Domestic Geographic Name Report

Action Requested:

☑ Proposed New Name
☐ Application Change
☐ Name Change
☐ Other

Recommended Name: South Harney Lake Hot Spring
State: Oregon
County: Harney
Administrative Area: Malhuer National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS

Specific Area Covered

☐ Mouth
☐ End
☑ Center

Latitude: 43° 18' 10" N
Longitude: 119° 05' 48" W

☐ Heading
☐ End

Latitude: 0° 1" N
Longitude: 0° 1" W

Section(s) Township(s) Range(s) Meridian
Elevation 4400
☒ Feet
☐ Meters

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

**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 (include name and GNIS feature ID number):**

**Description of Feature** (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):

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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):

Located on the south margin of Harney Lake, this is a large volume hot spring that has never been developed.

**Is the recommended name in local usage?**
☒ Yes
☐ No

**If yes, for approximately how many years?** 20

**Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name (as located)?** No
**For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:**

Historic maps as far back as 1955 show the feature has never been named. Not in GNIS

**Additional information:** The refuge manager Chad Karges wrote that the proposed name is acceptable to the USFWS.

**Submitted By:** Hank Johnson

**Company or Agency:** US Geological Survey, Oregon Water Science Center

**Title:** Hydrologist

**Address (City, State, and ZIP Code):**

**Telephone:**

**Date:**

**Copy Prepared By (If other than above):** Bruce Fisher

**Company or Agency:** OGNB, From DGNP 9481 provided by US BGN

**Title:** President

**Address (City, State, and ZIP Code):**

**Phone (day):**

**Date:**

**Authority for Recommended Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Occupation:**

**Years in Area:**

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**Years in Area:**
BGNEEXEC, GS-N-MAC <bgnexec@usgs.gov>  
Fri, Aug 17, 2018 at 5:59 AM  

To: hjohnson@usgs.gov  
Cc: Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>, Ron Salz <ron_salz@fws.gov>, Bruce Fisher <bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com>, Tom Carlson <tcarlson@usgs.gov>  

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This acknowledges your proposal to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) to make official the name South Harney Lake Hot Spring for a spring in Harney County. First, please accept our apologies for the delay in our response.

As you know, the BGN is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the Federal Government, and its members must approve any name before it can appear on Federal maps and other products. We will prepare a case brief for the name South Harney Lake Hot Spring and add it to the BGN's next Quarterly Review List for consideration by all interested parties.

As you are probably also aware, local acceptance of a name is important to the BGN, so by a copy of this response, we are forwarding your application to the Oregon Board on Geographic Names (OGNB) for its review and a recommendation. As part of its investigation, the OGNB will ask the government of Harney County for its opinion. In accordance with Federal policies regarding Tribal consultation, we are also required to ask any American Indian tribes with an interest in the area if they wish to comment. If you have any published evidence that shows use of the name, we would welcome that for the file.

Regarding the location of the spring, thank you for including a copy of Carey Goss's email. According to the PAD-US Map Viewer (see attached), the spring appears to fall right along the refuge boundary, and so the opinion of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would be welcomed by the BGN. Therefore, we are including the BGN's representative from the FWS on this email so he can let us know if his agency would like to comment on the matter.

Incidentally, Carey's email suggests the name in local use is South Harney Lake Hot Springs, i.e. plural. Do you wish to proceed with the proposal as "Spring" or "Springs"?

As soon as our research is complete and all interested parties have had an opportunity to comment, we will present the proposal for South Harney Lake Hot Spring(s) to the BGN for discussion and a decision. The entire process typically takes several months (the OGNB meets two or three times a year), but we will notify you as soon as the final decision is rendered. The OGNB may also contact you directly to discuss the matter.

Thank you for your interest in the geographic names of Oregon and for bringing this name to our attention. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Runyon, research staff  
For Lou Yost, Executive Secretary  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey  
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South Harney Lake Hot Spring: spring; located near the SE edge of Harney Lake, 6.8 mi NW of Saddle Butte, 4.1 mi. NE of Weed Lake; the name is descriptive of the feature’s location relative to Harney Lake; Harney County, Oregon; Sec 36, T27S, R29½ E, 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.
Proposal: to make official a name in local use
Map: USGS Southeast Harney Lake 1:24,000
Proponent: Hank Johnson; Portland, 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 (proponent)
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: This proposal is to make official the name South Harney Lake Hot Spring for an unnamed spring close to the southeast edge of Harney Lake in Harney County. The spring is located along the boundary of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.
The proposed name is descriptive of the feature’s location relative to Harney Lake. The proponent, a USGS hydrologist, states the name has been used locally for 20 years. 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.
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommends approval of the proposal.
New BGN Proposal has been submitted. Details follow:

**ID number:** 9481

**Proposed Name:** South Harney Lake Hot Spring

**State:** Oregon

**Submitter/Preparer:** Hank Johnson

**Email Address:** hjohnson@usgs.gov

**Phone Number:** 5032313472

To review this Name Proposal, click or copy and paste the direct link below into your web browser. Then enter the ID number and Proposed Name EXACTLY as shown above.


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**Runyon, Jennifer** <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
To: Bruce Fisher <Bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com>  

FYI,

Mrs. W

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**From:** Salz, Ron <ron_salz@fws.gov>  
Date: Thu, Sep 20, 2018 at 7:43 AM  
Subject: Re: BGN Proposal #: 9481 - South Harney Lake Hot Spring, Oregon  
To: Runyon, Jennifer <jrunyon@usgs.gov>

Hi Jenny,

The Refuge Manager, Chad Karges, wrote the proposed name (South Harney Lake Hot Spring) is acceptable to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Thanks,

Ron
Burns 1:250,000 scale 1955, hot spring symbolized but not named.

Harney Lake 1:100,000 scale 1994, hot spring symbolized but not named.
PAD-US Map viewer