Change Dead Indian Mountain to Latgawa Mountain: summit; elevation 5,250 ft.; partly on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, 2.6 mi. W of the N end of Howard Prairie Lake; the name derives from a Takelma word meaning “upland water source” or “people of the upland”; Secs 16&17, T38N, R3E, Willamette Meridian; Jackson County, Oregon; 42°15’53”N, 122°28’59”W; USGS map – Robinson Butte 1:24,000; Not: Dead Indian Mountain.
https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/gazvector.getesrimap?p_lat=42.2648293&p_longi=-122.4832333&fid=1154277
Proposal: to change a name considered offensive
Map: USGS Robinson Butte 1:24,000
Proponent: Alice Knotts; San Diego, CA
Administrative area: Bureau of Land Management,
Previous BGN Action: None
Names associated with feature:
GNIS: Dead Indian Mountain (FID 1154277)
Local Usage: None found
Published: None found
Case Summary: This is the second of the three proposals to change the names of features in Jackson County from “Dead Indian” to “Latgawa.” The name Dead Indian Mountain is applied to a 5,250-foot peak just west of Dead Indian Creek (proposed Latgawa Creek). The west side of the summit is on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The name Dead Indian Mountain was not labeled on any USGS topographic maps until the 2011 edition of the USTopo. It was added to GNIS in 1986 but the source of the name was not recorded. The GNIS coordinates placed it in a valley near the mouth of Dead Indian Creek but subsequent research indicates this is not correct. An analysis of historical references to the name suggests the feature is approximately four miles further to the south, most likely at the 5,250-foot peak close to where Dead Indian Memorial Road crosses Dead Indian Creek. A Fremont-Winema National Forest Environmental Impact Statement published in 2004 referred to a fire lookout that was built on Dead Indian Mountain in 1934 but which was later removed. The GNIS entry has been corrected.