

Oregon Geographic Names Board

October 7, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

Oregon Historical Society Hatfield Room

Agenda

- 1. Welcome/introductions**
- 2. Interim Committee Report**
- 2. New Name Proposals**
 - A. Rattlesnake Rock (Sherman County)**
- 3. Rename Proposals**
 - A. Constants Creek (Jackson County)**
 - B. Hunegs Reservoir (Marion County)**
 - C. Maloney Peak (Josephine County)**
- 4. Secretary (OHS) report**
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. Newberry Crater names proposals status report**
 - B. Status of other proposals previously discussed**
 - C. Pejorative Names/S-Names status report**
- 6. Bylaws revision**
- 7. Election of Officers**
- 8. Other business,**
 - A. Date/place of next meeting**
- 9. Announcements**
- 10. Adjourn**

OGNB website:

<http://www.ohs.org/about-us/affiliates-and-partners/oregon-geographic-names-board/>

Proposal Summaries

New Names:

Rattlesnake Rock

Proponent: Sherry Kaseberg, Wasco, Oregon

County- Sherman

Feature class – Summit

Small Columbia River Basalt outcrop about two miles west of the town of Biggs Junction. It is likely a remnant from a thin layer of CRB that was scoured and removed by the Missoula Floods which overflowed the rim here and sent waters into the Deschutes River. Table-top feature has been known locally as Rattlesnake Rock because they are often seen near the small springs that are at the base of the rock. Rattlesnake Rock is directly across from the Maryhill Museum in Washington.

Notifications:

Vicki Turner, land owner, - has provided a letter of support for the proposed name.

MaryHill Museum – provided a letter in support of the name.

Sherman County Historical Museum – approves of proposed name.

County: No comment as of yet.

Tribes: No comment as of yet.

Name Corrections:

Constance Creek/Constants Creek

Proponent: Kevin Biersdorff, Eugene, Oregon

County- Jackson

Feature class – Creek

Isaac Constant was born in 1809, married Lucinda Merriman in 1833. In 1852 Constant led a covered wagon train to southern Oregon settling in the Rogue Valley. He owned the original DLC where the city of Central Point is now located. The creek flows through this land. His grandchildren later sold the land to S.H. Glass in 1900. In building Glass Road land surveyor notes written during the construction referred to the waterway as Constant Creek. At some later time the creek name was locally changed from Constant Creek to Constance Creek, likely an oral variation of Constant's Creek. The name Constance Creek was entered into the GNIS database in 1991.

Proponent, who lives in Eugene is a descendant of Isaac Constant and would like to have the family name Constant returned to the intermittent creek. He would accept Constants Creek as he thinks people would confuse Constant Creek as a creek that flowed constantly. He has not found any opposition to his name correction yet he has not asked all the landowners along the creek. He says there are no businesses using Constance Creek in their name.

Notifications:

County: No comment as of yet.

Tribes: No comment as of yet.

Jackson County HS: No response back. Contributed to article in the Mail Tribune that referred to Constant family and creek

No water rights were found under the name Constant.

Kuenzi Reservoir/Hunegs Reservoir

Proponent: Gordon Hunegs, Oswego, NY

County: Marion

Feature Class: Reservoir

Proponent would like to correct the name in GNIS for a water storage reservoir on their land, constructed by his father. Currently it is shown on maps and in the GNIS as Kuenzi Reservoir. The Kuenzi family own several properties to the west of the Hunegs and built their own storage pond. Somehow the Kuenzi Reservoir label point was mis-located onto the Hunegs reservoir. The water right information at OWRD supports the Hunegs's claim. Patriarch died in January 2012.

This is not a proposal that requires agency notification as the pond is on private land. The name correction is supported by OWRD.