

**U. S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**  
**DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE**  
Seven Hundred and Twenty-Second Meeting  
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., Room 7000B  
September 9, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.

Members and Deputy Members in Attendance

Douglas Caldwell	Department of Defense (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Jon Campbell	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)
Lee Fleming	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs)
Andrew Flora	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
Monique Fordham	Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service)
Michael Fournier	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
Tony Gilbert	Government Printing Office
Robert Hiatt	Library of Congress (Chairman) (not voting)
Elizabeth Kanalley	Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service)
William Logan	Department of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard)
Curt Loy	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)
Douglas Vandegrift	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement)
Meredith Westington	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)

Ex-Officio

Lou Yost, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names/Domestic Names Committee

Staff

Jennifer Runyon, U. S. Geological Survey

Guests

Katie Lettie, U. S. Geological Survey

1. Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

2. Minutes of the 721<sup>st</sup> Meeting

The minutes of the 721<sup>st</sup> meeting, held August 12<sup>th</sup>, were approved as submitted.

3. Communications and Reports

3.1 Chairman's Report

No report.

### 3.2 BGN Executive Secretary's Report

The full Board on Geographic Names is scheduled to hold its next Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the State Department. The Foreign Names Committee will also meet that day at the same location. Becky Maddock, representing the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use, is expected to visit Washington that week and will likely attend the BGN and FNC meetings. She will also receive a briefing on the DNC's activities from the Domestic Names Committee staff at the U.S. Geological Survey. Members of the DNC are welcome to participate.

The BGN's Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF) is going to investigate names appearing on sources that it traditionally has not used, especially larger scale sources that are applying names as reference points to smaller features. ACUF has asked if any of the DNC member agencies involved in offshore mapping and charting would be interested in participating in the project. Vandegraft noted that two individuals at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement have already expressed an interest.

The International Congress on Onomastic Sciences (ICOS) will meet September 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Barcelona. The program is expected to include four sections dedicated to geographic names. Yost shared a copy of the preliminary program with the DNC members.

### 3.3 Communications Committee Report (Westington)

NOAA's biannual Coastal GeoTools Conference will take place in March 2011 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Abstracts are welcome.

Fournier will make a presentation on geographic names at the upcoming conference of the Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA), and also at the annual meeting of the North American Cartographic Information Society to be held in mid-October in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The U.S. Forest Service has postponed its biannual Geospatial Workshop from 2011 to 2012 and is broadening the scope to include remote sensing as a major component. As in recent years, the Forest Service will work jointly with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the U.S. Department of Interior in the planning of the Geospatial/Remote Sensing 2012 workshop. Venues being considered include Boise, Idaho; Spokane, Washington; Denver, Colorado; Sacramento, California; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The deadline for abstracts for the 2011 ESRI-Federal User Conference is October 1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed that the BGN would not conduct a panel session this year but will likely staff a booth again. The conference is scheduled to take place January 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Washington, DC.

Kanalley reported that she would be participating over the upcoming weekend in the International Map Trade Association's annual meeting, to be held at the Omni

Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. During a panel discussion, she will present information on electronic and downloadable data files and the value of community input in the geospatial arena. She offered to distribute some BGN brochures. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to demonstrate the new FSTopo and USTopo products.

#### 3.4 Executive Secretary's Report (Yost)

Yost discussed the next meeting of the DNC, which will take place October 7<sup>th</sup> during the annual COGNA Conference. The current DNC chair is unable to attend, and the vice chair's attendance is doubtful. There is no established process as to who would be next in the rotation to chair the meeting, so the DNC will likely decide at the meeting who will do so. By a show of hands, it was confirmed that the DNC will have a quorum at the meeting.

Kanalley will provide a brief report during the DNC meeting at COGNA on the establishment and ongoing activities of the DNC's Tribal Subcommittee.

Also during the COGNA Conference will be a National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) Workshop. It is expected that several NHD stewards will be in attendance, which will provide an opportunity for the DNC members, staff, State Names Authorities, and USGS geospatial liaisons to discuss issues of mutual interest. Of concern are such topics as the NHD's desire to collect a considerable number of additional stream names for large-scale stream mapping, as well as some apparent discrepancies between GNIS and NHD data and methodology.

During this year's COGNA conference, the Executive Council is expected to discuss the plans for the 2011 conference, which is scheduled to take place in Hawaii. Despite fears of possible budget cuts, it was noted that the cost to travel to Hawaii is comparable to other COGNA venues and the hotel rates are within Federal per diem.

The DNC will not be meeting in November, as the meeting date coincides with the Veterans Day holiday.

The Tribal Subcommittee is scheduled to meet again following this meeting, in the same room.

#### 3.5 Staff Report (Runyon)

Following the recent death of Senator Ted Stevens, the USGS received a request from the staff of the U.S. Senate and Natural Resources Committee to provide a list of the five highest unnamed peaks in Alaska. Through an analysis of digital elevations models and GNIS, the USGS was able to provide this information. Despite the DNC's policy against naming features for individuals who have not been deceased for five years, legislation has been introduced into Congress to proceed with the naming effort. If a name should be approved by Congress, it would then be considered official for Federal use.

At one of its meetings in the fall of 2009, the DNC heard a presentation on efforts by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to change 44 names in Oregon that currently contain the word “Squaw.” The features in question are within the CTUIR’s ceded lands boundaries and traditional use areas. The CTUIR’s Cultural Resources Protection Program has been compiling names from the Umatilla language to submit as replacements. In August, a formal proposal for 44 name changes was submitted to the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB), which was in turn forwarded to the DNC. The staff is in the process of preparing case briefs for 43 of the names (one name applies to a trail so it will be processed as an administrative name change). A copy of the proposal has been forwarded to the DNC members from the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, as a majority of the features are located on land managed by those agencies. The OGNB is scheduled to meet on October 30<sup>th</sup> and will possibly vote on the proposals. A preliminary meeting of the OGNB has been scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> and Runyon has been invited to participate. She asked if the DNC members had any initial comments or concerns regarding the proposals. This led to some discussion regarding the practicality of the names, noting that many are unpronounceable and as such are likely to be “butchered.” It was suggested that the OGNB should encourage the CTUIR to render the names phonetically and the writing marks should be removed. The CTUIR should also be asked to provide a copy of the font set that was used to render the names, as it is not clear whether some of the characters are from a standard Roman alphabet.

The DNC staff continues to work with the proponent who has proposed that the name of Kit Carson Mountain in Colorado be changed to Mount Crestone and the new name Tranquility Peak applied to the unnamed highest point atop Kit Carson Mountain. Despite the stated opposition of the Colorado Names Board, the U.S. Forest Service, the Saguache County government, and the Colorado Mountain Club, the proponent believes the rationale of these offices is flawed, because they do not appreciate the desire by the citizens of Crestone (the closest community) to see the name Kit Carson Mountain changed. He claims the name Mount Crestone is already used by the community and that an error made 100 years ago should be corrected. A recent online petition generated 104 favorable responses, many of which included additional comments on the issue. Runyon offered to distribute a copy of the petition to the DNC members.

The DNC has received a proposal to make official the name Arnold C. Gay Anchorage for a body of water in Annapolis, Maryland. The name was approved by a resolution of the Annapolis City Council in 1994, shortly after Mr. Gay’s death. The staff asked the DNC if the name should be considered with the “C.”; the members responded it should.

The DNC staff was recently visited by a Washington, D.C. area resident who is preparing a proposal to apply the name Regatta Reach to a stretch of the Anacostia River. The feature is the site of many years of boat races. Runyon shared a map of the feature with the DNC and noted that because of the feature’s location the proposal will require the input of numerous city and Federal agencies.

The DNC has received a proposal to name a beach in Vermont Maggie Beach in honor of the proponent's dog who recently passed away. Given the DNC's reluctance to name features for pets, the staff asked whether it should accept the proposal. The DNC responded that its Principles, Policies, and Procedures do not specifically prohibit such names, so there is no reason not to consider the proposal. The staff will proceed with the case brief.

The DNC recently received an inquiry regarding the possibility of naming a "geographic landmark" in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) in Idaho for Congressman Orval Hansen. The congressman was instrumental in establishing the SNRA. Although he is still living and thus not eligible for a commemorative name, the inquirer believes an exception is warranted. The DNC staff restated the Commemorative Names Policy and indicated that the DNC would not wish to make an exception. No further correspondence on the matter has been received.

A copy of the agenda for the DNC meeting to be held during the COGNA Conference was distributed. At this time, there are no public presentations scheduled. The conference organizers have asked the staff to relay to the DNC members that there is still plenty of space available on the Toponymic Tour, as well as for the luncheon on Thursday. Hotel rooms are also still available at the Federal per diem rate. If there are any issues that members would like to see addressed during the State-Federal Roundtable, these should be forwarded to the conference chairs.

### 3.6 GNIS and Data Compilation Program (Yost)

The USGS Geographic Names Office was asked recently to reinstate its Web Feature Service (WFS), following a request from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in anticipation of Hurricane Earl. The WFS function had been disabled during the GNIS-Vector integration. Thanks to the efforts of several individuals, the service was restored promptly.

Yost will participate on September 13<sup>th</sup> in a Technical Exchange Meeting with representatives of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), to discuss the ongoing efforts to establish a Web Feature Services-Gazetteer (WFS-G) Protocol with NGA.

Kanalley reported that a GIS specialist on the Big Horn National Forest has expressed an interest in maintaining geographic names and is receiving training from the geospatial coordinator for Region 2.

### 3.7 Update on Revision of Principles, Policies, and Procedures (Logan)

At the last DNC meeting, Logan reported that he had consolidated the latest updates to the *Principles, Policies, and Procedures* (PPP) document and had prepared a document that summarized the issues that require further review by the DNC. The members reviewed the edits to Chapter I and approved the changes. Logan will compile the changes into a revised document and the discussion will continue at future DNC meetings.

### 3.8 Review of Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes appeal letter (Runyon)

Following discussions by the DNC and its Tribal Subcommittee in August, an update was provided to the full DNC membership. In 2009, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) submitted a letter appealing to the DNC to explain some of its decisions regarding changes to “Squaw” names in Montana. The DNC agreed last month to revisit a few of the issues. The DNC members continued their discussion into what constitutes new evidence. Kanalley noted that she was continuing to investigate the Forest Service’s previous recommendations. Depending on her report, the DNC will decide whether or not additional cases should be reopened. Logan shared a copy of his draft response to the CSKT and asked the Executive Secretary to provide feedback.

### 4. Docket Review (Runyon)

Please refer to the attached Docket for a description of each proposal. For new names approved at this meeting, the newly assigned GNIS Feature ID (FID) has been noted following the name. Immediately following the meeting, Fleming provided staff with some corrections to the titles of various tribes’ names as recorded in the docket.

**I. Staff-Processed New Names, and Name and Application Changes agreed to by all interested parties – none.**

#### **II. Disagreement on Docketed Names**

Change application of **Sugarloaf** (FID 250014), California (Cleveland National Forest) (Review List 392)

A motion was made and seconded to approve this application change.

Vote:     6 in favor  
           5 against  
           0 abstentions

The negative votes were cast in support of the recommendations of the Forest Service and the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names and in the belief that there was insufficient justification to make the change.

**III. New Commemorative Names and Changes agreed to by all interested parties – none.**

**IV. Revised Decisions – none.**

**V. New Names agreed to by all interested parties – none.**

5. Other Business

6. Location and Time of Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon. The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will take place Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri, as part of the Council of Geographic Names Authorities annual conference. There will be a morning session, to present reports, and following lunch will be the presentation of the monthly docket.

(signed) *Louis A. Yost*

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Louis A. Yost, Executive Secretary

APPROVED

(signed) *Robert Hiatt*

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Robert Hiatt, Chairman  
Domestic Names Committee

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This proposal was submitted by a land surveyor in Aliso Viejo, who believes the name Sugarloaf is applied to the wrong summit. Federal maps have shown the name at its current location (the 3,227 ft. summit in Section 23) since 1956, but the proponent says the name should be applied instead to the 3,326 ft. summit that lies 1.1 km (0.7 mi) further to the west-northwest, in Section 22. He describes the proposed location as “a conspicuous high point on [the] ridgeline,” whereas the current application refers to a summit that is “much less conspicuous, and is hidden by the larger peak from the main population area of Orange County.” He believes “The placement of the name on the 7½ minute quad was a technical mistake by the Geological Survey.”

Small-scale topographic maps published by the USGS between 1901 and 1948 would appear to be the origin of the confusion, as the label is applied midway between the two points and slightly closer to the 3,326 ft. peak. NOAA charts published since 1947 also show the name as it appears on the USGS maps. The 1947 edition of the Cleveland National Forest map shows the label Sugarloaf alongside the 3,323 ft. peak in Section 22 (as proposed) [the 3 ft. difference in elevation is likely due to a datum variation]. However, the 2000 edition of the same forest map shows the name and only the 3,227 ft. peak in Section 23.

A review of the USGS field notes for the 1956 edition (the first at a scale of 1:24,000) confirms that the 3,227 ft. high summit was the intended location. The field notes do not indicate any uncertainty regarding the application of the name.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors did not respond to two requests for comment. A letter of support for the proposed change was submitted by the Sierra Sage of Orange County/Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. A few hiking websites refer to the ongoing confusion, including one that names the two peaks “Sugarloaf” and “Old Sugarloaf,” or “New Sugarloaf” and “Old Sugarloaf,” stating, “Old Sugarloaf is the higher of the two and the peak that looks like the hard sugar lumps that were delivered to grocers in days of yore. At some time in the past, the map maker accidentally transferred the name to the wrong point on the map.”

The U.S. Forest Service does not support the proposed application change, citing a lack of evidence that the name was misapplied. The California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN) also does not recommend approval, citing the Forest Service's objection.

Although the County Supervisors declined to offer a recommendation, the County Surveyor did confirm that the names "Sugarloaf" and "Old Sugarloaf" are often used locally. The CACGN, in its meeting minutes, added the comment, "It was suggested that a new naming proposal for the more prominent peak be submitted to avoid confusion with the current name."

A copy of the proposal was sent to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation,, the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, the Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, the Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians of the Cahuilla Reservation, the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, the Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation, the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Jolla Reservation, the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians, the Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation, the Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation, the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, the Ramona Band or Village of Cahuilla Mission Indians of California, the Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation, the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California, the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians, the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California, and the Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation. No response was received, which is presumed to indicate a lack of an opinion on the issue.

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**IV. Revised Decisions - none**

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