

## Review List 444, July 8, 2021

### Change Squaw Creek to Takelma Creek, East Fork Squaw Creek to East Fork Takelma Creek, and West Fork Squaw Creek to West Fork Takelma Creek

The following three proposals were submitted by the Oregon Geographic Names Board on behalf of the acting secretary of the Siskiyou Field Institute, in an effort to eliminate names that are considered offensive. The name Squaw Creek has appeared on USGS maps since 1917, while the two tributaries were first labeled in 1989. The streams are located in “the heart of the Lowland Takelma bands” and the proposed names “associate the creeks with Takelman speakers who were once present near Selma.”

**East Fork Takelma Creek:** stream; 0.8 mi. long; heads on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management at 42°18'52"N, 123°38'17"W, flows SW through the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests and into Deer Creek Ranch to its confluence with West Fork Squaw Creek (proposed East Fork Takelma Creek) to enter Squaw Creek (proposed Takelma Creek); Secs 33&34, T37S, R8W, Willamette Meridian; Josephine County, Oregon; 42°19'17"N, 123°38'57"W; USGS map – Eight Dollar Mountain 1:24,000; Not: East Fork Squaw Creek.

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Proposal: to change a name considered offensive

Map: USGS Eight Dollar Mountain 1:24,000

Proponent: Julie Norman; Selma, OR

Administrative area: Bureau of Land Management / Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: East Fork Squaw Creek (FID 1154345)

Local Usage: None found

Published: East Fork Squaw Creek (USGS 1989, 1996, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020; Oregon Water Resources Department Drainage Basin Map 1980)

Case Summary: East Fork Squaw Creek is a 0.8-mile-long tributary of Squaw Creek (proposed Takelma Creek) in Josephine County. The stream heads on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, flows southwest through the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests and into Deer Creek Ranch.

**Takelma Creek:** stream; 2.3 mi. long; heads in Deer Creek Ranch at the confluence of East Fork Squaw Creek and West Fork Squaw Creek at 42°18'26"N, 123°38'57"W, flows generally S though land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and into Deer Creek 1.5 mi. W of Selma; located in “the heart of the Lowland Takelma bands; the name associates the creek with Takelman speakers who were once present near Selma”; Secs 9&4, T38S, R8W, Willamette Meridian; Josephine County, Oregon; 42°16'40"N, 123°38'52"W; USGS map – Eight Dollar Mountain 1:24,000; Not: Squaw Creek.

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Proposal: to change a name considered offensive

Map: USGS Eight Dollar Mountain 1:24,000

Proponent: Julie Norman; Selma, OR

Administrative area: Bureau of Land Management

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Squaw Creek (FID 1150229)

Local Usage: None found

Published: Squaw Creek (USGS 1917, 1927, 1945, 1954, 1989, 1996, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020; Oregon Water Resources Department 2013)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Squaw Creek, a 2.3-mile-long tributary of Deer Creek in Josephine County, to Takelma Creek. The stream heads at the confluence of East Fork Squaw Creek and West Fork Squaw Creek (also proposed to be renamed to “Takelma”), within Deer Creek Ranch, then flows south through land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

**West Fork Takelma Creek:** stream; 1.7 mi. long; heads on the SE slope of Squaw Mountain (proposed Kailapa Mountain) on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests at 42°19'37"N, 123°39'42"W, flows SE then SSE through Deer Creek Ranch to its confluence with East Fork Squaw Creek (proposed East Fork Takelma Creek) to enter Squaw Creek (proposed Takelma Creek); Secs 33,29&28, T37S, R8W, Willamette Meridian; Josephine County, Oregon; 42°18'26"N, 123°38'57"W; USGS map – Eight Dollar Mountain 1:24,000; Not: West Fork Squaw Creek.

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Proposal: to change a name considered offensive

Map: USGS Eight Dollar Mountain 1:24,000

Proponent: Julie Norman; Selma, OR

Administrative area: Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: West Fork Squaw Creek (FID 1154344)

Local Usage: None found

Published: West Fork Squaw Creek (USGS 1989, 1996, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020; Oregon Water Resources Department Drainage Basin Map 1980)

Case Summary: The stream named currently West Fork Squaw Creek is a 1.7-mile-long tributary of Squaw Creek (proposed Takelma Creek) in Josephine County. The stream heads on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests and flows into Deer Creek Ranch.

