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Domestic Geographic Names

UNITED STATES
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

Crow Woman Buttes: summit; elevation 6,173 ft.; on Bureau of Land Management land 7 mi. E of Wild Horse Heaven; named for the Crow people (Apsáalooke or Absaroka), who historically inhabited the area; Secs 23&26, T48N, R98W, Sixth Principal Meridian; Park County, Wyoming; 44°06'34"N, 108°34'35"W; USGS map – Gillies Draw 1:24,000; Not: Squaw Buttes, Squaw Teat, Squaw Teats; The Squaw Teats.

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Proposal: to change a name considered offensive

Map: USGS Gillies Draw 1:24,000

Proponent: Tyler Kerr; Powell, WY

Administrative area: Bureau of Land Management

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Squaw Teats (FID 1594956)

Local Usage: None found

Published: Squaw Buttes (American Museum of Natural History Bulletin, 1912; Geological Society of America Bulletin, 1944; USGS Contributions to General Geology, 1966; USGS Professional Paper, 1906, 1982); Squaw Teat (C&GS 1938); Squaw Teats (USGS 1951, 1982, 2012, 2015, 2017; AMS 1955, 1958, 1962; C&GS 1938; USGS Professional Paper, 1963; USGS Contributions to General Geology, 1966; Wyoming Geological Association field trip guidebook, 1946; Sierra Club guidebook, 1988); The Squaw Teats (SummitPost website, 2020)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Squaw Teats, a pair of summits on Bureau of Land Management land in Park County, to Crow Woman Buttes. The proponent states that “the current name is derogatory, both to women and to Native Americans” and that the proposed name has “a similar meaning but less offensive wording.”

The proponent also states that “Although the Crow were not the only native group to occupy the [area] . . . they were historically active in that region, and I believe that ‘Crow Woman Buttes’ would be an easier name to use in conversation than ‘Shoshone Woman,’ ‘Blackfeet Woman,’ etc. (The more general ‘Indian Woman’ would be likely to come across as an awkward euphemism for ‘squaw,’ somewhat defeating the purpose of a name change.)”

The name Squaw Teats has appeared on USGS maps since 1951. A 1938 Coast and Geodetic Survey list of Wyoming triangulation stations used the names Squaw Teats and Squaw Teat for the feature; a survey mark named “Squaw” is located on the western of the two summits. Geologists and paleontologists have studied rocks on the summit for over a century and the feature is named in many scientific publications. In 1912, the summit was called Squaw Buttes in an American Museum of Natural History report; USGS publications from 1906, 1944, 1966, and 1982 also used the name. The 1966 document referred to the summit as “Squaw Teats (or Squaw Buttes) and a 1963 USGS publication only used the name Squaw Teats. A 1944 Geological Society of America report used Squaw Buttes, whereas a 1946 Wyoming Geological Association field trip guidebook used Squaw Teats.

Google Earth labels the western of the pair of summits as West Squaw Teat. The SummitPost website refers to the pair of summits as The Squaw Teats and also names East Squaw Teat and West Squaw Teat. The latter names have not been found on any authoritative sources and are not listed in GNIS.

GNIS lists two similarly named features in Wyoming: Squaw Teat 125 miles to the south-southwest in Sublette County and Squaw Teat Butte 30 miles to the southwest in Hot Springs County. In 2008, the BGN approved changes to two similarly named features in South Dakota (Squaw Teat Butte to Peaked Butte and Squaw Teat Creek to East Rattlesnake Creek) and two similarly named features in Montana (Squaw Teat to Mil-mil-teh Hill and Squaw Teats to Choo-heh-meen Hills).

The proponent of this name change is also suggesting that the names East Crow Woman Butte and West Crow Woman Butte (q.v.) be applied to the two summits that make up Squaw Teats to eliminate confusion with the names that are used unofficially. GNIS contains many examples of other features made up of “buttes on a butte” (many of which are not true buttes in a strict topographic or geographic sense) including:

- East Canfield Butte and West Canfield Butte are known together as Canfield Buttes in Idaho
- East Twin Butte and West Twin Butte are known together as Twin Buttes in Washington
- North Crested Butte and South Crested Butte (both BGN 1990) are known together as Crested Buttes in Washington
- Dome Butte, North Butte, North Middle Butte, Indian Butte, South Middle Butte, and South Butte are known together as Pumpkin Buttes in Wyoming

Proposed by: Tyler Kerr; Powell, WY

Submitted by: same

Prepared by: M. O'Donnell

Case ID: 5328

Reviewed by: J.Runyon

Date: 6/6/20

Date: same

Date: 7/2/20

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CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

East Crow Woman Butte: summit; elevation 6,110 ft.; on Bureau of Land Management land 1 mi. SE of Sawtooth; Sec 26, T48N, R98W, Sixth Principal Meridian; Park County, Wyoming; 44°06'27"N, 108°34'20"W; USGS map – Gillies Draw 1:24,000; Not: East Squaw Teat.

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Proposal: new name for unnamed feature

Map: USGS Gillies Draw 1:24,000

Proponent: Tyler Kerr; Powell, WY

Administrative area: Bureau of Land Management

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: No record

Local Usage: None found

Published: East Squaw Teat (SummitPost website, 2020)

Case Summary: The new name East Crow Woman Butte is proposed for the eastern of the two summits that comprise Squaw Teats (proposed as Crow Woman Buttes). The SummitPost website refers to this summit as East Squaw Teat, which is an unofficial name.

Proposed by: Tyler Kerr; Powell, WY

Submitted by: same

Prepared by: M. O'Donnell

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CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

West Crow Woman Buttes: summit; elevation 6,173 ft.; on Bureau of Land Management land 7 mi. E of Wild Horse Heaven; Sec 23, T48N, R98W, Sixth Principal Meridian; Park County, Wyoming; 44°06'34"N, 108°34'35"W; USGS map – Gillies Draw 1:24,000; Not: West Squaw Teat.

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Proposal: new name for unnamed feature

Map: USGS Gillies Draw 1:24,000

Proponent: Tyler Kerr; Powell, WY

Administrative area: Bureau of Land Management

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Squaw Teats (FID 1594956)

Local Usage: None found

Published: West Squaw Teat (SummitPost website, 2020; Google Earth, 2020)

Case Summary: The new name West Crow Woman Butte is proposed for the western of the two summits that comprise Squaw Teats (proposed as Crow Woman Buttes). The SummitPost website and Google Earth refer to this summit as West Squaw Teat, which is an unofficial name. A 1944 Geological Society of America report referred to the feature as the “West Butte of Squaw Buttes.”

Proposed by: Tyler Kerr; Powell, WY

Submitted by: same

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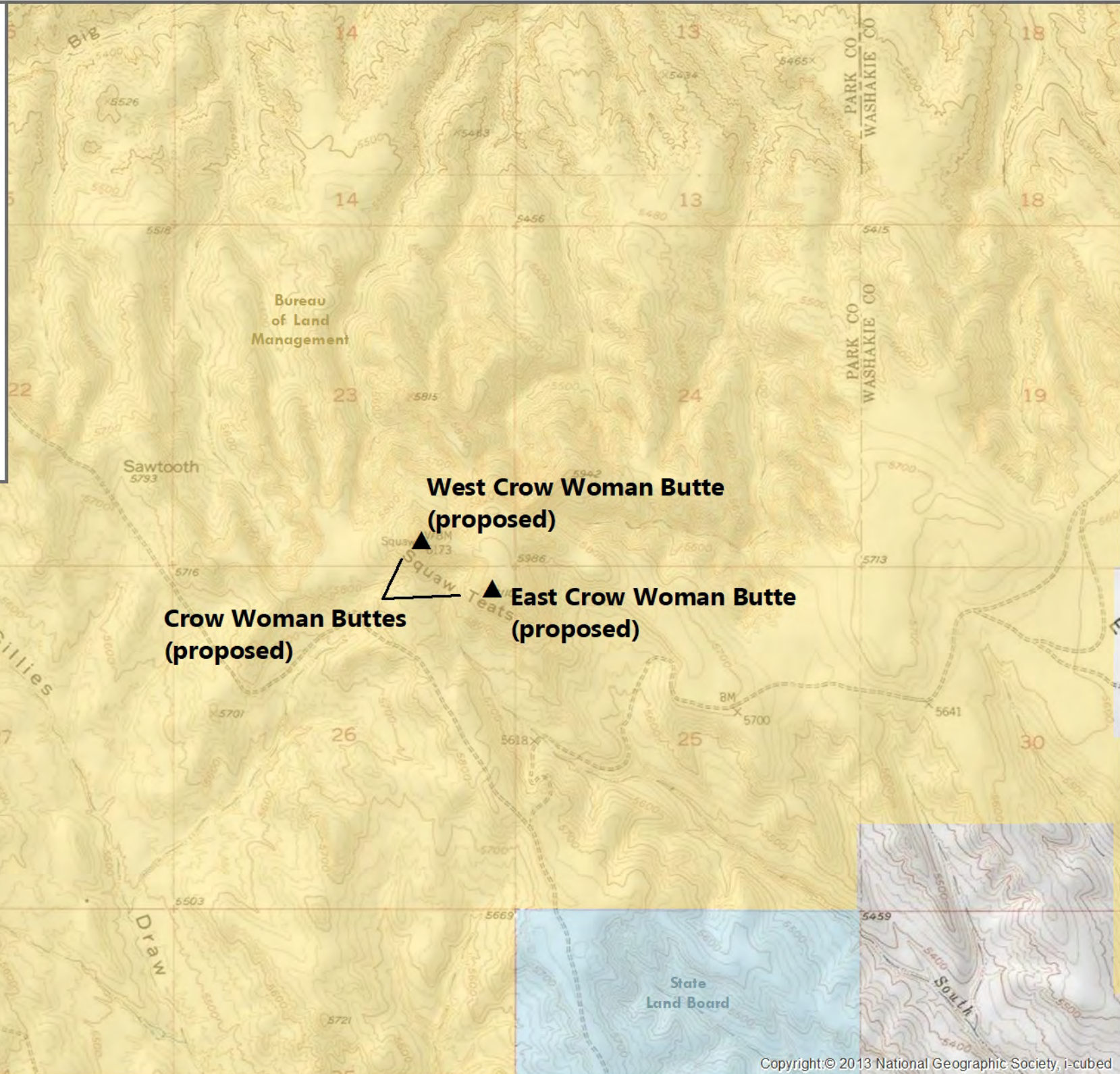
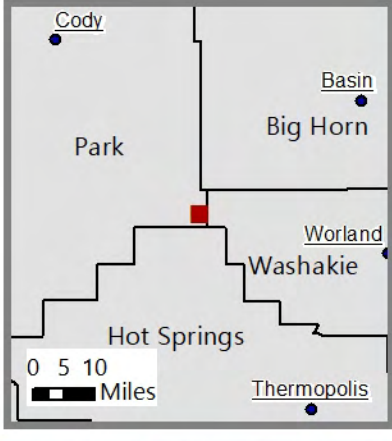
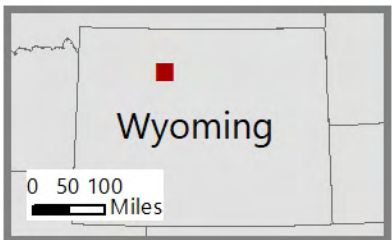
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DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

PROPOSE NEW OR CHANGE NAME

Name Proposal ID:

9890

Date Created:

06-JUN-20

Date Submitted:

06-JUN-20

Proposed Name:

Crow Woman Buttes

Action Requested:

Change an existing name

Existing Name:

Squaw Teats

Unnamed Evidence:

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Locally Used:

No

Locally Used Years:

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Local Conflict:

No

Local Conflict Detail:

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Additional Details:

Feature is a pair of buttes or hills, close together and of comparable elevation, and ostensibly resembling a woman's breasts. I contend that the current name is derogatory, both to women and to Native Americans, and I propose an alternative with a similar meaning but less offensive wording.

FEATURE INFORMATION

GNIS Feature ID:

1594956

Feature class:

SUMMIT

Descriptive information:

Location: Hot Springs County, Wyoming. Latitude(DEC) 44.1088433; longitude(DEC) -108.5731721 Elevation 6010 feet/1832 meters.

Meaning or significance:

The proposed name acknowledges the feature's supposed resemblance to human anatomy, but omits the racially charged (and arguably misogynistic) language of the existing name. It is not intended to refer to any specific person, and I am unaware of any local lore that would associate the feature with a historic figure. Although the Crow were not the only native group to occupy the Bighorn Basin of Wyoming in the past (where the feature is located), they were historically active in that region, and I believe that "Crow Woman Buttes" would be an easier name to use in conversation than "Shoshone Woman," "Blackfeet Woman," etc. (The more general "Indian Woman" would be likely to come across as an awkward euphemism for "squaw," somewhat defeating the purpose of a name change.)

Commemorative:

No

Biographical information:

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Supporting materials:

No

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

No information entered.

STATES AND COUNTIES

State Name	County Name
Wyoming	Hot Springs

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec	Long Deg	Min	Sec	Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Other	GNIS database	-	-	-	-	-	-	44.1088433	-108.5731721	-

ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
Bureau of Land Management Area	-	Worland Field Office

MAPS AND DOCUMENTS WITH NAME

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Digital File	GNIS feature report. Recommended citation: "U.S. Geological Survey. Geographic Names Phase I data compilation (1976-1981). 31-Dec-1981. Primarily from U.S. Geological Survey 1:24,000-scale topographic maps (or 1:25K, Puerto Rico 1:20K) and from U.S. Board on Geographic Names files. In some instances, from 1:62,500 scale or 1:250,000 scale maps." URL: https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=138:3:0::NO:3:P3_FID,P3_TITLE:1594956,Squaw%20Teats	1981
Map	DeLorme (2014). Wyoming Atlas and Gazetteer, eighth edition. Yarmouth, ME: DeLorme. Page 23, grid C7. (This map places the feature in Park County, WY, near the boundary with Hot Springs County.)	2014

OTHER (VARIANT) NAMES AND THEIR SOURCE

Source Type	Other (Variant) Name	Details	Source Date
Other	None	N/A	-

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U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

This is to notify the U.S. Board on Geographic Names that the:

Park County Commissioners
Park County, Wyoming

recommend that the U. S. Board on Geographic Names take the indicated action for the following proposed names:

	Approve	Reject	Consider alternative name:
<u>Crow Woman Buttes</u> (to replace <u>Squaw Teats</u>)	___	<u>x</u>	
<u>East Crow Woman Butte</u> (new name)	___	<u>x</u>	
<u>West Crow Woman Butte</u> (new name)	___	<u>x</u>	

Comments (the following factors contributed to this recommendation; attach supporting documentation if appropriate):

On August 4, 2020, the Park County Commissioners voted to reject the change to Squaw Teets to Crow Woman Buttes. The BOCC feel the history and heritage of Park County is important and must remain the same today and tomorrow.

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