

**Knotts Bluff:** cliff; 0.5 mi. long; 0.3 mi. NE of the confluence of South Fork Little Butte Creek and Grizzly Canyon; named for Rev. Ross Knotts (1912-2010), long-time area resident and pastor who helped organize camp programming at nearby Camp Latgawa for fifty years; Jackson County, Oregon; Sec 16, T37S, R3E, Willamette Meridian; 42°21'26"N, 122°28'24"W; USGS map - Robinson Butte 1:24,000.

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Proposal: new commemorative name for unnamed feature

Map: USGS map - Robinson Butte 1:24,000

Proponent: Alice Knotts, San Diego, CA

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: None found

Local Usage: None found

Published: None found

Case Summary: The new name Knotts Bluff is proposed for an unnamed 0.5-mile-long unnamed cliff located in Jackson County, 0.3 mi. northeast of where Grizzly Canyon joins South Fork Little Butte Creek. The feature lies within an area that is eligible for wild and scenic river designation; the area would be managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The proposal was submitted by the Oregon Board on Geographic Names (OBNB) on behalf of a resident of San Diego, who lived for many years in the Rogue Valley and who wishes to honor her father Reverend Ross Knotts (1912-2010). According to the application, Rev. Knotts was “a long-time area resident and pastor, who along with his wife Marjorie organized camp programming at Camp Latgawa for fifty years.” The camp is located 1.8 miles southeast of the unnamed cliff. The name would recognize “the extraordinary contributions made by Ross and Marjorie Knotts to the people of the Rogue Valley in developing agencies and volunteers to provide food; shelter; housing; support; medical care; spiritual care; senior care; a retreat center; family reconciliation; and cultural, ethnic and diversity understanding.”

An additional proposal has been submitted to make official the locally used name Marjorie Falls for a waterfall 2.2 miles south-southeast of the cliff; this name would commemorate Ross’s wife Marjorie Knotts.