draft Initial Wilderness Inventory the BLM misspelled the name of the Bluewing Mountains in inventory unit NV-02-222 as the "Blue Wing Mountains" and also gave that misspelling as the name of the unit. This was not the only misspelling that characterized the wilderness inventory in the area, the Sahwave Mountains, immediately south of the Bluewing Mountains were not only misspelled on the wilderness inventory maps as the "Shawave Mountains," but both wilderness inventory units NV-02-216 and NV-02-217 were misspelled as the South "Shawave" Mountains and North "Shawave" Mountains, respectively. This error persisted within the BLM publications and maps for decades. **The Name for the feature 838946 should be spelled as "Bluewing Mountains."** "Blue Wing Mountains" should be a Variant Name.

As a result of the USGS entering this error in spelling of the Bluewing Mountains into GNIS, this error is being proliferated at the speed of digital into Google Maps, Google Earth, and into private, local, state, and federal cartography. The USGS must correct this error, as it is not historically correct, is in direct conflict with your printed publications, and it reflects poorly on veracity of information to be found within the GNIS.

Communications on the topic of Blue Wing or Bluewing since March, 2023:

From: BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC <bgnexec@usgs.gov>

Sent: Saturday, April 22, 2023 10:15 PM

To: Kirk Peterson <kirk@nevadawilderness.org>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Misspelling of Nevada Bluewing Mountains and associate feature in USGS digital data base

Hello again Mr. Peterson,

This is to let you know that the Nevada Board on Geographic Names ([NBGN](#)) is looking into the history of Bluewing/Blue Wing and has promised to share any details they find. They have reminded us that the NBGN wasn't organized until 1985 and so would not have been involved in any name changes or review that might have occurred prior to that date.

Meanwhile, I can report that although we have found no information as to how the name Bluewing Mountains came to be changed to Blue Wing Mountains, we can speculate that it is because in January 1983, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) approved the name Blue Wing Flat for the nearby flat. This name was proposed in 1981 by the USGS Mapping Center, "to give official recognition to a name reported in local use." The attached documents from the 1981 case file state "Most of the local people refer to this feature as Blue Wing Flat," adding "This is in keeping with Blue Wing Cow Camp and Blue Wing Spring." Although USGS maps and Webster's Dictionary predominantly favored the one-word form, the BGN noted "After further staff investigation, the two-word form was recommended

(by the State) and approved by the BGN.” It’s not clear who in “the State” vouched for the name (but noting the date of the NBGN's establishment, it would not have been that office).

In order for the BGN to change the spelling, we would typically ask that a proposal be submitted; however, in this case, we will wait to see what the NBGN uncovers. If they agree that the name should be one word, we may be able to expedite a change. It appears you are also suggesting Blue Wing Flat should be amended to the one-word form? As a former BGN decision, the NBGN and U.S. BGN would be required to vote on a change.

As for the Bureau of Land Management’s use of Bluewing Mountains in their 2013 management plan, that is in violation of the law that states all Federal agencies must use the names authorized by the BGN and listed in GNIS. If they believed “Blue Wing” was incorrect, they should have initiated formal efforts to change it. We will follow up with the BLM's member on the BGN for clarification.

Thank you again for your patience. The NBGN is scheduled to meet in the coming month, and they may wish to contact you directly to discuss the matter.

Jennifer Runyon, research staff
U.S. Board on Geographic Names

From: Kirk Peterson <kirk@nevadawilderness.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 3:32 PM

To: BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC <bgnexec@usgs.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Misspelling of Nevada Bluewing Mountains and assocait feature in USGS digital data base

Thank you for getting back to me. Our organization and Website have become very important sources of information about the geographical features of Nevada and we want to assure that what we present and post is accurate.

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From: Kirk Peterson <kirk@nevadawilderness.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:24 PM

To: BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC <bgnexec@usgs.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Misspelling of Nevada Bluewing Mountains and assocait feature in USGS digital data base

This is additional information on this systematic misspelling of the Bluewing features in Nevada (ie. erroneously misspelled as "Blue Wing Mountain" and "Blue Wing Flat") in the USGS digital database that I submitted to you on March 21, 2023.

The Bureau of Land Management actually corrected their misspelling of the Bluewing Mountains in their 2013 Winnemucca district Resource Management Plan. see attached image below:

Table 2-1
Proposed Goals, Objectives, and Actions by Alternative

| Lands with Wilderness Characteristics <i>Table TOC is on Page 2-14. Table notes are on Page 2-15.</i> | | | |
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| Alternative A (No Action) | Alternative B | Alternative C* | ALTERNATIVE D (PROPOSED RMP) |
| | wilderness characteristics are as follows (Figure 2-74, Appendix A): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bluewing Mountains (25,651 acres);• North Shawave Mountains (45,686 acres);• Fencemaker Area of the Stillwater Range (50,282 acres);• Portion of the Tobin Range, between the China Mountain WSA and the Mount Tobin WSA (33,854 acres);• Warm Springs (18,149 acres);• Granite Peak (43,202 acres); and• Buckhorn Peak (23,399 acres). | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bluewing Mountains (25,651 acres);• North Shawave Mountains (45,686 acres);• Fencemaker Area of the Stillwater Range (50,282 acres);• Portion of the Tobin Range between the China Mountain WSA and the Mount Tobin WSA (33,854 acres);• Warm Springs (18,149 acres);• Granite Peak (43,202 acres); and• Buckhorn Peak (23,399 acres). | objectives. Individual projects proposed within areas identified as possessing wilderness characteristics would be evaluated during the NEPA process for impacts to wilderness characteristics. Mitigation measures to protect wilderness characteristics would be applied as appropriate. Areas currently determined to contain wilderness characteristic are as follows (Figure 2-74, Appendix A): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bluewing Mountains (25,651 acres);• North Shawave Mountains (45,686 acres);• Fencemaker Area of the Stillwater Range (50,282 acres);• Portion of the Tobin Range between the China Mountain WSA and the Mount Tobin WSA (33,854 acres);• Warm Springs (18,149 acres); |

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From Jeff Kintop – former NSBGN Chair and current NSBGN Advisory Member:

Jeffrey Kintop

Sat, Apr 29,
11:34 AM

Last week I was at the UNR Library and had some time on my parking meter, so I scanned the Nevada Inspector of Mines Annual Report from 1910 to about 1954. There was NO mention of a Blue Wing or Bluewing mining district in the state, ever.

The reports were all about mine safety, reporting all active mining companies that had fatal or non-fatal accidents and violations of any mine safety laws. All active mining companies had to send him annual reports, whether they had accidents or not. The active mines are listed alphabetically in each county, so it was easy to look through (just so you don't think it was an incredible feat). A couple of Tungsten mines briefly operated in Humboldt and Later Pershing County, headquartered in Lovelock and operating open pit tungsten mine 12 miles west of Lovelock, presumably in the Blue Wing Mountain range.

Jeff

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Jeffrey Kintop

Mon, Apr 17,
11:23 AM

to Bob, Larry, Eric, Paul, JBurgess, me

Blue-winged teals are found all around Nevada and it's always hyphenated.

Here is a print out (print-out or printout) from the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Mining District

Files. <https://nbgm.unr.edu/Collections/MiningDistricts/MiningDistricts.html>

It was huge vertical file (many file cabinets), alphabetically arranged and scanned by NSLA's Imaging and Preservation Services years ago. The entries with no link were added to the database (data base or data-base) later and not yet scanned.

The first entry was written by Joe Tingley, who was NBSGN's secretary for many years, states that the Blue Wing Mining Area got its name from Harry Springer, from Lovelock who first operated the property during World War I, but we know that's not true because the 1906 Lovelock Tribune has it spelled both ways. Harry Springer was a lifelong

prospector and mine promoter. First it was gold and silver and later tungsten in 1937, which he still owned.

This database does not have any mining district names.

| No. | District | County | Title | Author | Date | PMC Name | Commodity | Notes |
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| 6700001 | BLUE WING | PERSHING | BLUE WING MINING AREA | TINGLEY | 1985 | BLUE WING MINING AREA | GOLD; SILVER | DISTRICT SUMMARY |
| 6700002 | BLUE WING | PERSHING | SPRINGER TUNGSTEN PROPERTY.. | WITT, H.N. | 1937 | SPRINGER TUNGSTEN PROPERTY | TUNGSTEN | BUSINESS PROPERTY REPORT |
| 6700003 | BLUE WING | PERSHING | MINERAL DISTRICTS OF NEVADA: PERSHING COUNTY, PART 1; MAGMA CHEM, BLUE WING, T29N,R26E | MAGMA CHEM | | | | 3 PGS; SEE MAGMA CHEM REPORTS; COLLECTION OF PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED DATA |
| 6700004 | BLUE WING | PERSHING | PETROCHEMISTRY OF NEVADA: PERSHING COUNTY | MAGMA CHEM | | | | 2 PGS; PETROCHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WEST PERSHING PLUTONS (GRANITE MOUNTAIN PLUTON, SHAWAVE PLUTON, HEINEKE PLUTON, AND SEVEN TROUGHS |

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Apr 16, 2023,
7:25 PM

to me, Bob, Larry, Eric, Paul, JBurgess

Whatever it's called, the other name will be always be variant name and used too.

This question is coming from here, https://www.nevadawilderness.org/bluewing_wilderness_summary. and we may never may know the answer. I don't think anyone knew (or cared) either until there was a proposed wilderness area and someone needs to map it out.

Looks like nobody in Lovelock knew the difference in Bluewing and Blue Wing either in 1906. Look at the two center mining stories in the Lovelock Tribune. It could be the fault of the typesetter or the editor, and he had been there from 1900 to 1907.

No digitized Nevada Newspaper has Bluewing except the one below. Many have Blue Wing, but there were too many to look at because many of them are Bar and Saloon ads.

As far as I know, there was no State Naming Authority in Nevada until the creation of NBGN in 1985. I might guess that since the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology was created by law in 1935 and had the State Cartographer, who was Geographic Names Board's secretary for years, it might be the culprit. It's scanned historical files have references to a Blue Wing Mining District as early as 1937.

Nevada had a State Inspector of Mines since 1910 and would report on mining activities in each county, by county and mining district and published his biennial reports.

Click on the links to be able to zoom in on the newspaper articles.

**Lovelock tribune. (Lovelock, Nev.) 1898-1912,
May 25, 1906, Image 1**

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I think there may be a kernel of truth in what Bob said...the stream was maybe named after the bird and the mountain was named after the mining district. They should just be glad it wasn't named after the mining claim that caused a rush there in 1906. The claim was called "Burnt-Stew." There are more newspaper references to that than the other two.

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**From Bob Stewart – former NSBGN Board Member and Current
Advisory Panel Member:**

rstew160@aol.com

Apr 16, 2023,
5:01 PM

Probably of no help at all, but it is within the range where what today is called a "Blue-winged Teal"--and in California newspapers in the 1860s called the bluewing, sometimes blue-winged teal, sometimes capitalized, sometimes not. From that, if it was the source of the name in Pershing County, it would depend on when the name was applied. To bring them all into conformity seems reasonable.

In the 1970 there was a furor over McDermitt vs McDermitt. The locals won. The Highway department was where that issue started, relative to the state highway map name (2 t's) not being accurate. The locals of McDermitt didn't care what the general's name was, they wanted what they had lived with all along.

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VOL. IX. NO. 18.

LOVELOCK, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NEVADA, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1906.

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RELIEF WORK HAS BEEN STOPPED

Southern Pacific Send Provisions on the Train.

Balance of Funds Sent by Relief Committee to Mayor Schmidt—Love Lock Lodges Contribute.

The noble work of feeding the hungry San Francisco refugees, which was so ably carried on by the Relief Committee and Ladies of Lovelock last week has been discontinued, the committee having received word that sufficient provisions would be sent on the train from Oakland.

The last provisions for feeding were made Sunday, but the greater portion of the food prepared was not desired by the passengers.

We do not hesitate to state that Lovelock town and valley have responded only to this call for relief and have shown that they were willing to share their last crust with their unfortunate neighbors. During the week, some unworthy and undeserving persons may have been fed, but it is better that ten should be left to suffer for want of proper food and means.

Besides the subscriptions that have already appeared the following have since been contributed:

(Continued on 2nd page)

TOWN WELL ALL RIGHT.

Flow of Quick Sand has been Stopped and Pumping Regularly.

The temporary difficulty with the town well has been overcome and now the exhaust of the big Curless gas engine is heard every day and water is again on top in the mains. The gravel that was thrown in at the top of the cave has reached the right spot and cut off the flow of quicksand. The daily pumping does not rile the water and the pump draws no more sand.

Ludwig Markler has been engaged by the commissioners to see to keeping the tank full, pumping twice a day and he has put a hydrant and hose on from the drain pipe to the tank, so that the water can be used to put out a fire on the engine house in case that should catch fire. He will also fence the lot and plant trees around it besides many other finishing touches in and about the plant.

A scale of rates for the use of the water by various patrons has been made up, which may be ascertained by applying to the citizens committee and the following hours have been set with for sprinkling and irrigating:

From 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m., Part 10 Time.

This gives an hour during the day and by confining themselves to this time for irrigating the patrons will not deplete the supply of water in the tank, which will always be left full at night, for protection in case of fire.

MINING ACTIVITY IN CAMPS ADJACENT TO LOVELOCK

Work Being Rushed in Old Mines and Parties Outfitting for Development Work on Locations, Both Old and New.

While we have no great strike to report this week, still we do have much substantial progress to mention in the way of development of many mining districts.

AT SEVEN THROUGHS.

O. T. Owens and Walter Davis came in from their claims at the above camp Friday. Mr. Owens had spent the previous two weeks there doing location work. They brought samples of various lodes from the claims and are jubilant over the outlook. From these samples they get rich specimens and say they have well defined lodes of from three to six feet in width. They have been offered \$20,000 for three claims, but have not accepted the offer. Heretofore they're millionaires.

Will Staute is in town this week from claims which he is interested with Messrs. Thorne, Ritzland and Crumpacker at Seven Througs. They have the location work about finished on their many claims there and when that is done expect to begin sinking on some of the many ore shoots they have found while doing this work. The boys' confidence in the permanency of the camp grows stronger with every foot of work they do and they have had experience in many of Nevada's rich camps. They say the Seven Througs will yet prove a bonanza camp.

SPRING VALLEY LIVERY.

The Bonanza King management are pushing the work of sinking the shaft from the 225 foot level as rapidly as they can with equipment. It is necessary to keep pumping and the present pump is hardly heavy enough for the demand. Twenty feet have been sunk below the former level and disappointed. Come sure they will go another hundred feet before cross cutting.

Gen. W. Dyke has received the expected "good word" from the head office of the Federal Mines Company and is now purchasing heavy teams, wagons and other outfit to be ready for the work of hauling in and installing the new dredger which the company have decided to put at work as soon as possible.

Messrs Pike and Leonard arrived from Bolivar, Missouri, during the past week and went to Spring Valley Tuesday with supplies and outfit to begin development work on properties there in which they are interested with Mr. Hagen. These gentlemen hold the claims upon which the big strike was made that caused a rush to that district last year, and in the work now being started they will go down on claims located at that time and may find another pocket of rich ore that will equal that found last summer. They are prepared to do considerable work, but the developments are what they may.

Messrs. Curtis & Lynch are going right ahead with the work of putting up their mill at the head of the canyon and will doubtless have a producing property before the summer is past.

So the work is living up all along the line in that camp and many more properties will soon be showing signs of renewed life.

AMERICAN CANYON.

Work at the Monte Christo mine and mill is being rushed as fast as the supply of gasoline engine fuel will permit. The rush of getting supplies into the San Francisco refinery, has delayed the arrival of other freight so that the mill is short of fuel and cannot be run full time. It is yielding a successful venture and will give much value to its promoters.

TRUST CANYON PLACERS.

Al Knapp has started the work of

running a drain tunnel on the Troy Canyon placer claims of Messrs. Ostrander, McClure and Sommers. The difficulty there, has been, too much water. Every yard of dirt passed shows values but led rock could not be reached on account of the water. Mr. Knapp expects to run this tunnel a distance of 500 feet. This will give him, according to the fall of the canyon a depth of over forty feet and should determine something as to the depth of bedrock and the character of the ground.

DEAR BLUE WING SPRINGS.

Messrs. Farwell and Davis have been rewarded by some good returns of samples sent for them from properties which they are working near Blue Wing Springs. The returns from this ore showed excellent shipping values. The extent and amount of ore has not been definitely determined. If they have much of it they are on easy street. John Borland F. E. Baker, E. C. Moore and G. Marti come among those who have "biked" in that direction this week.

AMERICAN ANTIMONY MINE.

There are now fifteen men working at the antimony mine, fourteen miles out from Lovelock. They are getting out a car of ore per week, which is shipped direct to New York, two cars per week would be sent if cars could be furnished. A hoist and other machinery will soon be installed and the shaft sunk to lower levels, opening up vast bodies of ore in what has been pronounced by many to be the biggest antimony mine in America if not the world.

SOME OTHER PROPERTIES.

Marion Howell's Millionaire Mine, the Sherrins, above the Humboldt Queen still looks good to him as well as to many others who look upon its riches. Work which he and R. J. Saunders have been having done lately makes it show richer and better than ever.

R. S. Pieps has returned from some time spent at his mine in American Canyon and is telling of a vein of \$400,000 in the latest find there. (Continued on 3rd page)

WERE GUESTS OF HONOR.

Many Pleasant Parties Given in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reid.

John T. Reid, wife and daughter have departed from New York on their return trip. They return by the Southern route, going down to Chattanooga, Tenn. and through Arizona and New Mexico, expecting to arrive in Lovelock by the 11th of this month.

While in New York City Mr. Reid were honored by many pleasant parties, given for them. One of the most enjoyable was in honor of the 10th Anniversary of their marriage. The party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hipple, Cor. 5th Ave and 38th St., New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Reid were in receipt of many presents appropriate to the occasion. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hipple, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schornfelder, Mr. and Mrs. Thos J. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schornfelder, Jr., Miss Josephine H. Jones, Mr. Thos Dillard, the Misses Ida, Florence and Ethel Casanova, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trojan, Mr. and Mrs. Jessy, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hooker.

Just before their departure for the west a farewell party was given them at the home of Thos J. Reid, No. 38th St., New York City. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Thos J. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schornfelder, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hipple, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trojan, Thos Dillard, Mrs. E. Robinson, Mrs. T. Saunders, Miss Lizzie Bush.

In the City of Brooklyn Mr. Reid

and his family are a young man of

were also lavishly entertained. One of the enjoyable parties in their honor was given at the home of Mr. Henry Sherman manager of the circulation department of the New York Journal. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman, Joe Prince and his little daughter "Queen of Vanville," Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Millett, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Thos J. Reid, Miss Josephine H. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mosley.

STILL ANOTHER MISFORTUNE.

A. S. Bailey, one of the substantial ranchers of the Upper Lovelock Valley, seems to be followed by bad luck if ever a man was. Last fall he met with a series of losses, losing valuable stock and having his house and contents destroyed by fire. There has been sickness of himself and family during the fall and winter, now he is nursing a dislocated shoulder.

Last Thursday noon, while unloading a team he had been using in the field, one of the animals got scared at a top buggy, which was driven into the yard, and started to run. Mr. Bailey's foot caught in the hanging bridle rope and he was dragged by his rein bridle, thus saving him from being dragged to death.

As it was his shoulder was dislocated and he was badly bruised about the shoulders and body. Dr. Hinger was summoned and attended the injury and now Mr. Bailey is wondering what he will have to contend with next. His many friends hope that the "turn of the tide" has come and that there will be no more misfortunes.

It has been decided that the citizens' committee would accept all offers of aid from foreign countries. This decision was reached when a communication was received from Japanese official sources asking if the citizens would receive the contribution of 300,000 yen made by the Emperor of Japan and declined by the United States Government.

HUNDRED MILLION SYNDICATE FORMED

Senator Francis G. Newlands Interests New York Financiers.

Will Take Part in the Rebuilding of San Francisco, Which Will be Greater City than Ever.

A definite proposition for furnishing money on a large scale to San Francisco for the purpose of rebuilding some of the burned sections, was made public Tuesday when it was announced that a syndicate of New York capitalists had agreed to advance \$100,000,000. The news came in a telegram received by W. F. Herrick, chief counsel of the Southern Pacific from United States Senator Newlands of Nevada, who had a large interest in the burned Palace Hotel. Senator Newlands stated that he had submitted the plan to the New York financiers and that they had virtually consented to supply the money on a bond and mortgage basis. The names of the New York people are not given. The offer is under discussion by the local finance committee.

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Additional Information:

From BGN Research Staff:

[Blue Wing Mountains](#) is in GNIS, but the proponent is convinced it should be Bluewing Mountains. From 1955 to 1984, the mountains were labeled on USGS maps as "Bluewing", but in 2011 the name was changed to "Blue Wing". From what we can tell, the two-word form came about after the BGN formally approved (1983) the name [Blue Wing Flat](#) for the nearby flat; see attached. In that 1983 file (bottom of pg. 1 of "001" document), it states "After further staff investigation, the two-word form was recommended **by the State** and approved by the BGN." Note, there's also a [Bluewing Spring](#) just to the south.

From GNIS Database Supervisor at USGS in Denver:

>>> All the Names and Info sheets from the field work shows the one-word form except for the Blue Wing Flat South map. It makes no mention of the flat being the one-word form. The other quads all indicate that the name of the mountains, flat, and spring should all be spelled as one word. There is a reference to an OSN [Official Standard Name] report on one of the names sheets from Sept 1980 for Bluewing Spring where it's keeping the one-word form to match the mountains. Only the Blue Wing Flat South map has a later reprint after the decision (1985) and shows the two-word form for both the mountains and flat [note: I only see the flat labeled - J.]. The other maps were only printed once (1981) and show the one-word form for all the features.

We had always shown the one-word form for all of these features: Bluewing Mountains, Bluewing Flat, Bluewing Spring, and Bluewing anything else you can think of.

(Note from Exec. Secretary: Quad images attached below – one is Blue Wing Flat North (features Blue Wing Mountains) and one is Bluewing Springs (features Bluewing Springs).

Sent letter to Pershing County Commissioners on 5/1/23 seeking input/knowledge of this site (range) or any supplemental information that would assist the NSBGN.

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| UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BOARD OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242 DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME REPORT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Controversial name | Recommended name <u>Blue Wing Flat Bluewing Flat</u> |
| | Name change | State <u>Nevada</u> |
| | Change application | County <u>Esmeralda</u> |
| | Other | Parish |

Loc. 40 ^{14'} 18° 50' N. Long. 118° 57' W. North End Centre (Circle one)
 Lat. ° ' " N. Long. ° ' " W. Heading East (Circle one)

Description of feature: where appropriate, give shape, height, width, direction of flow or trend, direction and distance of extremities from points with established names, and section, township, range, meridian where useful, also elevation if known.

A large flat area near the west edge of Granite Springs Valley in townships 27 and 28 north, range 27 east Mt. Diablo Meridian.

Not within a national Forest

| Published Maps Using Recommended Name (Map name, date, agency, & scale) | Variant Name or Application | Map or Source Using Variant (Map name, date, agency, & scale) |
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| <u>BLUEWING FLAT SOUTH, 1981 7.5'</u> None | <u>Adobe Flat</u> | <u>Lovelock AMS 1955-70 1:250000</u> <u>1973</u> |
| <u>BLUEWING FLAT NORTH, 1981 7.5'</u> | <u>Adobe Flat</u> | <u>Lovelock - USGS 1931 - 1"</u> |

Available information as to origin, spelling, and meaning of the recommended name and/or statement concerning nature of difference in usage or application:

- Most of the local people refer to this feature as Blue Wing Flat.
- Adobe Flat appears to be descriptive and is not referred to locally by that name.
- The two authorities listed below said that Blue Wing should be two words. This is in keeping with Blue Wing Cow Camp and Blue Wing Spring which are in close proximity of this feature.

4. According to Webster's Dictionary, Bluewing is one word.

Mem from USGS 9-8-81
Work not made by
JMS

5. OSM 9/14/70 PPG - BLUEWING MOUNTAIN - Not BLUE WING MOUNTAINS

| AUTHORITY FOR RECOMMENDED NAME | MAILING ADDRESS | OCCUPATION |
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| <u>Robert Cowles</u> | <u>225 South Arlington Suite #3</u> <u>Rego, Nevada 89301</u> | <u>Rancher and</u> <u>Realtor</u> |
| <u>Carl G. Gissom</u> | <u>Route 1, Box 624</u> <u>Lovelock, Nevada 89419</u> | <u>Wrangler</u> |

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| Submitted by: Name <u>Elmer L. Skjele</u> | Title <u>Civil Engineer</u> | Date <u>12/11/75</u> |
| Agency <u>U.S. Geological Survey</u> | Address <u>Menlo Park, California</u> | |
| Person who prepared this copy if other than above: Name <u>Richard B. Delfo</u> Date <u>09/01/81</u> Title <u>Carto. Section</u> | | Date <u>7/1/81</u> <u>WMC</u> |

APPROVED: JAN 15 1982
 Promulgation authorized
 Executive Secretary
 Domestic Geographic Names
Donald J. Bates

UNITED STATES
 BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
 Case Brief (Domestic)

Recommended Name: Blue Wing Flat

State: Nevada Civil Division: Pershing

Lat. 40° 18' 25" N. Long. 118° 57' 30" W. (N end)
 Lat. 40° 11' 10" N. Long. 118° 56' 15" W. (S end)

sec. P29, 22N, 27E, Mount Diablo Meridian

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Summary: USGS (NMD), Lovelock 1:250,000; submitted to give official recognition to a name and application reported to be in local use according to USGS. Field investigation; USGS ^{Small} large scale maps show the variant; ~~no~~ available maps ^{do not} show recommended name; not in a USNE. After further staff investigation, the two-word form was recommended ^{by the States} and approved by BGN

Submitted by: USGS (NMD) Date: 9/8/81 Docket List No. 277
 Prepared by: J. Torres Date: 5/25/82 Decision List 8301
 Reviewed by: R. Johnson Date: 6-29-82



UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

In reply please use this address:
573 NATIONAL CENTER
RESTON, VIRGINIA 22091

January 26, 1983

Mr. Eugene S. Faust
c/o Bureau of Mines and Geology
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada 89557

Dear Mr. Faust:

At the January 13, 1983 meeting, the Board on Geographic Names approved the following names:

Docket List 273

Little Negro Creek

Docket List 275

Dry Canyon
Little Indian Creek

Docket List 277

Blue Wing Flat (not blowing Flat)

The decisions will be published in Decision List 8301 with the entries reading as shown on the docket lists.

Action was deferred on the names remaining on Docket Lists 277, 278 and 279.

Sincerely yours,

Donald J. Orth
Executive Secretary
Domestic Geographic Names

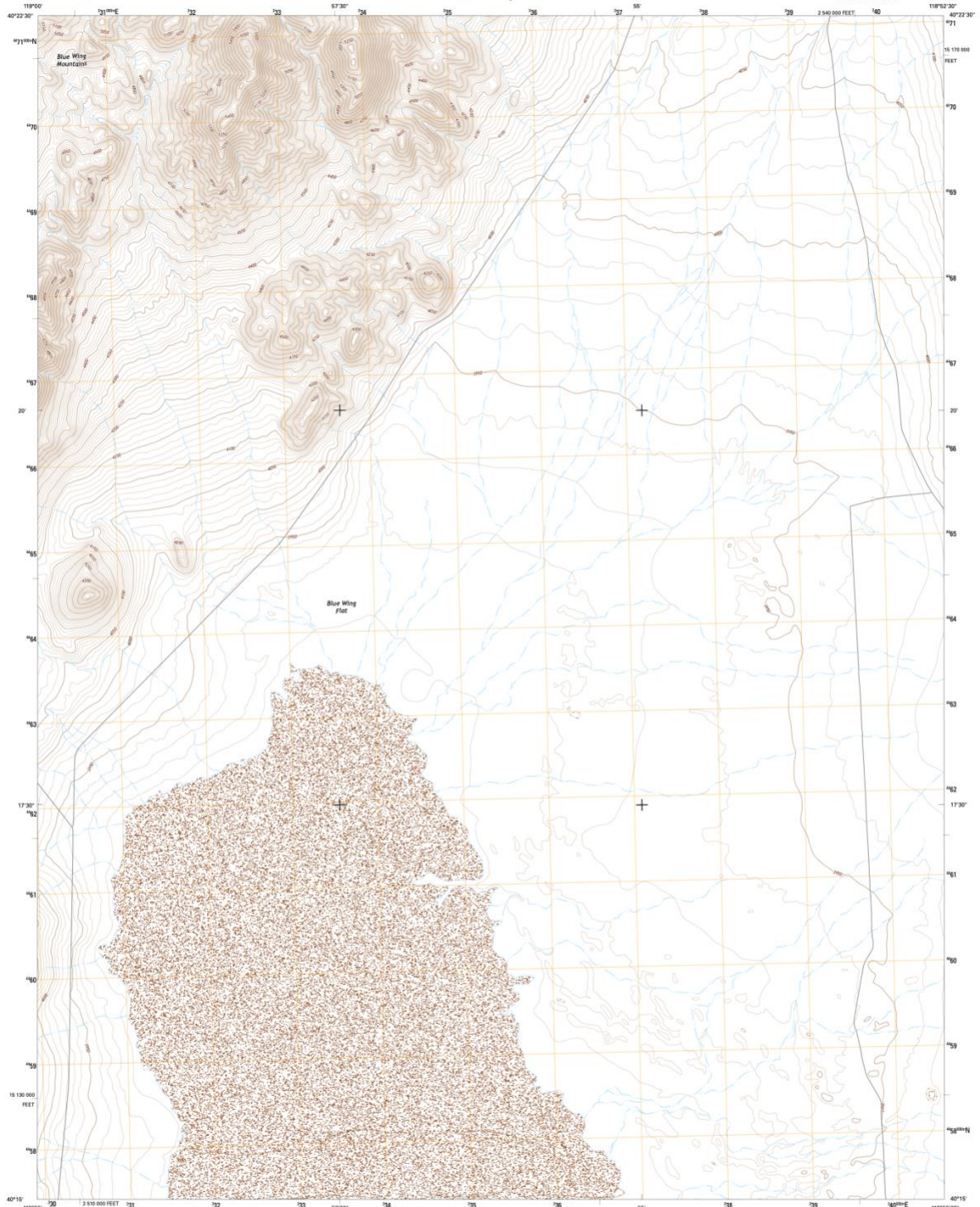
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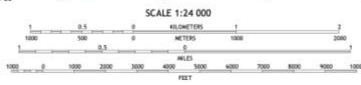
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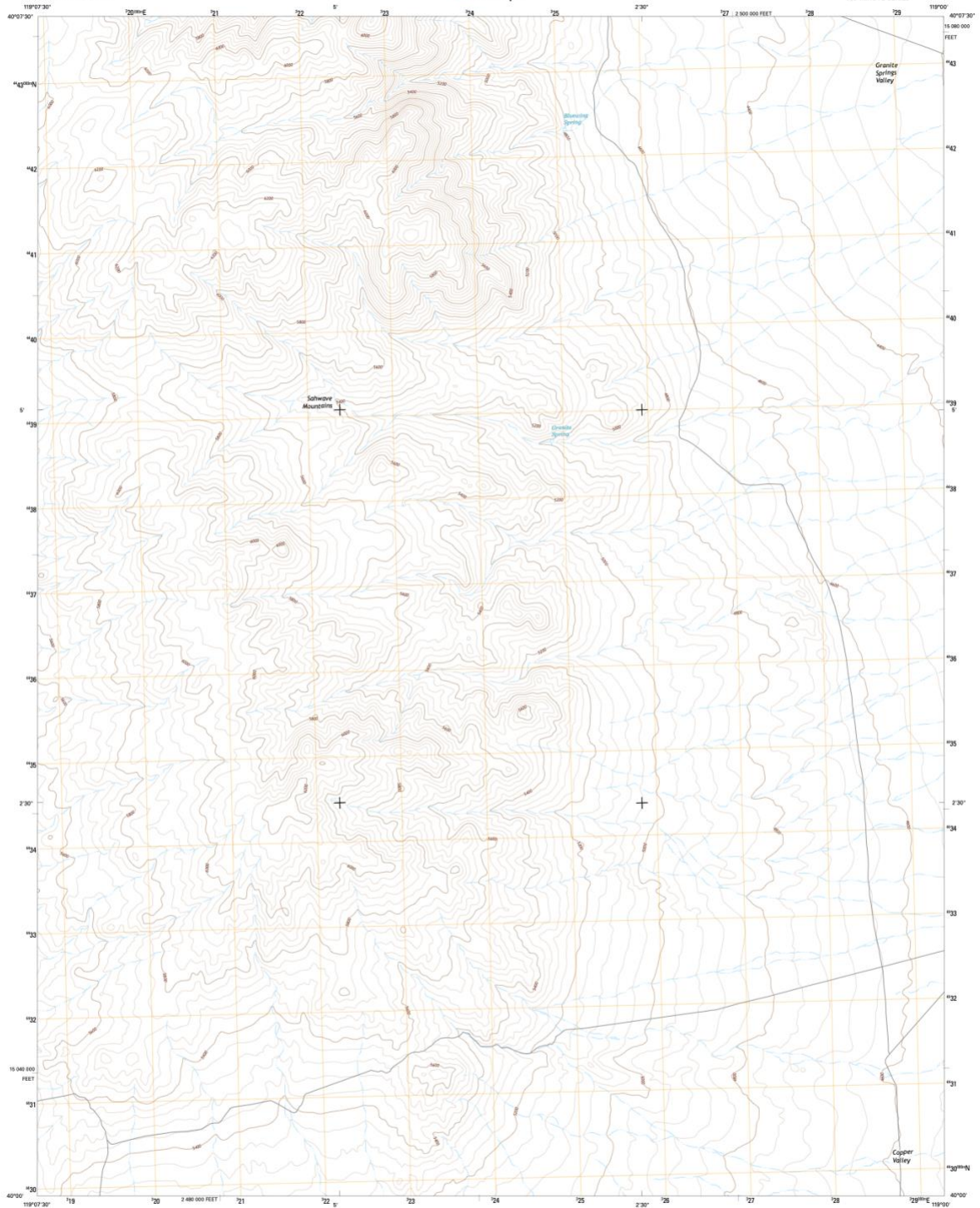
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1. Bluewing Flat 19

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State Board

Other: _____

2. Bluewing Flat 1981 USGS Bluewing Flat North 1:24
3. Bluewing Flat 19adu USGS Bluewing Flat South 1:24
4. _____ 19 USGS _____ 1:
5. _____ 19 USGS _____ 1:
6. _____ 19 USGS _____ 1:
7. _____ 19 USGS _____ 1:
8. Adobe Flat 1962/65 USGS _____ State Base _____ 1:500
9. Adobe Flat 1955/70 AMS Lovelock 1:250
10. _____ 19 AMS _____ 1:
11. _____ 19 USFS _____
12. _____ 19 USFS _____
13. _____ 19 NOS _____
14. _____ 19 Aero Ch. _____
15. _____ 19 Coast Pilot _____
16. Not shown 1982 Off. State Road Map
17. not available 19 _____ County, sh. _____
18. _____ 19 _____ County, sh. _____
19. _____ 19 Rand McNally Com. Atlas, p. _____, pop. _____
20. _____ 19 U.S. Postal Guide, p. _____
21. _____ 1970 U.S. Census, pop. _____
22. _____ 19 Official Ry. Guide, p. _____
23. _____ 19 Bullingers P&S Guide, p. _____
24. _____ 19 _____ BGN Decision
25. Adobe Flat p 34 1974 Carlson : Nevada Place Names

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| UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242 DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME REPORT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Controversial name | Recommended name <u>Blue Wing Flat Bluewing Flat</u> |
| | | Name change | State <u>Nevada</u> |
| | | Changed application | County <u>Pershing</u> |
| | | Other | |

Lat. 40° 14' 50" N, Long. 118° 57' W, Mouth End Center (Circle one)
 Lat. ° ' " N, Long. ° ' " W, Heading End (Circle one)

Description of feature: where appropriate, give shape, length, width, direction of flow or trend, direction and distance of extremities from points with established names, and section, township, range, meridian where useful, also elevation if known.

A large flat area near the west edge of Granite Springs Valley in townships 27 and 28 north, range 27 east Mt. Diablo Meridian.

Not within a national Forest

| Published Maps Using Recommended Name (Map name, date, agency, & scale) | Variant Name or Application | Map or Source Using Variant (Map name, date, agency, & scale) |
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| <u>BLUEWING-FLAT SOUTH, 1981 7.5'</u> None | Adobe Flat | Lovelock AMS 1955-70 1:250000 <u>1973</u> |
| <u>BLUEWING-FLAT NORTH, 1981 7.5'</u> | Adobe Flat | Lovelock - USGS - 1931 - 1° |
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Available information as to origin, spelling, and meaning of the recommended name and/or statement concerning nature of difference in usage or application:

- Most of the local people refer to this feature as Blue Wing Flat.
- Adobe Flat appears to be descriptive and is not referred to locally by that name.
- The two authorities listed below said that Blue Wing should be two words. This is in keeping with Blue Wing Cow Camp and Blue Wing Spring which are in close proximity of this feature.

4. According to Webster's Dictionary, Bluewing is one word.

Memo from USGS 9-8-81
 Work card made by
 Date

5. OSM 9/14/70 RRG - BLUEWING MOUNTAINS Not BLUE WING MOUNTAINS

| AUTHORITY FOR RECOMMENDED NAME | MAILING ADDRESS | OCCUPATION |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Robert Cowles | 225 South Arlington Suite #3 Reno, Nevada 89501 | Rancher and Realtor |
| Carl G. Sissom | Route 1, Box 68A Lovelock, Nevada 89419 | Wrangler |
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| Submitted by: Name <u>Elmer L. Skjeie</u> | Title <u>Civil Engineer</u> | Date <u>12/11/75</u> |
| Agency <u>U.S. Geological Survey</u> | Address <u>Menlo Park, California</u> | |
| Person who prepared this copy if other than above: | Date <u>7/1/81</u> | |
| Name <u>Richard B. Delfo</u> | Title <u>Carte Supers.</u> | <u>WMC</u> |

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1. Names that have more than one local spelling.
2. Names where local spelling differs from that shown on previously published maps or reports.
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5. New or proposed name for features previously unnamed.

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January 26, 1983

Mr. Eugene S. Faust
c/o Bureau of Mines and Geology
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada 89557

Dear Mr. Faust:

At its January 13, 1983 meeting, the Board on Geographic Names approved the following names:

Docket List 273

Little Negro Creek

Docket List 275

Dry Canyon
Little Indian Creek

Docket List 277

Blue Wing Flat (not Bluewing Flat)

The decisions will be published in Decision List 8301 with the entries reading as shown on the docket lists.

Action was deferred on the names remaining on Docket Lists 275, 278 and 279.

Sincerely yours,

Donald J. Orth
Executive Secretary
Domestic Geographic Names

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