

Review List 444 July 8, 2021

Pronghorn Hot Springs: spring; located near the SE edge of Harney Lake, 6.8 mi NW of Saddle Butte; named for the pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*) commonly found in this part of Oregon; Harney County, Oregon; Sec 36, T27S, R29½E, Willamette Meridian; 43°10'52"N, 119°03'27"W; USGS map – Southeast Harney Lake 1:24,000; Not: Harney Hot Spring; South Harney Lake Hot Springs.

https://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gazpublic/getesricoor?p_lat=43.18101&p_longi=-119.057483

Proposal: new name for unnamed feature

Map: USGS Southeast Harney Lake
1:24,000

Proponent: Champ Vaughan; Lake Oswego, OR

Administrative area: Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: No record

Local Usage: South Harney Lake Hot Spring (Malheur National Wildlife Refuge staff);

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Published: Harney Hot Spring (William N. Copeland, *Harney Lake Research Natural Area FRNA supplement*, 1979), South Harney Lake Hot Spring (various trail and spring websites), South Harney Lake Hot Springs (Evie Litton, *Hiking Hot Springs in the Pacific Northwest: A Guide to the Area's Best Backcountry Hot Springs*, 2014; various trail and spring websites)

Case Summary: The new name Pronghorn Hot Spring is proposed for an unnamed hot spring in Harney County. The spring is on the southeast side of Harney Lake in Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The name refers to the pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*), which is commonly found in this part of Oregon and uses the refuge for grazing and water.

The name is proposed by the President of the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB) in response to a 2018 proposal to make official the name South Harney Lake Hot Spring, used by refuge staff. Various trail and spring websites refer to the feature as South Harney Lake Hot Spring or South Harney Lake Hot Springs. A 1979 supplemental report on Federal Research Natural Areas referred to the spring as Harney Hot Spring. Even though the name would be associated with the adjacent Lake Harney, the OGNB learned of some local concerns about applying a new name that referred to William S. Harney, a controversial Army officer involved in the Battle of Ash Creek, also called “Harney’s Massacre,” in the Indian Wars.

The proponent of South Harney Lake Hot Spring withdrew his proposal after learning of the OGNB’s counterproposal. The Harney County Court does not object to the proposal.