

Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Form

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible for standardizing the names of geographic features within the 50 States and in other areas under the sovereignty of the United States. The BGN retains the legal authority to promulgate all official names and locations of natural features (e.g. mountains, rivers, valleys), as well as canals, channels, reservoirs, and other select feature types.

This form is to propose a new name or name, spelling, or application change for a geographic feature for Federal use. A proponent should carefully review the proposal prior to submission to ensure that it is consistent with the BGN policies. Please note all fields with a red outline are required prior to submitting this form.

The proponent should also be aware that the entire proposal—including personal identifying information and any associated correspondence—is in the public domain and may be made publicly available at any time.

Submit

Proposal:

Contact Us:

BGNEXEC@usgs.gov

1. Email this form and supporting documentation to: BGNEXEC@usgs.gov
- i. Save PDF as 'ST_GeographicName' for example 'CO_BearCreek'
- ii. Email Subject: ST_GeographicName

OR 2. Send by mail to:

U.S. BGN Executive Secretary, Domestic Names
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-523
Reston, VA 20192

Please note that anything submitted by mail will be delayed.

Naming Basics

Proposed Name:

Umpqua Mountain

Is this name in current local use?

☐ Y ☒ N

What is the Feature Class? Summit

Please Select One

Is this to change an existing name?

☒ Y ☐ N

If yes, please provide the official name and Feature ID as it appears in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS).

GNIS Name:

Mt. Swastika

Feature ID:

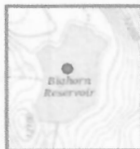
Location Basics



Where is the feature?

Latitude: 43.6921051N (38.94741)

Longitude: 122.6033938W (-77.36839)



For Linear Features (e.g. stream or valley):

Mouth/Confluence

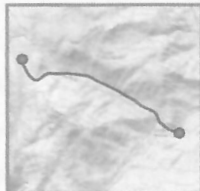
Latitude: (38.94741)

Longitude: (-77.36839)

Source/Headwater

Latitude: (38.94741)

Longitude: (-77.36839)



General Location:

Umpqua Nat'l Forest

State:

Oregon

County:

Lane County

City/Town/

Township/

Borough:

Cottage Grove

Public Land Survey System:

Section(s), Township, Range, Meridian

Feature Description

Physical shape, length, width, etc. (Maps can be submitted separately by email)

Swastika Mt., Lane County, OR (called a summit)
Elevation 4,177 ft (1,279 m) NAVD
Prominence 160 ft (49 m)
Topo map: USGS Holland Point, OR
GPS Latitude 43.6921081 North
Longitude 122.6033938 West
Located within the Umpqua National Forest

Name Details

Name information:

Please provide relevant information about the proposed name, such as origin, meaning, how long it has been in current use, as well as current or historical significance. Also include why you believe the feature requires a name or name change and why the proposed name is appropriate. Describe any documents that you will be submitting (separately by email) to support your proposal.

Swastika Mt is a summit in Lane County OR. The mountain took its name from the extinct town of Swastika which was nearby. The town was named after a cattle ranch whose owner branded his cattle with the swastika symbol. This happened in 1909 way before Hitler used the symbol for Nazi Germany, his new order for Germany. With WWII the symbol ended up representing evil. The rancher used the symbol because the word "swastika" in Sanskrit means well-being or good luck spelled "svastika." I don't believe it is an appropriate name to represent a mountain in the Umpqua National Forest. I propose the name should be changed to Umpqua Mountain.

Swastika Mountain

Swastika Mountain is a summit in Lane County, Oregon, in the United States.^[3] It is located within Umpqua National Forest.^[4]

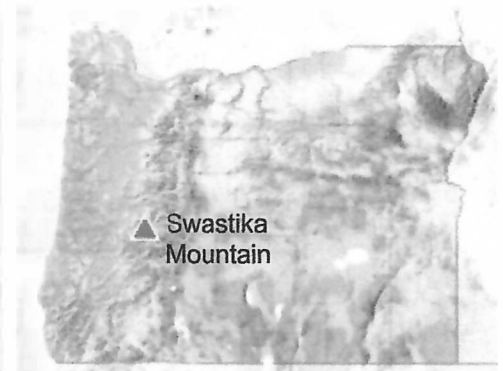
The mountain took its name from the extinct town of Swastika, which was reportedly so named because a rancher there branded his cattle with the image of a swastika.^{[5][6]}

A fire lookout tower stood atop Swastika Mountain until the 1950s.^[4]

References

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- "Swastikas weren't always evil" (<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091108/NEWS/911080328/-1/rss35>). Mail Tribune. 8 November 2009. Archived (<https://web.archive.org/web/20140926223010/http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=%2F20091108%2FNEWS%2F911080328%2F-1%2Frss35>) from the original on September 26, 2014. Retrieved 26 September 2014.
- Friedman, Ralph (1 January 1990). *In Search of Western Oregon* (<https://archive.org/details/insearchofwester00frie>). Caxton Press. p. 752 (<https://archive.org/details/insearchofwester00frie/page/752>). ISBN 978-0-87004-332-1.

Swastika Mountain



Location in Oregon

Highest point

Elevation 4,197 ft
(1,279 m) NAVD 88^[1]

Prominence 160 ft (49 m)^[2]

Coordinates 43°41′32″N
122°36′12″W^[1]

Geography

Location Lane County, Oregon,
U.S.

Topo map USGS Holland Point

Retrieved from "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Swastika_Mountain&oldid=1038809537"

Please provide a list of supporting documentation, including any web links:

Examples: Published sources showing the proposed name or letters of support (local government, historical society, etc.).

See email from Jeremy W. Johnson
GO/Cultural Resources Programs Manager
for the Cow Creek Tribe.

Is the name commemorative? Does the name honor or refer to a person or persons? ☐ Y ☒ N

Please note that the BGN will only accept proposals for names that are intended to honor a person or persons deceased at least five years. The BGN will disapprove names that could be construed to honor living persons. The person being honored should have had either (1) some direct or long-term association with the feature, or (2) have made a significant contribution to the area, community, or State in which it is located; or (3) have outstanding national or international recognition. The BGN discourages the use of an individual's full name except to avoid ambiguity.

If yes, please provide the following:

Honoree's Date of Birth:

Honoree's Date of Death:

Short biography and significance or association with the geographic feature: (list any additional honorees here)



Joyce McClain <joyinoregon7@gmail.com>

Umpqua Mountain Rename

2 messages

Jeremy W. Johnson - GO \ Cultural Resources Programs Manager <JJohnson@cowcreek-nsn.gov>

Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 9:01 AM

To: "joyinoregon7@gmail.com" <joyinoregon7@gmail.com>

Joyce,

Thank you for reaching out to the Cow Creek Tribe regarding the proposal to rename Swastika Mt to Umpqua Mt. I would be the contact for such requests, and I approve the this name change. I'm really glad to see that some of the more negative names are starting to be changed to more positive ones.

If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Jeremy W. Johnson

Cultural Resources Program Manager & THPO

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Joyce McClain <joyinoregon7@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 9:39 AM

To: "Jeremy W. Johnson - GO \ Cultural Resources Programs Manager" <JJohnson@cowcreek-nsn.gov>

Hello

Thank you for your quick response. Would it be possible for you to send me a letter on your letterhead agreeing to the name change? I would submit it with all the other documents.

Once received by the US Geological Dept. it takes about six months to receive a decision. I feel positive the name change will be acceptable.

Is the feature in a Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Area? ☐ Y ☐ N ☒ Unknown

If yes, please provide your justification for making an exception to the Wilderness Policy:

Please note that the BGN will not approve new names for unnamed features within wilderness areas or wilderness study areas, unless an overriding need can be demonstrated by the proponent.

Additional Information +

Is there any local opposition or conflict with the proposed name? ☐ Y ☒ N

If yes, please explain and describe any opposition:

Additional notes:

Proponent Information

Please provide one form of contact (email preferred):



Proponent's Name: Joyce McClain

Agency or Organization, if applicable:

n/a



Email:

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Eugene OR 97404



Phone:

502-287-6075



Are you completing this form for someone else?

☐ Y ☒ N

If yes, please fill out the following:

Completed by:

Full Name:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Feature Details

Feature ID: 1150767

Name: Swastika Mountain

Class: Summit

Location: Lane County - Oregon

Citation: **Source Type:** Map

Reference: US

Originator: U.S. Geological Survey

Publication Date: December 31, 1981

Map Name:

Series Name: Geographic Names Phase I data compilation (1976-1981)

Entry Date: November 27, 1980

***Elevation:** 1273 meters / 4177 feet

*Elevations from the [National Elevation Dataset](#)

Census Code	Class Code	GSA Code	OPM Code
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Variant Names

Name ▾

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Name	Originator	Reference	Series Name	Publication Date	Source Url	Title	Edition	Notes	Additional Information
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None

Decisions

Name	Date	Authority	Type
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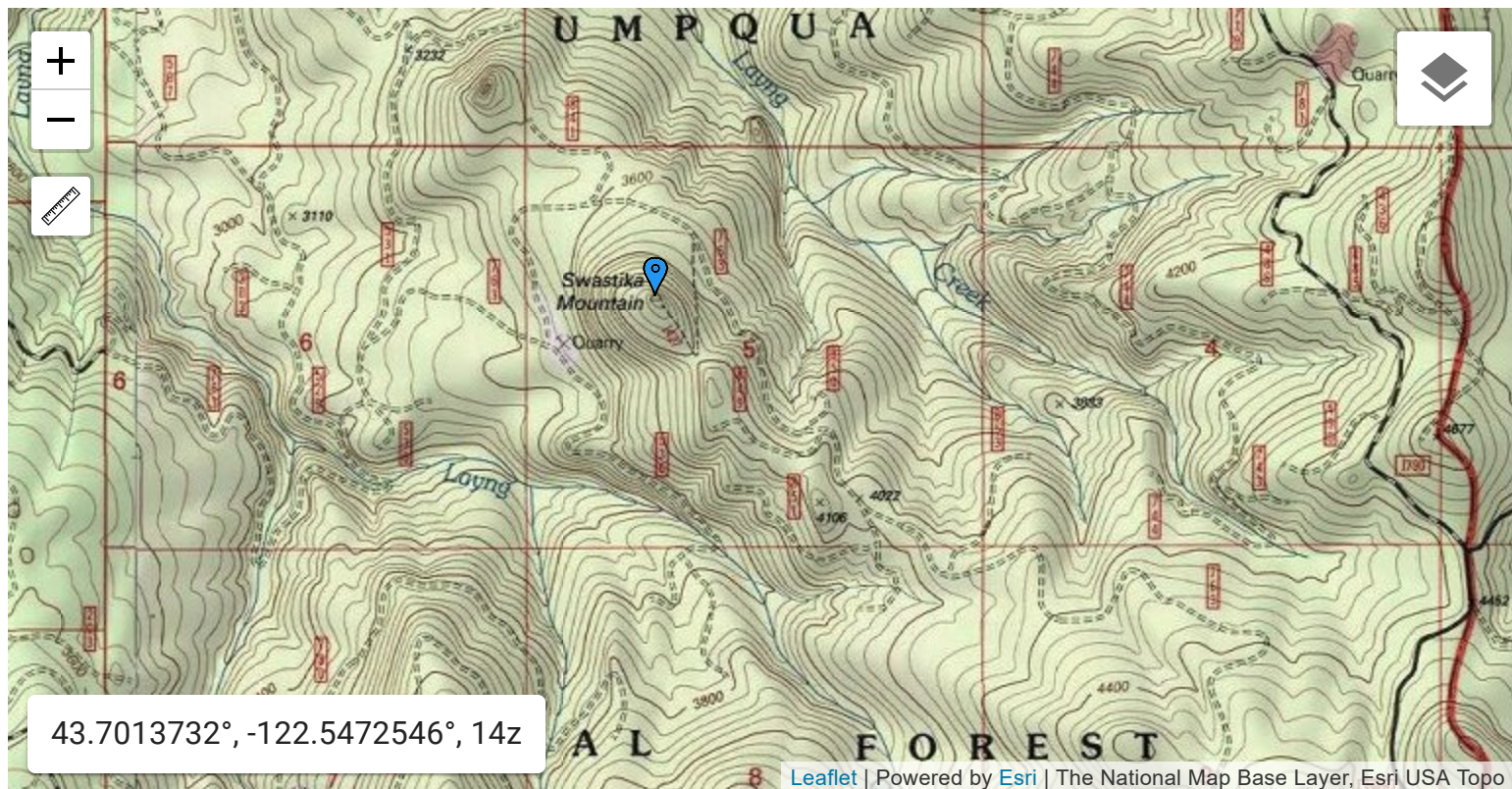
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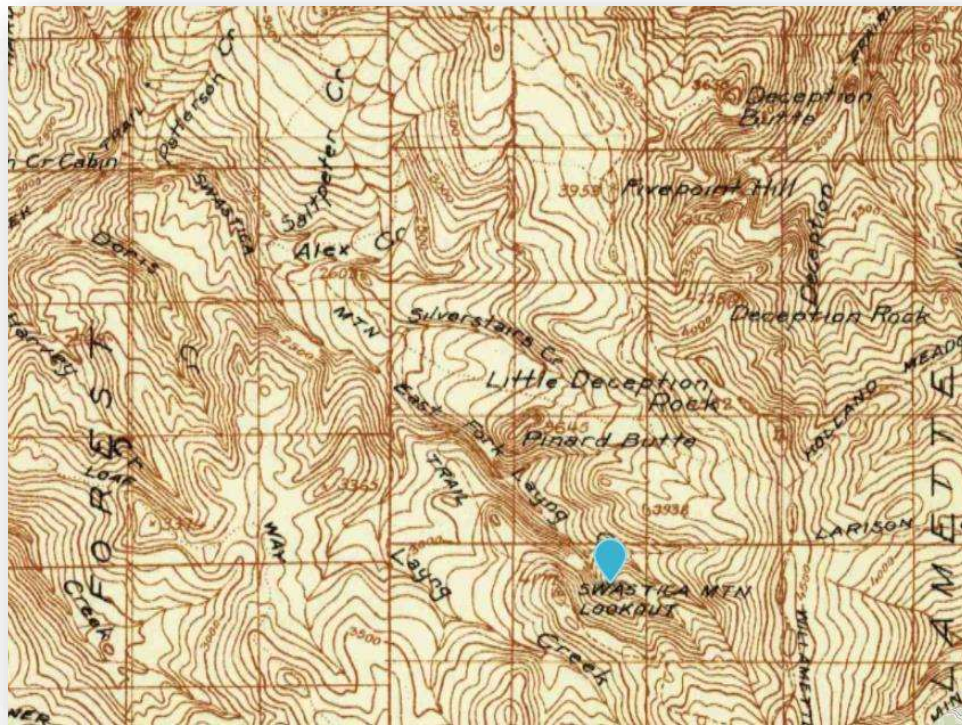
Coordinates

Sequence	Coordinates	Map	State
1	43.6921081, -122.6033938	Holland Point	OR

Government Units

Sequence	State Or Equivalent	County Or Equivalent
1	Oregon	Lane County





1935 USGS 1:96,000-scale topographic map.