



# NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

## MEETING PACKET

Wednesday September 15, 2021

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## STATE OF NEVADA Nevada State Board on Geographic Names

MEMBERS: Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Historical Society, Nevada State Library and Archives, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, National Parks Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

### Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda of the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names

A public meeting will be held on:

**September 15, 2021**

Richard H. Bryan Building  
Tahoe Hearing Room. 2nd Floor  
901 S. Stewart Street. Carson City, NV

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**9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Please note times stated are approximate, and agenda items may be heard out of order.**  
**Chair reserves the right to take breaks where practical.**

#### AGENDA:

1. Call to order and approval of Agenda (For possible action)
2. Public comment (Action will not be taken)  
*Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. Comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. All public comments may be limited to 5 minutes for each person at the discretion of the Chair.*
3. Introduction of Board, Guests (Action will not be taken)
4. Approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting (For possible action)
5. Announcements, Chairman or Executive Secretary
6. Announcements from Board members
7. Assemblyman Watts – Introduction of New Legislation (Action will not be taken)
8. Protocol and streamlining of NSBGN procedures update (For possible action)  
*Standing item reserved for discussing efficiency of NSBGN operations.*

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- NSBGN Members*
9. Election of Vice-Chair (For possible action)
  10. Election of Executive Secretary (For possible action)
  11. Deacon Peak (For possible action)  
*First hearing for proposed naming of Deacon Peak in Nye County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
  12. Gridley Peak (For possible action)  
*First hearing for proposed naming of Gridley Peak in Lander County.*  
*NSBGN Members*
  13. Select tentative meeting place and date for Jan 2022 meeting (For possible action)
  14. Public comments (Action will not be taken)  
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  15. Adjournment

Please Note:

- Times stated herein are approximate.
- Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; Chair reserves the right to take items out of order to expedite the meeting or to accommodate speakers;
- Items may be removed from the agenda or discussion delayed related to an item on the agenda at any time.
- Members of the public who need assistance accessing the meeting should notify Christine Johnson at [ckjohnson@nevada.unr.edu](mailto:ckjohnson@nevada.unr.edu) no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Notice of this meeting will be posted prior to September 10<sup>th</sup> on the NSBGN website as well as at the following public agencies:
  - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701
  - Nevada Historical Society, 1650 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89503
  - University of Nevada Reno, Department of Geography, 1664 N. Virginia St. 89557
  - Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library, 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512
  - Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
  - University of Nevada Reno, Department of Mines & Geology, 1664 N. Virginia St. 89557
- In addition, this notice of meeting is posted on the NSBGN and Nevada State Clearinghouse websites at: <http://www.nbmg.unr.edu/geonames/index.html> and <https://clearinghouse.nv.gov/>

# DRAFT

## NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

### MINUTES Tuesday January 14, 2020

The meeting began at 9:31am, at the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records - 100 N. Stewart St.,  
Carson City, NV 89701 (Board Room)

#### **Board Members Present:**

Jack Hursh, Chair, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology  
Christine Johnson, Executive Secretary – Nevada Historical Society (non-voting)  
Josh Owens – Alternate, Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records  
Don Harper, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada  
Larry Schmidt, US Forest Service, retired (voting - alternate)  
Paul White, University of Nevada, Reno – Department of Geography (voting alternate)  
Jeff Welter, Nevada Department of Transportation (voting – alternate)  
Karl Yonkers, Nevada Department of Transportation  
Dominique Etchegoyhen, Nevada Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources  
Scott Carey, Nevada Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources (voting alternate)  
Cynthia Laframboise, Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records  
Wanda Taylor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Department of Geoscience – on phone  
Paul Starrs, University of Nevada, Reno – Department of Geography – on phone  
Catherine Magee, Nevada Historical Society (voting alternate) – on phone  
Steffan Petersen - National Park Service, Lake Mead – on phone  
Dan White, U.S. Forest Service, Utah – on phone

#### **Absent:**

Craig Burkett, Sr. Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General's Office (non-voting)  
Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Dean Tonenna, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada (voting – alternate)

#### **Members of Public/Advisory Panel:**

Marissa Weaselboy - Public, UNR Anthropology Student, Western Shoshone (Advisory)  
Linda Newman – NSBGN Advisory Panel  
Ron Moe – Public  
Lora Robb – Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology

#### **1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda (for possible action)**

Meeting called to order at 9:31am by Jack Hursh. Introductions made of attending Board members and members of the public. Motion to approve agenda made by Cynthia Laframboise, seconded by Karl Yonkers. Unanimous approval of the agenda. Motion approved.

#### **2. Public Comment (action not taken)**

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**3. Approval of Minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting (for possible action)**

Motion to approve minutes of September 17, 2019 minutes as written made by Don Harper, seconded by Dominique Etchegoyhen. One abstention, otherwise unanimous approval of minutes. Motion approved.

**4. Announcements, Chairman or Executive Secretary**

**From Executive Secretary:** Secretary is moving agencies, will be serving as the alternate position for UNR. Secretary position is up for re-election in September, and no documentation exists that would prevent the role of Executive Secretary from continuing to be filled by Christine Johnson in the alternate voting member role for UNR until the time of re-election. Additionally, Pupfish Peak and Turtle Gulch have been forwarded to the U.S. Board.

**From Chair:** Mr. Hursh is retiring and thus resigning from his position effective this meeting, having served on the NSBGN since 2006. Board thanked Mr. Hursh for his many years of service. Chair reminded that sites from agendas of the recent past that are removed or rescinded still have potential to be brought back.

**5. Announcements from Board Members**

None at this time.

**6. Protocol and Streamlining of NSBGN procedures update (for possible action)**

Executive Secretary commented on potential for subcommittees to exist was run by the Deputy Attorney General, and it appears the NSBGN can work to enact subcommittees. Secretary will connect interested board members to the Deputy Attorney General to further discuss. Board is interested in adding the Nevada Indian Commission to the board, need to write legislation to that effect. More information to follow. Need to update NSBGN website to update contact information and representing agencies. The NV Bureau of Mines & Geology is a great resource for information and maps and research for the process of NSBGN activity. Secretary reminded all board members to remember to utilize all agency resources in order to effectively comment and vote on proposed sites to be as comprehensive as possible in the process of managing naming proposals. Chair mentioned the newest edition of the Nevada Historical Society's publication of the *Quarterly* (journal) features a nice article on Doso Doyabi (formerly Jeff. Davis peak), NSBGN is very proud of the author (proponent) and commended him for the publication.

**7. Election of Chair (for possible action)**

Cynthia Laframboise nominated, no other nominations. Motion to approve made by Wanda Taylor, seconded by Don Harper. No additional discussion, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**8. Deacon Peak (for possible action)**

This is the first hearing for this site in Nye County. This is the highest point in the small range of hills directly north of Devils Hole, where the native Pupfish live (affiliated with the proposal from September 2019 for Pupfish Peak). The site would be named for James Deacon, now deceased but distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Department of Biological Sciences. His leadership led to the protection of critical water resources in the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, and Dr. Deacon was instrumental in gaining recognition for other unique desert fish species in Nevada. This site is in Nye County in the Ash Meadows national Wildlife Refuge, just east of Death Valley. Don Harper mentioned support of honoree (Mr. Deacon), who is held in high regard for the work and research he did on pupfish. Wanda Taylor mentioned her knowledge of Mr. Deacon and his academic and professional achievements, citing his efforts to advance the university as well - finds him wholly deserving of the recognition in the naming of the peak. James Deacon's work is one of the reasons we have the Endangered Species Act today. Motion to forward this proposal to Karl Yonkers, seconded by Dominique Etchegoyhen. No additional discussion, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**9. Gridley Peak (second hearing – for possible action)**

This is the third hearing for proposed naming of Gridley Peak in Lander County. passed away. Ms. Weaselboy mentioned this site is in the ancestral homelands of the Yomba tribe, and she spoke to the elders and Chairman of the tribe, and they asked her to have the application retracted and give them time to submit their own name. Secretary mentioned that the NSBGN needs official feedback in the form of a letter, or email, official comments of some kind; public representation needs to be made official (names read into minutes, or official representation sent in on letterhead, emails, etc). Board does not take anonymous letters, or comments on behalf of others without written proof. Question raised as to whether NSBGN can table this item awaiting further information from the tribe. Dan White mentioned that the Forest Service has not given feedback either, supporting extension on the discussion for this site. Motion made to table this item and forward to a fourth hearing made by Paul White, seconded by Dominique Etchegoyhen. No additional discussion, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion passed.

**12. Select Tentative Meeting Place for May 2020 Meeting (for possible action)**

Tentative meeting place selected for next meeting at the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records - 100 N. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701, specific room(s) to be determined. Tentatively set for Tuesday, May 12, 2019 at 9:30am time. Motion for the meeting to occur on this date and time made by Karl Yonkers, seconded by Don Harper. Unanimously approved, no objections, no abstentions.

**13. Public Comments (action will not be taken)**

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**14. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dominique Etchegoyhen, seconded by Don Harper. Unanimously approved, no objections, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

<https://www.vocativ.com/news/244179/racial-slurs-are-woven-deep-into-the-american-landscape/>

Dago Joe Spring (spring)  
Dago Spring (spring)  
Little Negro Creek (stream)  
Middle Fork Negro Creek (stream)  
Negro Creek (stream)  
Negro Creek (stream)  
Negro Creek Reservoir (reservoir)  
Negro George Creek (stream)  
Negro George Draw (valley)  
Negro Ravine (valley)  
Negrohead Peak (summit)  
North Fork Negro Creek (stream)  
South Fork Negro Creek (stream)  
Big Squaw Valley (basin)  
East Squaw Creek (stream)  
Little Squaw Creek (stream)  
Little Squaw Valley (flat)  
North Fork East Squaw Creek (stream)  
North Fork Squaw Creek (stream)  
South Fork East Squaw Creek (stream)  
Squaw Butte (summit)  
Squaw Butte (summit)  
Squaw Creek (stream)  
Squaw Creek Valley (valley)  
Squaw Flat (flat)  
Squaw Hills (summit)  
Squaw Knoll (summit)  
Squaw Mountain (summit)  
Squaw Peak (summit)  
Squaw Peak (summit)  
Squaw Peak (summit)  
Squaw Peaks (summit)

Squaw Point (summit)  
Squaw Tit (summit)  
Squaw Tit Butte (summit)  
Squaw Valley (basin)  
Squaw Valley (basin)  
Squaw Valley Creek (stream)  
Squaw Valley Reservoir (reservoir)  
Squaw Wells Spring (spring)  
West Squaw Creek (stream)

Chinaman Diggings (mine)  
Chinaman Mine (mine)  
Dago Tunnel (mine)  
Negro Abes (locale)  
Negro Creek Administrative Site (locale)  
Negro Creek Dam (dam)  
Negro Creek Ranch (locale)  
Negro Ligge Well (well)  
Negro Ravine Mine (mine)  
Negro Wells (well)  
Squaw Creek Ranch (locale)  
Squaw Flat Well (well)  
Squaw Valley Creek Dam (dam)  
Squaw Valley Ranch (locale)

\*Names in RED = Not in NSBGN purview

APPENDIX C.

U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey

Domestic Geographic  
Name Report

1. Use this form to recommend a feature name or to suggest a name change.

2. For features on Federal lands, coordinate requests with the agency (U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) for the administrative area in which the feature is located.

3. On the reverse side of this form give information on the local usage and authority for recommended name.

4. For more information about the Geographic Names Information System or the National Gazetteer program, contact the U.S. Board on Geographic Names at 703-648-4544.

5. Return this form to:

Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 20192

<b>Action Requested:</b>	Recommended Name
Proposed New Name	DEACON PEAK
Application Change	State Nevada
Name Change	County or Equivalent NYE
Other	Administrative Area US Fish and Wildlife Service - Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Specific Area Covered: .4757      .1630

Latitude: 36° 26' 07" N Longitude: 116° 17' 31" W Mouth End Center

Latitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" N Longitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" W Heading End

Section(s) 36 Township(s) T. 17 S. Range(s) R. 50E Meridian MDM Elevation 3170 ft

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.): The highest point in the small range of hills directly north of Devils Hole in The Death Valley National Monument.

Maps and Other Sources Using Recommended Name (include scale and date)	Other Names (variants)	Maps and Other Sources Using Other Name or Applications (include scale and date)

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):

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes  No  If yes, for approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name? Yes  No  (If yes, explain)

I'm aware of none

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed: See attached USGS  
 DEVILS HOLE 1:24,000 Quad Dated 1987

Additional information: (See Attached) Dr. James E. Deacon was distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biology, Department of Biological Sciences UNLV. Dr. Deacon began his study and advocacy for the Devils Hole Pupfish in 1960. His leadership lead to the protection of critical water resources in the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Dr Deacon was instrumental in gaining recognition for other unique desert fish species in Nevada

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Copy Prepared By (if other than above):	Title	Phone (day)	Date
Company or Agency	Address (City, State, and ZIP Code)		

Authority for Recommended Name	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area

## James E. Deacon , PhD

**Leader in regional ecology, the biology and conservation of Nevada's desert fishes**

JAMES DEACON James E. Deacon, Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Departments of Environmental Studies and Biological Sciences passed away Feb. 23, 2015. Prof. Deacon received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 1960 and joined UNLV the same year. He was promoted to Full Professor in 1968 and received the campus' highest academic honor as Distinguished Professor in 1988. Jim's major research efforts centered on regional ecology, the biology and conservation of desert fishes and later, sustainable water supply and use. He published more than 90 peer-reviewed articles and chapters and numerous interpretive articles, reports and advocacy essays. On campus, Prof. Deacon served as Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences and was the Founding Director and later Chair of the Department of Environmental Studies. He was instrumental in establishing UNLV's first M.S. and Ph.D. programs in both Biology and Environmental Science. He mentored more than 25 masters and doctoral students and taught "across the (undergraduate and graduate) curriculum" in both Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies during his 42 year UNLV career. Prof. Deacon was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and received major awards from the American Fisheries Society, the National Wildlife Federation and The Nature Conservancy. He was a founding member of the Desert Fishes Council (in 1970) and was Chair of the organization from 1976-78. Most recently (2012) Jim received the E.O. Wilson Award for Outstanding Science in Biodiversity Conservation from the Center for Biological Diversity. He was instrumental in securing vital water rights for Death Valley and Zion National Parks as well as Moapa and Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuges, the latter confirmed in behalf of the Devils Hole Pupfish (*Cyprinodon diabolis*) through a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1976. Jim remained professionally productive and actively engaged throughout his life. His most recent book chapter is in review.

### **Noted UNLV biologist James Deacon has died**

By HENRY BREAN LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL [hbrean@reviewjournal.com](mailto:hbrean@reviewjournal.com) or 702-383-0350

James Deacon was a biologist, environmentalist and staunch defender of desert fish who launched UNLV's environmental studies program and helped spawn new generations of scientists in both the classroom and his own family.

The distinguished professor emeritus died Monday at his home in Henderson. He was 80.

Deacon arrived at UNLV in 1960 after receiving his doctorate from the University of Kansas. A year later, he took his first scuba dive in Devil's Hole, a water-filled cavern 90 miles west of Las Vegas that is home to an endangered pupfish found nowhere else on Earth.

He was drawn to such isolated desert fish "because they're so improbable," said Mary Dale Deacon, his wife of 30 years.

In the 1970s, he testified in defense of the Devil's Hole pupfish during a legal fight over groundwater pumping that landed in the U.S. Supreme Court and resulted in a landmark decision favoring endangered species protection.

The native of White, S.D., went on to play a major role in securing vital water rights for Death Valley and Zion national parks, and he aided in the establishment of Ash Meadows and Moapa National wildlife refuges, two federal preserves in Southern Nevada framed around some of the isolated spring fish species he helped describe to the world.

Two local species are named for him: the Spring Mountains springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis deacon*) and Las Vegas dace (*Rhinichthys deacon*), now extinct.

Deacon's work set him at odds with the Southern Nevada Water Authority and its plans to siphon groundwater across a wide swath of eastern Nevada. In interviews, papers and protest letters, he warned that the authority's multibillion-dollar gambit could drain a vast groundwater network stretching into as many as 80 basins in Nevada, Utah and California, far beyond the network of monitoring wells the agency plans.

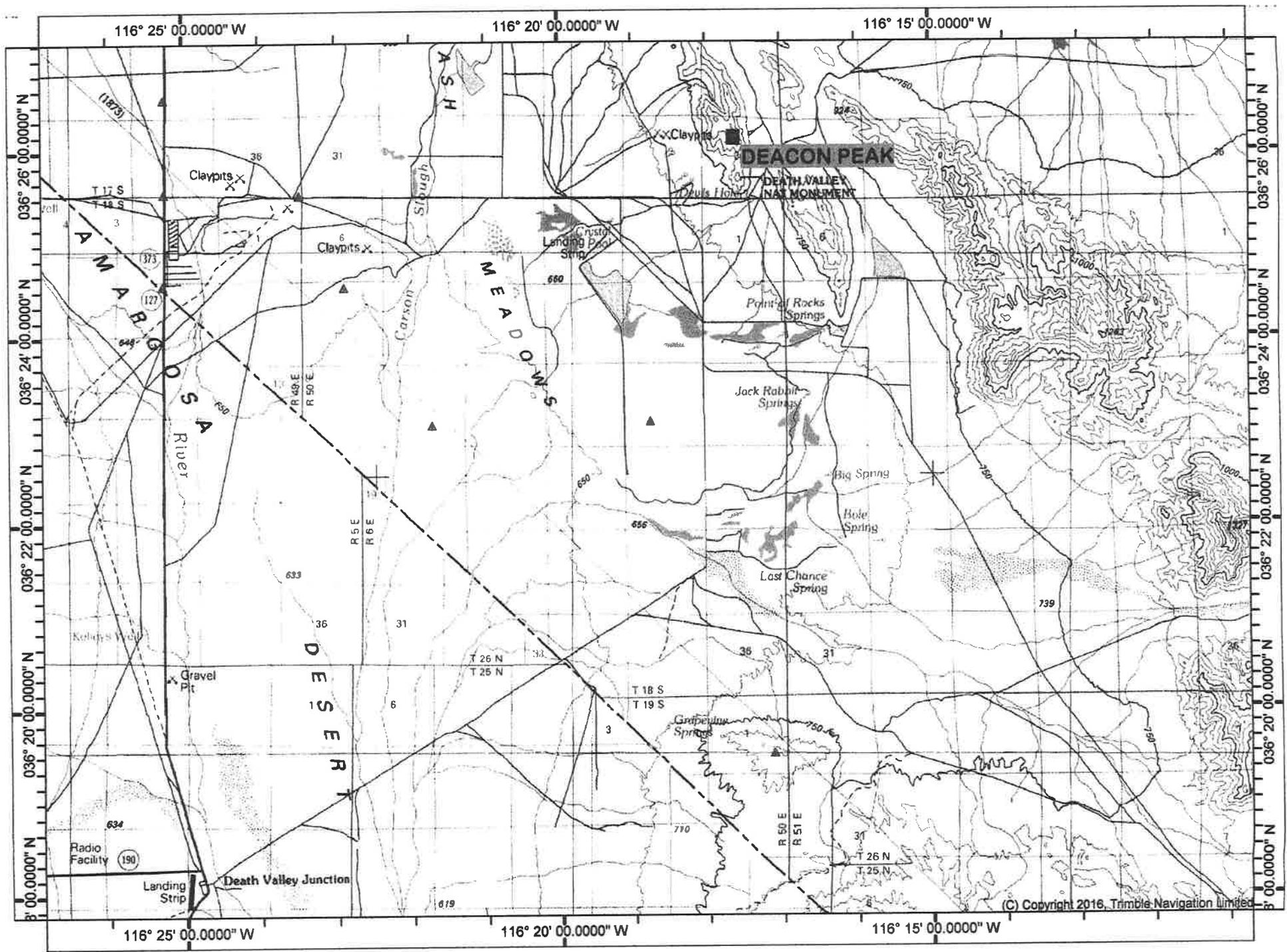
He feared the project even poses a threat to his beloved Devil's Hole, where his wife said he dove to count pupfish dozens of times — "maybe even hundreds" — until 1988, when a tumor on his spine put him in a wheelchair for the rest of his life..

During his 42-year career at UNLV, Deacon taught a wide range of graduate and undergraduate classes and was instrumental in establishing the university's master's and doctorate programs in biology. He was chair of both the Department of Biological Sciences and the Department of Environmental Studies, which he helped establish, and he published more than 90 peer-reviewed articles and chapters.

He also helped inspire scientists outside the lecture hall.

In recent years, Deacon expressed pessimism about prospects for the most famous and imperiled of his research subjects, the Devil's Hole pupfish. But he was encouraged by the fight to save the species — or at least allow it to fade away naturally and not be wiped out by human activity. He considered the effort nothing less than "an expression of our humanity."

"What makes humans unique is our ability to know. The more species that go extinct out there, the less there is to know," Deacon told the Review-Journal in 2013. "The more we learn about the Devil's Hole pupfish, the more human we become."



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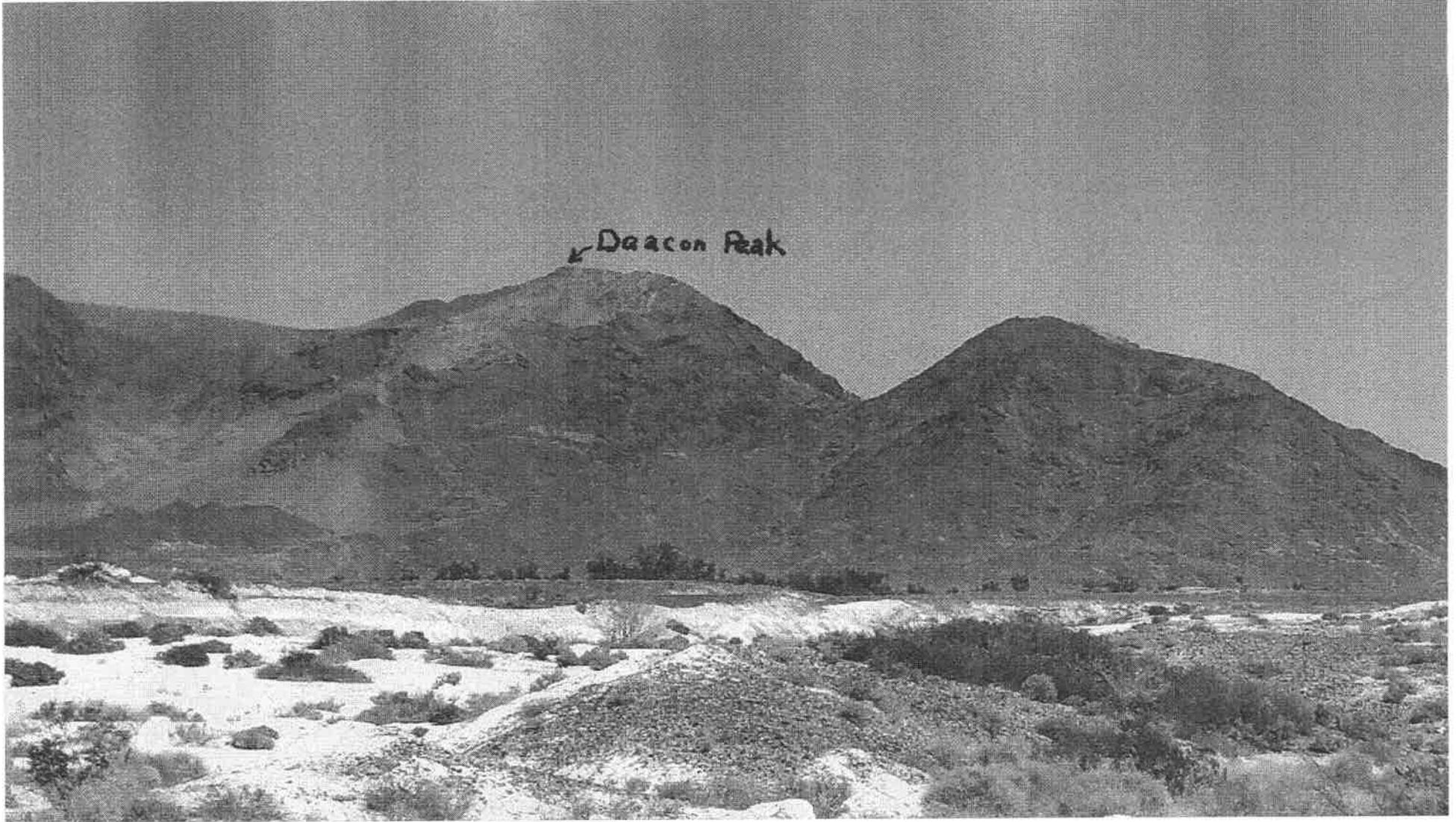
# Deacon Peak

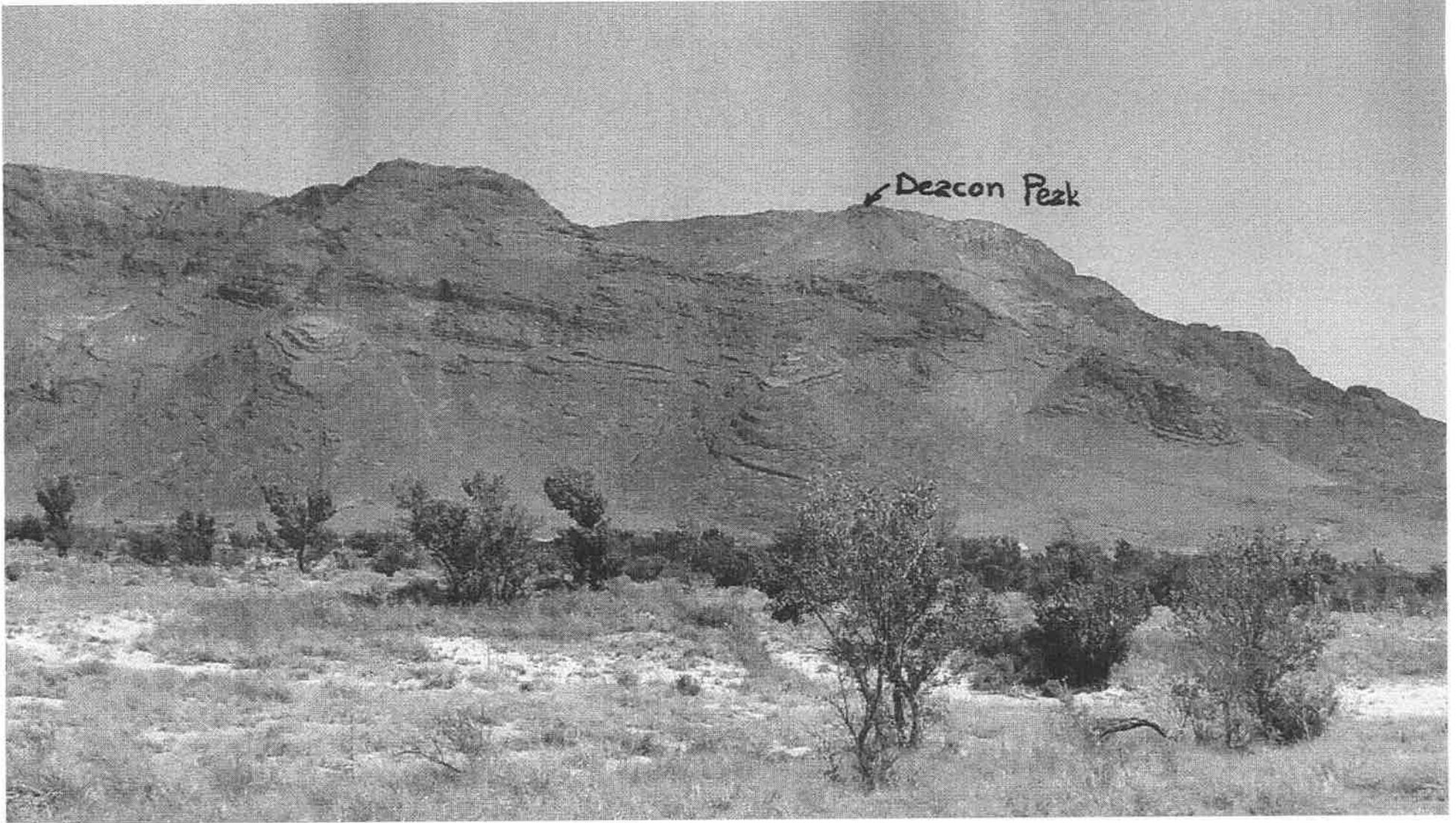
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## Map Information

State Name:	Nevada
Map Name:	DEVILS HOLE
USGS Ref Code:	36116-D3-TF-024
Map Edition:	Standard USGS
Map Scale:	1:24,000
Map Type:	Topographic
Horizontal Datum:	North American Datum 1927
Contour Interval:	40 Feet 12.2 Meters
Map Date:	1987
Elevation:	3170 Feet 966.2 Meters
Est. Mag. Decl.:	11.96° E (2019)
Latitude (cursor):	036° 26' 07.4757" N
Longitude (cursor):	116° 17' 37.1630" W





APPENDIX C.

U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey

**Domestic Geographic  
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3. On the reverse side of this form give information on the local usage and authority for recommended name.  
4. For more information about the Geographic Names Information System or the National Gazetteer program, contact the U.S. Board on Geographic Names at 703-648-4544.

5. Return this form to:  
Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 20192

<b>Action Requested:</b>  Proposed New Name  Application Change  Name Change  Other	Recommended Name	Gridley Peak
	State	Nevada
	County or Equivalent	Lander
	Administrative Area	US Forest Service Toiyabe NF

**Specific Area Covered:**  
 Latitude: 39° 28' 28.919" N S Longitude: 116° 57' 35.78" W E 39.4747 N, 116.9598 W  
 Latitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" N S Longitude: \_\_\_° \_\_\_' \_\_\_" W E Mouth End Center  
 Section(s) 30 Township(s) 19 N Range(s) 45 E Meridian MDM Elevation 8213 ft./m.  
 prominence 1018 ft

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.): Unnamed peak in Toiyabe Range. Location of "King" benchmark.

Maps and Other Sources Using <u>Recommended</u> Name (include scale and date)	Other Names (variants)	Maps and Other Sources Using <u>Other</u> Name or Applications (include scale and date)
<u>Simpson Park Canyon</u>		
<u>USGS 7.5' Quad</u>		

**Name Information** (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if memorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information):

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes  No  If yes, for approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name?

Yes

No

(If yes, explain)

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For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

no name on USGS 7.5' or 1:100K maps.

Additional information:

The name Gridley Peak commemorates Revel Colt Gridley, a prominent business man in Austin, Nevada located near this peak.

Copy Submitted By (name): Sam D. Macaluso	Title citizen	Telephone (day) 775-857-6099	Date 4-18-19
Company or Agency	Address (City, State, and ZIPCode) 5036 Canterbury Circle Reno, NV 89502		
Copy Prepared By (if other than above):	Title	Phone (day)	Date
Company or Agency	Address (City, State, and ZIPCode)		

Authority for Recommended Name	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area

**Reuel Colt Gridley** (January 23, 1829 – November 24, 1870) was an American storekeeper who gained nationwide attention in 1864, when he repeatedly auctioned a plain sack of flour and raised \$275,000 for the United States Sanitary Commission, which provided aid to wounded American Civil War soldiers.

Gridley went to school in Hannibal, Missouri, where he befriended Sam Clemens (Mark Twain). He later fought in the Mexican-American War.

In 1864, Gridley supported the Democratic candidate for mayor in Austin, Nevada, where he operated a grocery store. He made a bet with a Republican friend that the loser would carry a fifty-pound sack of flour through the town. He performed his punishment with the accompaniment of the town band, and at the end someone offered that the sack should be auctioned off to raise money for the Sanitary Fund, a new organization that aided disabled Civil War veterans. After finally selling for \$250, the winning bidder did not take the sack, but donated it back to Gridley to be auctioned off again. It was auctioned repeatedly until over \$8,000 was raised. When nearby Virginia City, Nevada heard of the event (and where young newspaper editor Mark Twain was working at the time), they invited Gridley to come there, which he did. He then traveled to California where San Franciscans donated \$2800 and Sacramento citizens donated \$10000, before heading to St. Louis and the major eastern cities. These bidders added around \$170,000 to the Sanitary Commission's fund, and within twelve months Gridley had raised \$275,000 with his sack of flour. In today's money that is equivalent to nearly \$7,000,000. The original sack of flour is located in the Nevada Historical Society.

Twain told the story of the Gridley flour sack in his 1872 book *Roughing It*.

The Gridley Store in Austin, Nevada, which was placed on National Register of Historic Places listings in Nevada in 2003 and still stands.

In 1866, Gridley moved to Stockton, California to live with his daughter, and was in poor health; he died in 1870.

In 1887, the "Reuel Colt Gridley Monument" was erected by the Grand Army of the Republic and dedicated in Stockton's Rural Cemetery, depicting Gridley standing next to a large sack of flour. In 1965, the monument was registered as a historical landmark by the state of California.

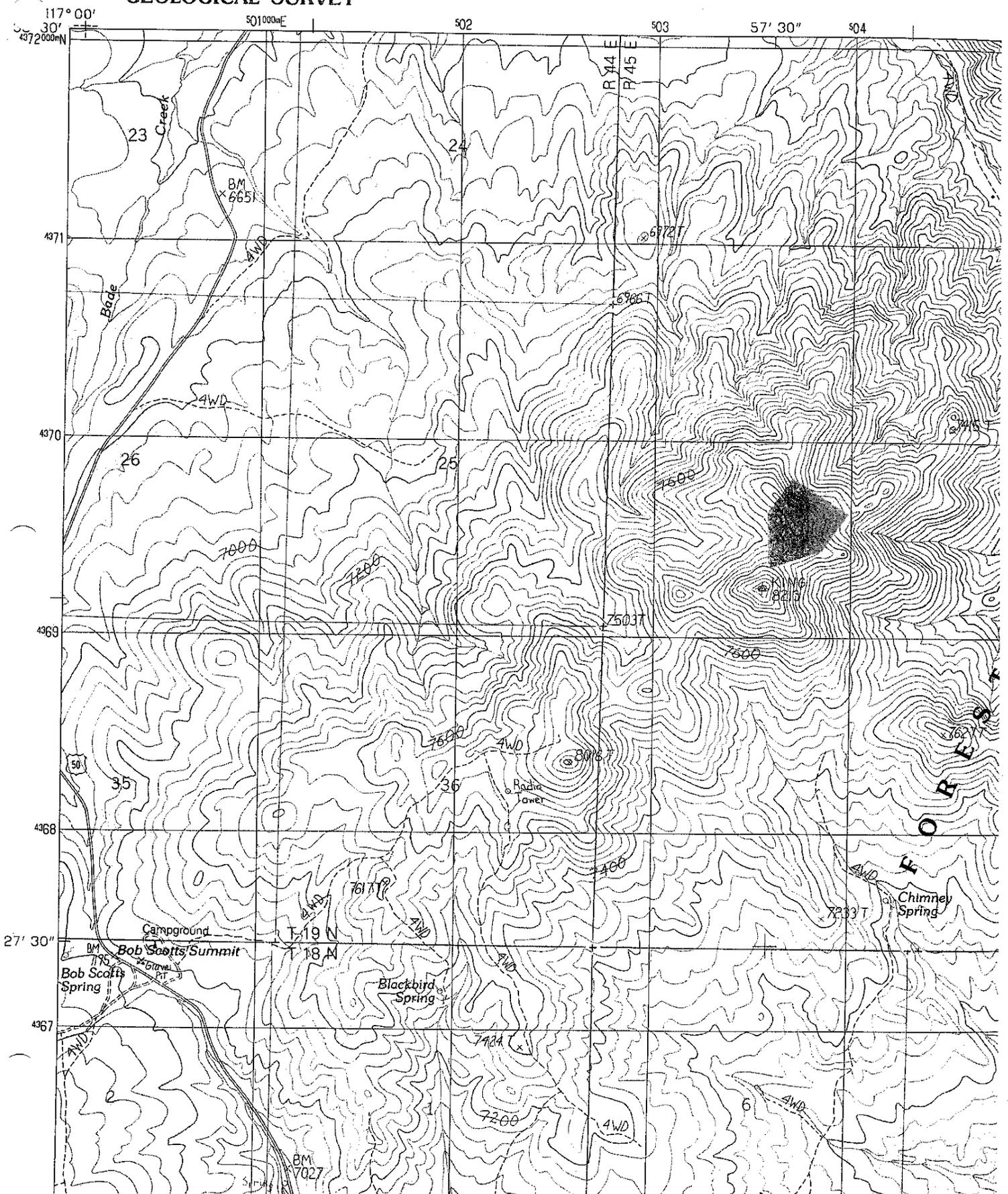
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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Yomba Shoshone Tribe have been informed of the proposed name change to "Gridley Peak", in which we are in disagreement. If allowable, we would like to be given some time as to speak with the elders of our community to learn the history and rightful name of the "unclaimed" peak.

Also, let it be known that this specific, unnamed peak does not overlook Austin and is in our ancestral homelands which we have used for time immemorial.

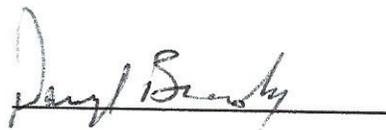
Please contact the Yomba Shoshone Tribal Chairman or Vice-Chairman at 775-993-3230 or email: [tribalchair@yombatribe.org](mailto:tribalchair@yombatribe.org)

Thank for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Ronald Snooks Sr./YST Chairman



Darryl Brady/YST Vice-Chairman