

SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
March 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.
BOCC Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2025

APPOINTMENTS

6:35 P.M. Anthony Edwards
7:00 P.M. Steve Rich, San Juan County Historical Society-Construction of Pole Building
7:30 P.M. Anne Chase, Silverton Housing Authority

CORRESPONDENCE:

US Borad of Geographic Names – Request for Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

CAG Appointment
Planning Application Email Scam
Commissioner and Staff Reports
Public Comment
Other

Adjourn

Times listed above are approximate.

Discussion of an agenda item may occur before or after the assigned time.

Next Regular Meeting – 8:30 A.M. April 9, 2025

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SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2025
AT 8:30 A.M.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Austin Lashley. Present were Commissioners Scott Fetchenhier and Pete Maisel, County Attorney Dennis Golbright and Administrator William Tookey.

Payment of Bills: Commissioner

Fetchenhier moved to authorize payment of the warrants as presented. Commissioner Maisel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Commissioner Maisel moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Maisel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Social Services Director Martha Johnson was present to provide the Commissioners with an update. Commissioner Fetchenhier moved to approve Transmittal #1 in the amount of \$13,588.72. Commissioner Maisel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sara Mordecai, Director of the Silverton Family Learning Center was also present to discuss the TANF Contracts. Because of the uncertainty of future funding for TANF Martha Johnson suggested that the County may want to consider reducing the amount of the TANF contracts for the Silverton Family Learning Center and also for the Silverton School District. Upon completion of the discussion it was the consensus of the Commissioners to maintain the current level of funding for the Silverton Family Learning Center. The Commissioners also encouraged Director Mordecai to request some additional funding from the Lodging Tax to help offset some of the recent loss in revenues.

Martha Johnson will also contact the Silverton School District to see if they will be available to meet with the Commissioners during the April 9th meeting to discuss their TANF funding.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Rusty Melcher was present to provide the Commissioner with his monthly staff report and to present his 2-year plan for CR 2.

A Public Hearing was held to receive comments concerning the Improvement Permit application submitted by Damon Rose to construct a single-family dwelling on the Hector Lode. Upon completion of the Public Hearing Commissioner Maisel moved to approve the Sketch Plan application with the following conditions as recommended by staff and the San Juan Regional Planning Commission:

1. That the applicant acknowledges that emergency services will not be available in a timely manner and perhaps not at all.
2. All improvements to the Hector Lode shall fully and completely comply with, and strictly conform to, all terms, conditions and restrictions contained in the San Juan County Zoning and Land Use Regulation, all permits issued, and all applicable State and Federal rules and regulations.
3. That an On-Site Wastewater Treatment Permit application be submitted to the La Plata County Public Health Department.
4. The Land Use Administrator visits the site prior to the Preliminary/Final review.

5. That the Hector Lode USMS 14327, Hector Millsite USMS 14327B, Smith Mill Site USMS 17849B and Cook Mill Site USMS 17848B be consolidated into one property.
6. That the proposed improvements are identified and staked on site by a Colorado Licensed Surveyor.
7. The driveway will need to be staked by a Colorado Licensed Surveyor. Grade and width specification concerning the driveway be provided and that the visual impact of the driveway be considered.
8. If any historic public trail is identified it will need to be added to the certified survey plat.
9. A Cumulative Impact Report will need to be completed prior to Preliminary/Final Plan Appearance.
10. That a geotechnical study be completed to determine adequate foundation and construction prior to the issuance of a building permit.
11. That the applicant be placed on the Town of Silverton's Utility billing system for refuse.
12. The failure to comply with these conditions shall be grounds for the revocation of this Improvement Permit.

Commissioner Fetchenhier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Smeins and Lesa Merrill of the BLM were present to provide the Commissioners with an update on their remediation plans for this summer. Also present from the BLM was Field Manager Jon Kaminsky and Recreation Planner Megan Mast.

The Sketch Plan Application for the proposed Overland Estates Subdivision was presented to the Commissioners for their consideration. Lloyd Swartz was present to answer questions and to discuss the proposed subdivision. Upon completion of the discussion Commissioner Maisel moved to approve the Sketch Plan Application with the following conditions:

1. That the applicant acknowledges that emergency services will not be available in a timely manner and perhaps not at all.
2. All improvements to the Overland Estates Subdivision shall fully and completely comply with, and strictly conform to, all terms, conditions and restrictions contained in the San Juan County Zoning and Land Use Regulation and all permits issued with the exception of the subdivision regulations waived or amended as listed below:
 - A. Section 7-112.3 Lots (a), state the no lot shall be divided by a road - waived.
 - B. Section 7-112.3 Lots (c) Side lot lines should be at substantially right angles - waived.
 - C. Section 7-115 BUILDING STANDARDS .4 Minimum setback: 50 feet from property - amended to allow for 20 foot setbacks adjoining public lands and 30 foot setbacks adjoining private lands.

- D. Section 7 – 113 MOUNTAIN SUBDIVISIONS.1(a) Roads .1 (d) At least two points of access and egress shall be available - waived for Lots 2 and 3 but require a Hammerhead.
3. All improvements to the Overland Estates Subdivision shall fully and completely comply with, and strictly conform to all applicable State and Federal rules and regulations including wetlands.
 4. The applicant shall fully and completely comply with the San Juan County Zoning and Land Use Regulation 4-110 Design and Development Standards for all Improvement and Use Permits.
 5. That the subdivision is in compliance with Section 7-120 Air Quality as it pertains to wood burning devices.
 6. The applicant shall utilize an Environmental Professional as described in 40 CFR § 312.10. to ensure that the property development on these claims takes due care to protect site workers as well as the residents.
 7. That CDPHE and EPA shall be provided with permanent access to Lots 1, 3, 7 and 8 of the Subdivision to monitor the Porcupine Mine adit discharge and the existing borehole above the defined Greenspace that encompasses the Anglo Saxon collapsed portal and remedial features.
 8. The applicant will need to have a professional Flood Plain consultant or hydrologist inspect the Building Envelope for Lot 11 and have a Colorado Licensed Surveyor shoot the elevations to determine if the site is safe for construction.
 9. The Flood Plain Overlay Map needs to be titled and completed by a Colorado Licensed Surveyor. County Road 61 is incorrectly identified as CR 31 on the current flood plain map.
 10. The applicant will have the building envelopes staked out by a Colorado Licensed Surveyor and then erect a 35-foot story pole at each location to better assess the visual impact.
 11. The applicant will provide to the County, clear evidence that all streets and lots within the subdivision will have year-round access to the state highway system by wheeled vehicles.
 12. That the Plat identify a 15 foot utility easement as required by 7 – 112 FINAL PLAT DESIGN STANDARDS.
 13. Provide an easement for CR 61 through the Monarch Claim to provide developable access to the adjoining Porcupine Claim if necessary.
 14. If any historic artifacts are discovered on site during the excavation or construction, all work on the project will be stopped immediately until the Historic Review Committee or qualified archeologist can visit the site to document and preserve those artifacts.

15. That an affordable housing agreement be negotiated as required by 7-112.8A of the Zoning and Land Use Regulations.
16. The applicant shall provide a professional report concerning the potability and quantity of the proposed water sources.
17. The applicant shall provide a professional report concerning the solar energy requirements, costs, and appearance for the average home.
18. The failure to comply with these conditions shall be grounds for the revocation of this approval and for any future Improvement Permits.
19. 0 – 109 VESTED PROPERTY RIGHTS Approval of a zoning or rezoning application, a permitted use, or an Improvement Permit will not establish a vested property right unless and until final approval thereof has been granted by the Board of County Commissioners or by the designated official allowed to grant such permit under the terms of this Code, or, if applicable, a final plat is approved by the Board of County Commissioners under the subdivision, zoning or other regulations of the County.

Commissioner Fetchenhier moved to go into Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice from Counsel Regarding Matters Related to Emergency Services Pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b).
Commissioner Maisel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners along with County Attorney Golbright and County Administrator Tookey began the Executive Session at 2:29 pm.

The Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting at 3:00 pm. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Administrator Tookey presented the Commissioners with a proposal from Capital Business Systems for the purchase of a Canon Copier in the amount of \$5,595.33 and the purchase of a Canon wide format printer with scanner in the amount of \$4993.00. Commissioner Maisel moved to purchase both units. Commissioner Fetchenhier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Region 9 – San Juan County 2024 Performance Report and the Region 9 – Livable Wages 2024 Report were presented to the Commissioners for their review.

The Sales Tax Report was presented to the Commissioners for their review.

The County Treasurers Report was presented to the Commissioners for their review.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 P.M.

Austin Lashley, Chairman

Ladonna L. Jaramillo, County Clerk

San Juan County Bonita Peak Mining District
San Juan County Natural Resources Damages Stakeholders
1557 Greene Street
Silverton, CO 81433

March 23, 2025

San Juan County Commissioners
1557 Greene Street
Silverton, CO 81433

Dear Commissioners and Administrator Tookey,

In February of last year, the San Juan County and La Plata County Commissioners and their selected representatives met at James Ranch to discuss the Natural Resources Damages notice of funding availability announced by the State of Colorado Natural Resources Trustees. As a result of the meeting, La Plata and San Juan County agreed to support a collaborative process among Animas River stakeholders throughout the watershed. This collaborative process continued with dozens of meetings between a variety of watershed interests. While the proposals have not been finalized, the process is coming to an end soon and ideally the San Juan County and La Plata County Commissioners will be able to support a comprehensive application for both Upper and Lower Animas projects. At this time, it appears the following represent the San Juan County projects which we anticipate will be submitted:

Project Name	Reduced Request	Original	Amount of decrease	Estimated Total Project Cost
Upper Animas Stream and Wetland Restoration (Mill/Mineral, Placer, South Mineral)	\$300,000	\$664,210	\$364,210	\$1,434,867
Silverton Animas River Corridor Riparian Access & Wetland Restoration	\$1,720,000	\$1,750,000	\$30,000	\$5,859,583
SJC River Access Easements and Property Acquisition	\$200,000	\$350,000	\$150,000	\$700,000

If submitted as presented, the San Juan County funding request will be for \$2,220,000.00.

The timeline for submission is as follows:

- Offerors Written Questions Deadline April 15, 2025
- Responses to Offeror Questions May 1, 2025
- Proposal Submission Deadline May 31, 2025

Currently, San Juan County representatives are requesting your guidance as to 1) whether you have any reservations, 2) if you would like any changes in funding allocations, and 3) what, if anything, you need or will require prior to submitting a letter of support.

As always, the community watershed stakeholders appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

**Anthony
Edwards**

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Anthony D. Edwards
BPMD Liaison on behalf of the
SJC NRDS Volunteer Stakeholders

San Juan County Historical Society
Courthouse Square
Silverton, Colorado 81433

3 March 2025

Honorable San Juan County Commissioners,

The San Juan County Historical Society seeks your blessing and permission to construct a pole building adjacent to the existing museum at the Reese Street north end. The structure was conceived by Zeke Zanoni to house several large air compressors and provide much needed additional storage. Zeke also envisioned an area where repair work could be performed on artifacts such as ore cars and the like.

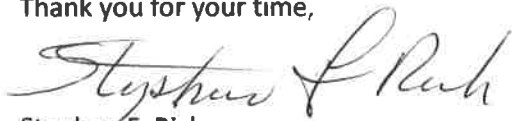
The building will be open to the public other than the storage areas. The main floor area will be of open posts and large artifacts that need to be under cover. The loft area will be for lumber storage, etc. The structure is to have a footprint of 32ft by 40ft. and will match the look of the museum building.

Zeke and I spent time planning and designing the facility. The plans have been engineered and contain a Colorado Engineer's stamp of approval, with only minor structural changes to the drawings. A local contractor, Jim Weller, is on board for the construction.

As you know, the San Juan County Historical Society has been the major player in the preservation of Silverton's mining and railroad history, both in town and the county alike. With this new facility we will be able to exhibit several large machines that have been too long in storage.

I will attend a Commissioner's meeting to show and discuss the plans for this much needed addition to the museum complex.

Thank you for your time,



Stephen F. Rich
Exhibitions Preparator
SJCHS



Anne Chase
Executive Director
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cover the remainder of the predevelopment costs. While we wait for our other project funding sources to actualize, your support is critical at this juncture.

We appreciate San Juan County's ongoing investment in affordable housing solutions, and this funding would ensure we stay on track to meet our project deadlines. Your support in covering these remaining predevelopment costs will allow us to finalize the necessary entitlement process and ultimately deliver these much-needed homes to our community.

I look forward to discussing this further and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne Chase

Director

Silverton Housing Authority



*Rendering of four of the proposed Anvil Townhomes to be built by Fading West, a CO modular manufacturer.
For more project details, please visit the Silverton Housing Authority Website.*



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3/26/2025

Board of County Commissioners

San Juan County, Colorado

Re: Funding Request

Dear San Juan County Commissioners,

In December 2024, the Silverton Housing Authority applied to the Colorado Division of Housing's Proposition 123 Homeownership Funding Round to pursue the development of the Anvil Townhomes. This development will include nine units, eight of which will be town homes and one single family home on Lots 15, 16 and 17 in Anvil Mountain Subdivision. This project will create three units at 80% AMI, five at 100% AMI and one unit at 140% AMI to serve our residents that are currently priced out of the housing market. We currently have seventeen ready-to-buy households on the Interest List confirming this development is responding to an important community need.

After our presentation to the State Housing Board on February 11th, the Silverton Housing Authority was awarded our full requested amount of \$616,000. We anticipate notification of award status of an additional \$450,000 from the Colorado Health Foundation in April which will fill the \$1,066,000 gap between the cost to build and the affordable sale prices.

We have made significant progress on this development and anticipate breaking ground in just a few short months. I'd like to express our gratitude for San Juan County's continued support of this project. From land donation to predevelopment funding, San Juan County has been a critical partner in making this project a reality.

As this development moves forward, we are ready to begin the entitlement process. The DOH funding is contingent upon finalizing the subdivision process of the lots. We have been working with SEH on a proposal / scope of work to meet our deadlines of late May. **I am writing today to request up to \$13,000** from the Lodger's Tax Affordable Housing Fund to



Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

US BGN Requesting County Coordination Meeting

Zahniser, Shellie R <srzahniser@usgs.gov>

Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 2:53 PM

To: "jpetersen@bouldercounty.gov" <jpetersen@bouldercounty.gov>, "commissioners@bouldercounty.gov" <commissioners@bouldercounty.gov>, "administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us" <administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, "district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us" <district1@hinsdalecountycolorado.us>, "admin@sanjuancolorado.us" <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>, "jeff.shroll@eaglecounty.us" <jeff.shroll@eaglecounty.us>, "eagleadmin@eaglecounty.us" <eagleadmin@eaglecounty.us>, "jeanne.mcqueeney@eaglecounty.us" <jeanne.mcqueeney@eaglecounty.us>
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Boards of County Commissioners (Boulder, Eagle, Hinsdale, and San Juan),

I am the Executive Secretary for the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and want to reach out on the following matter.

In September of 2024, a proponent submitted an unprecedented 98 proposals for name changes and new names of prominent peaks across the State of Colorado. The Quarterly Review List 458 (attached) contains the first batch of 22 proposals for peaks that are located within the Counties of Boulder, Eagle, Hinsdale, and San Juan.

The BGN staff recognizes that this is a significant lift for all interested parties. Therefore, we would like to coordinate our review process with the counties involved with this first batch to determine the best approach for obtaining local recommendations.

We are requesting to conduct a collective meeting with the elected County leaders, County Administrators, and/or your staff to discuss how you would like to approach the consideration of these proposals. Below is a list of days and times that we are available.

20 March 3:00pm ET/1:00pm MT

21 March 1:00pm ET/11:00am MT to 5:00pm ET/3:00pm MT

26 March 1:00pm ET/11:00am MT

Please let me know soonest which day and time works best and I will follow up with a calendar invite for a MS Teams meeting. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and willingness to assist us in this matter.

Respectfully,

Shellie Zahniser, Ph.D.

BGN Executive Secretary

Domestic Names Committee

Honolulu, HI

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Proposals to name/change names of major summits in Colorado



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Overview of the proposals

- Proponent is a likely Denver resident and submitted 97 proposals for 9 groups of summits with “themed” names
 - changes to commemorative names (stating that features should not be named for people in general)
 - changes to non commemorative names (stating that their names should match the “theme”)
 - new names for unnamed features (including statements why new names in wildernesses should be approved)
- Proponent says that “The proposed names largely stand or fall together, as there’s not much point in adopting one name if the others are not adopted by the Board.”
- 3 groups of peaks will not be considered because at least one of the names was a BGN decision in the last ten years; the BGN will not revisit recent decisions unless an interested party provides new evidence



DNC members instructed staff to first process 22 of them, in 3 groups

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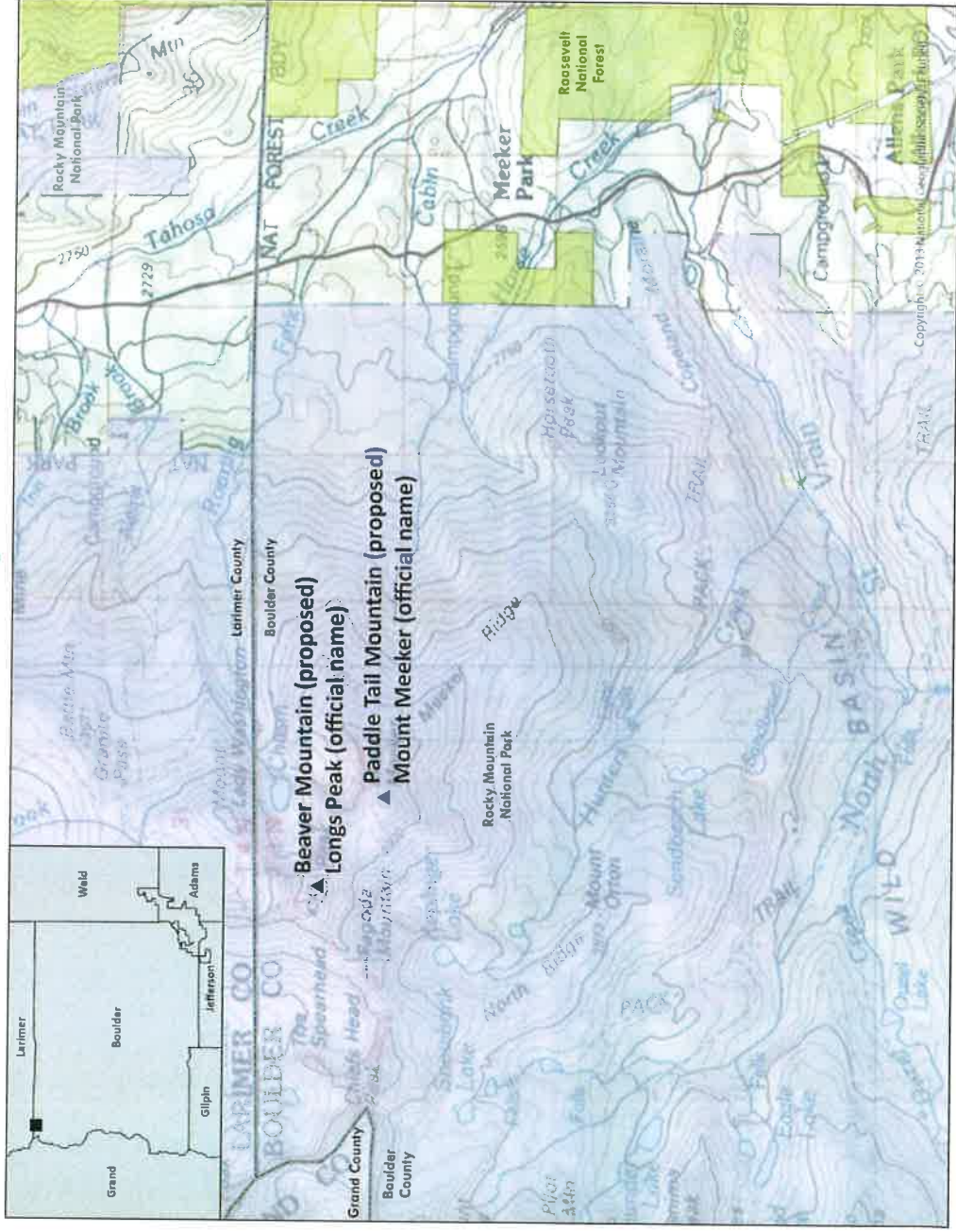
Boulder County: “Longs Peak group”

- Theme: Beavers, based on description in James Michener’s *Centennial* of “an expansive rock formation on the east slopes of Longs Peak that defines a beaver climbing to the summit.”

Current official federal name	Proposed name	14er/13er	County	BGN date	Federal agency
Longs Peak	Beaver Mountain	14er	Boulder	12/31/1890	NPS
Mount Meeker	Paddle Tail Mountain	13er	Boulder	1/1/1911	NPS



Boulder County: "Longs Peak group"



“Handies Peak group”

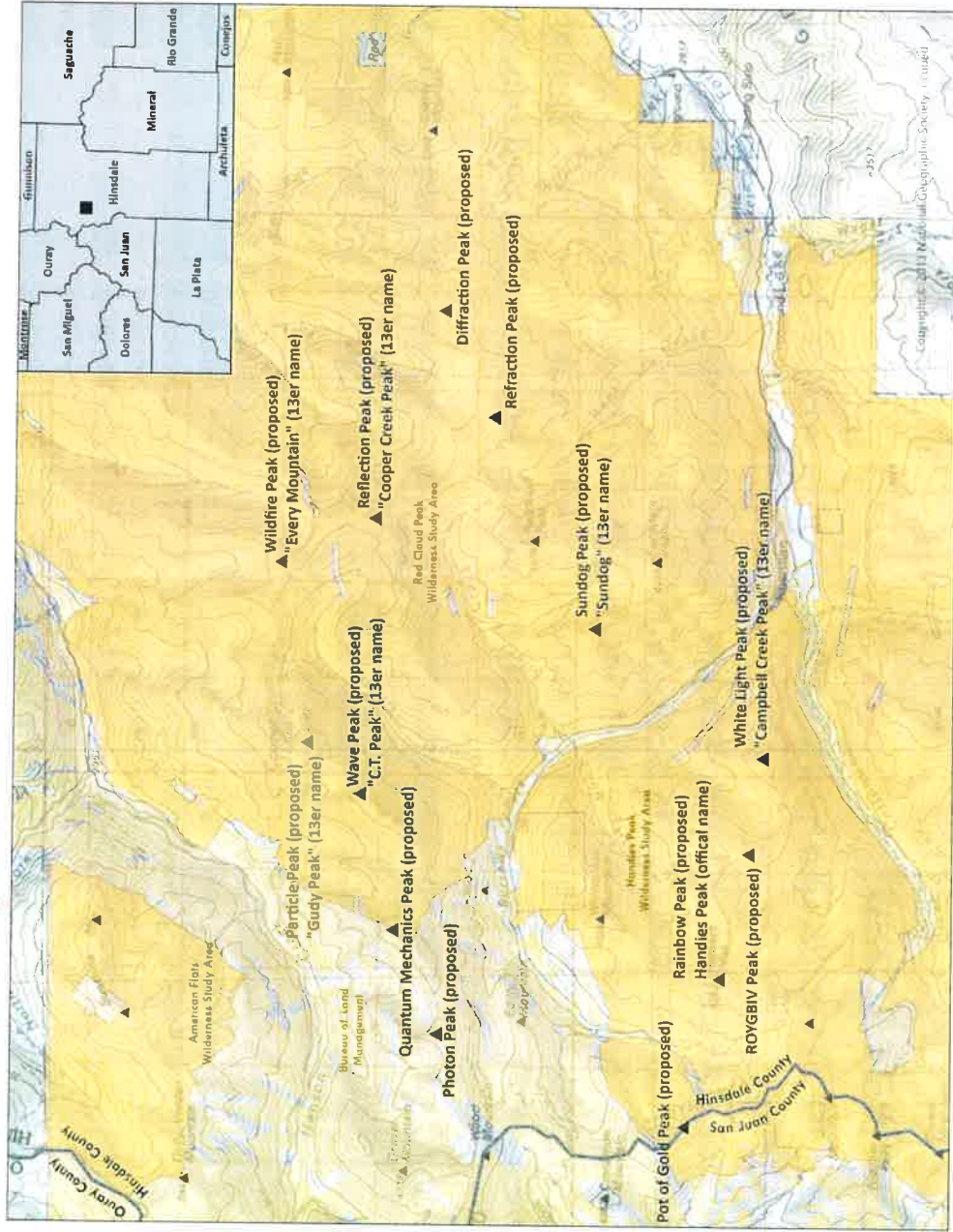
- Theme: “light as established by the names of the nearby peaks Sunlight Peak and Redcloud Peak”
- Wilderness justification: “The BGN policy that disfavors naming features in wilderness areas or wilderness study areas is seemingly based upon the assumption that many proposals will feature the name of an individual. The Proponent agrees..., but the proposed peak names... involve phenomena of light. Peak names that highlight fascinating aspects of nature are consistent with wilderness values and should be encouraged, not thwarted.”

Current official federal name	Current unofficial 13er name	Proposed name	14er/13er	County	BGN date	Federal agency
Handies Peak		Rainbow Peak	14er	Hinsdale		BLM
unnamed		Pot of Gold Peak		Hinsdale, San Juan		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed		ROYGBIV Peak		Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed	“Campbell Creek Peak”	White Light Peak	13er	Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed	“Gudy Peak”	Particle Peak	13er	Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed	“C.T. Peak”	Wave Peak	13er	Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed		Photon Peak		Hinsdale		BLM
unnamed		Quantum Mechanics Peak		Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed		Refraction Peak		Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed	“Cooper Creek Peak”	Reflection Peak	13er	Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed		Diffraction Peak		Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed	“Sundog”	Sundog Peak	13er	Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)
unnamed	“Every Mountain”	Wildfire Peak	13er	Hinsdale		BLM (wilderness)



“Handies Peak group”

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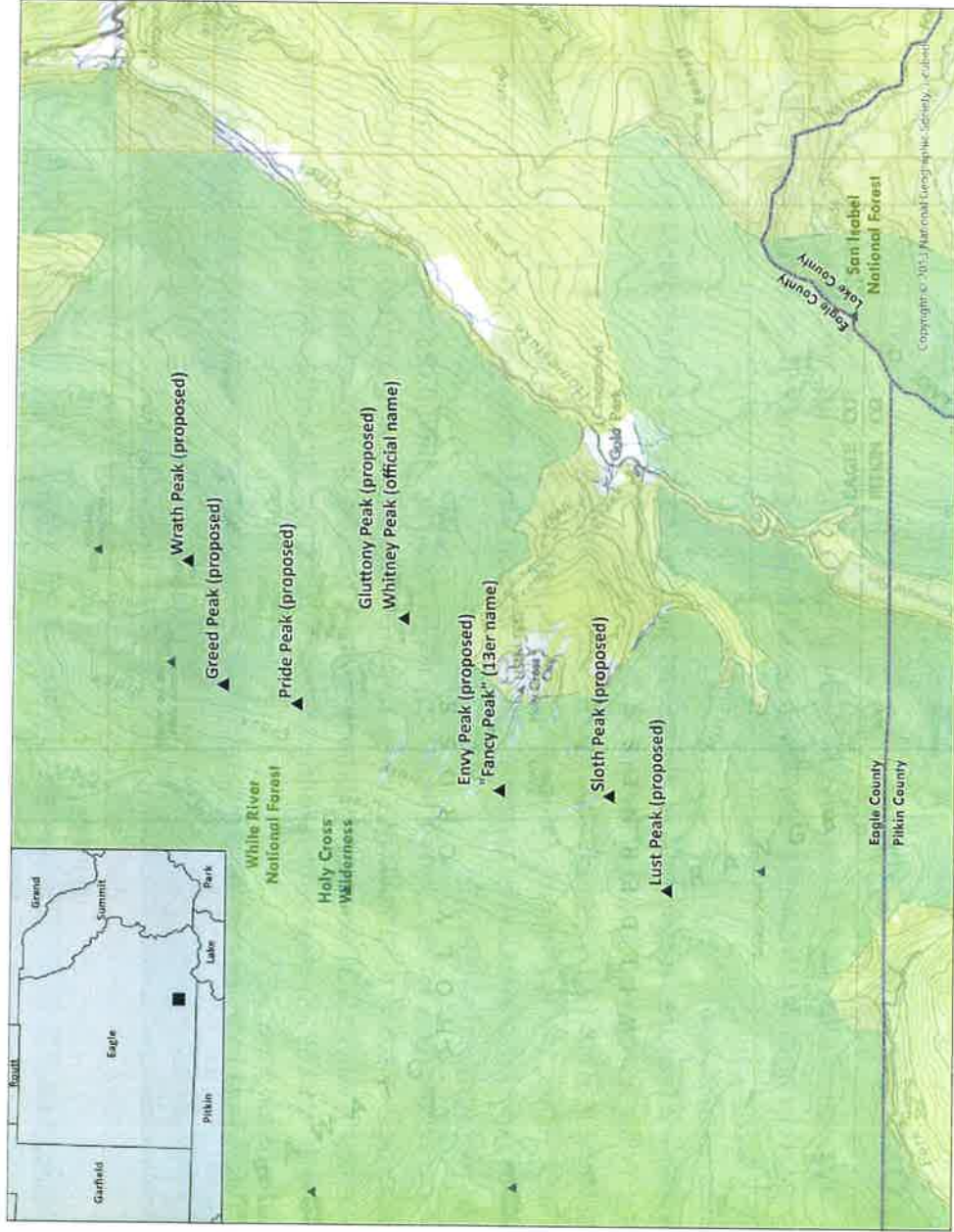
“Holy Cross group”

- Theme: “associated with Mount of the Holy Cross group.... The names are... based on the elevations of the associated peaks and the circumstances that a person may experience in association with the seven deadly sins.”
- Wilderness justification:
 - “Naming a feature...does not directly impact or damage the wilderness resource. Other factors lead to a far greater burden upon the wilderness...”
 - “Naming features after people involves a hint of boastfulness...[which] is incongruous with wilderness values. Thus, the Wilderness Policy has an element of merit. However, [these] names involve human nature, and introspection to become a better person while traveling in the wilderness is harmonious with [wilderness] values...”
 - “[T]he Wilderness Policy... unwittingly speaks to a current failing of naming.... If naming features in wilderness areas is inappropriate, then this prohibition calls into question the general practice of naming features in all circumstances.... [N]aming features based on conceptual themes not only eliminates many of the pitfalls associated with naming features, but properly named features can enhance and promote wilderness values...”

Current	Current unofficial 13er name	Proposed	14er/13er	County	BGN date	Federal agency
unnamed		Lust Peak		Eagle		USFS (wilderness)
unnamed		Sloth Peak		Eagle		USFS (wilderness)
unnamed	Fancy Peak	Envy Peak	13er	Eagle		USFS (wilderness)
unnamed		Wrath Peak		Eagle		USFS (wilderness)
Whitney Peak		Gluttony Peak	13er	Eagle		USFS
unnamed		Pride Peak		Eagle		USFS (wilderness)
unnamed		Greedy Peak		Eagle		USFS (wilderness)



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Thank You! Any questions?

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California Place Names (Erwin G. Gudde and William Bright, 1988) reported the basic information from the 1944 “Knavé” column; the same information was provided in earlier editions of the book.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	El Dorado County Board of Supervisors	
State Names Authority	California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names	
Federal Agency	U.S. Forest Service	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	
	Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California [proponent]	Support
Other	California Department of Parks & Recreation [submitter]	Support

COLORADO

Change Longs Peak to Beaver Mountain and change Mount Meeker to Paddle Tail Mountain

Proposal Information

Proposed names	Beaver Mountain, Paddle Tail Mountain
Proposal type	change names to remove commemoration
Current official name	Longs Peak, Mount Meeker
GNIS ID	204979, 178233
Proponent	D'Arcy Winston Straub; Denver, CO
Date proposed	9/8/2024
BGN case numbers	6412, 6413
Quarterly Review List	458

The proponent submitted several groups of proposals that would affect the names of summits in Colorado. These groups would not only change existing official names but also and apply new names to officially unnamed summits.

The proponent explained the name changes and new names in general with the following statement:

the practice of associating peak names, if not all geographic names, with people. . . is shortsighted, perilous, and captures unsavory aspects of human nature. Instead, peak names should embrace aspects of nature enjoyable by all or themes that capture the human experience and can be appreciated by future generations.

The proponent also believes that groups of summits should all have names that are part of a “theme.”

The proponent’s “theme” for replacement names for Longs Peak and Mount Meeker in Rocky Mountain National Park is the American beaver (*Castor canadensis*). The proponent explained that

In the novel "Centennial," James Michener described an expansive rock formation on the east slopes of Longs Peak that defines a beaver climbing to the summit.

Change Longs Peak to Beaver Mountain

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	40.25486, -105.61623
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 14,256 ft.
Feature description	0.3 mi. SWW of Mills Glacier, 0.5 mi. NE of Pagoda Mountain, 0.8 mi. ESE of Storm Peak.
Name history	Named for a rock formation resembling a beaver climbing to the summit, as described in James Michener’s novel <i>Centennial</i>
USGS primary topo map	Longs Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Boulder County
PLSS	PB 39, T3N, R73W, Sixth Meridian
Land ownership	National Park Service (Rocky Mountain National Park)

BGN decisions

- Longs Peak (BGN 1890)

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - Longs Peak: USGS 1915, 1919, 1961, 1984; USACE 1954, 1957, 1964, 1965; The American Alpine Journal, 1930: Volume 1, Issue 2. American Alpine Club; United States. Government Printing Office. (1916). *United States Congressional Serial Set*. Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office; various online and print media.
 - Highest Peak: Arps, Louisa Ward, & Kingery, Elinor Eppich. (1966). *High Country Names*. Denver: Colorado Mountain Club; The American Alpine Journal, 1930: Volume 1, Issue 2. American Alpine Club.

- Les Deux Oreilles (in part): Arps, Louisa Ward, & Kingery, Elinor Eppich. (1966). *High Country Names*. Denver: Colorado Mountain Club; American Alpine Journal. (1930). The American Alpine Journal, 1930: Volume 1, Issue 2. American Alpine Club
- Long's Peak: US BGN Decision Card
- Nesotaieux (in part): Arps, Louisa Ward, & Kingery, Elinor Eppich. (1966). *High Country Names*. Denver: Colorado Mountain Club; The American Alpine Journal, 1930: Volume 1, Issue 2. American Alpine Club.

Case Summary

This proposal is to rename Longs Peak, a 14,256-foot elevation peak in Rocky Mountain National Park, Boulder County, to Beaver Mountain. Longs Peak was officially named in 1911 by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN). The name has been labeled on USGS Topographic Maps since 1906. Additionally, it is the highest summit in Rocky Mountain National Park (ROMO) and the 15th highest in Colorado, standing at an elevation of 14,256 feet.

The proponent wrote

Longs Peak, the 14,000' peak in Rocky Mountain National Park, is named after the explorer Stephen Long who helped to explore and settle—or conquer and oppress, depending upon one's perspective—the West. Although Stephen Long did not commit the atrocities associated with Governor Evans [a reference to the 2023 renaming of Mount Evans to Mount Blue Sky], Stephen Long does represent an aspect of American history that some may find controversial.

The name of the peak should reflect this astonishing rock formation [described above] as opposed to a historical figure that will have less significance with each passing generation and is associated with a controversial aspect of history.

The proponent provided a [blog link](#) that includes an image of the beaver-like formation.

Change Mount Meeker to Paddle Tail Mountain

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	40.24849, -105.60499
Feature class	Summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,911 ft.
Feature description	1 mi. SE of Longs Peak, 1 mi. E of Pagoda Mountain, within Meeker Ridge.
Name history	Named in association with Beaver Mountain (q.v.), referencing a beaver's tail and a beaver-like rock formation on Beaver Mountain
USGS primary topo map	Handies Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado

County(s)	Boulder County
PLSS	Sec 8, T3N, R73W, Sixth Meridian
Land ownership	National Park Service (Rocky Mountain National Park)

BGN decisions

- o Mount Meeker (BGN 1911)

Other Names

- o Unpublished names: None found
- o Published names:
 - o Mount Meeker: USGS 1915, 1919, 1957, 1984; United States. Government Printing Office. *United States Congressional Serial Set.*, 1916; various online and print media.

Case Summary

This proposal is to rename Mount Meeker, a 13,911-foot elevation summit in Rocky Mountain National Park, Boulder County, to Paddle Tail Mountain. Mount Meeker has been labeled on USGS topographic maps since 1915. Mount Meeker was officially named in 1911 by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN). The recorded decision referenced local usage and other authorities.

The proponent wrote

Mount Meeker is named for Nathan Meeker who in 1878 became a U.S. Indian agent in Colorado. In 1879, Meeker lost his life during the Meeker Massacre, an attack by a band of Ute Indians that resulted in the death of an additional 13 U.S. troops and the kidnapping of Meeker's wife and daughter.

While the renaming of Mount Evans brought to light the Sand Creek Massacre, the Meeker Massacre represents the other side of side of man's inhumanity to man.

Mount Meeker should be renamed because better avenues exist to memorialize the difficult aspects of human history. Renaming Mount Meeker to Paddle Tail Mountain is consistent with the renaming of Longs Peak to Beaver Mountain.

Local government	Boulder County Board of Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Colorado Geographic Names Advisory Board	
Federal Agency	National Park Service	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

Change Whitney Peak to Gluttony Peak, and new names Envy Peak, Greed Peak, Lust Peak, Pride Peak, Sloth Peak, and Wrath Peak

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Gluttony Peak
Proposal type	change names to remove commemoration
Current official name	Whitney Peak
GNIS ID	179528
Proponent	D'Arcy Winston Straub; Denver, CO
Date proposed	9/8/2024
BGN case numbers	6431
Quarterly Review List	458

Proposal Information

Proposed names	Envy Peak, Greed Peak, Lust Peak, Pride Peak, Sloth Peak, Wrath Peak
Proposal type	new names for unnamed features
Proponent	D'Arcy Winston Straub; Denver, CO
Date proposed	9/8/2024
BGN case numbers	6427, 6428, 6429, 6430, 6432, 6433
Quarterly Review List	458

The proponent submitted several groups of proposals that would affect the names of summits in Colorado. These groups would not only change existing official names but also and apply new names to officially unnamed summits.

The proponent explained the name changes and new names in general with the following statement:

the practice of associating peak names, if not all geographic names, with people. . . is shortsighted, perilous, and captures unsavory aspects of human nature. Instead, peak names should embrace aspects of nature enjoyable by all or themes that capture the human experience and can be appreciated by future generations.

The proponent also believes that groups of summits should all have names that are part of a "theme."

The proponent's "theme" for a replacement names for Whitney Peak and six associated new names is "the seven deadly sins (or cardinal sins) of sloth, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, pride, and greed." The summits are along or near the Holy Cross Ridge, named for the ridge's highest point, Mount of the Holy Cross (a 1947 BGN decision). The proponent explained the theme by the following statement:

In the opinion of the Proponent, Christianity is based upon Jesus dying on the cross for the sins of humanity. In contrast to the Ten Commandments, which are Biblically based, the cardinal sins are not Biblically based. Rather, Pope Gregory I enumerated the seven deadly sins around 600 A.D., and although a relationship exists between the papacy and Christianity, the seven deadly sins extend beyond Christianity and are applicable to humanity as a whole.

The seven proposed names are Sloth Peak, Envy Peak, Wrath Peak, Lust Peak, Gluttony Peak, Pride Peak, and Greed Peak. The names are chosen based on the elevations of the associated peaks and the circumstances that a person may experience in association with the seven deadly sins.

The proponent chose names based on the summits' elevations and their own interpretation of the severity of the seven deadly sins. From shortest to tallest, the proponent explained the choices:

- “The peak with the proposed name of Lust Peak is the lowest peak. Although the common definition of lust is a sexual desire, a more generic definition of lust is an intense longing. Based upon the latter definition, Lust Peak is a suitable name because the lower peak lusts for more elevation.”
- “The peak with the proposed name of Sloth Peak is the second lowest peak and follows a possible progression of human emotions. After developing a lust to obtain more, sloth leads one to ultimately possess less than others.”
- “The peak with the proposed name of Envy Peak is the third lowest peak because envy follows sloth in the possible progression of human emotions. After sloth leads to possessing less than others, envy develops because others have more.”
- “The peak with the proposed name of Wrath Peak is the fourth lowest peak because wrath follows sloth and envy in the possible progression of human emotions. After sloth leads to possessing less than others and envy follows, anger develops because others have more.”
- “The peak with the proposed name of Gluttony Peak is the third highest peak because the higher elevation correlates with over consumption. Perhaps Gluttony Peak could be the highest peak, but pride and greed injure others to a greater extent than gluttony, which primarily harms oneself.”
- “The peak with the proposed name of Pride Peak is the second highest peak that mirrors people's sense of pride when they have achieved more than others. Other aspects of pride that relate to arrogance are presented with the proposed name for Greed Peak.”
- “Greed Peak possesses the highest elevation of the ‘sinful group’ to symbolize the selfish pursuit of material possessions without consideration to the needs of others. Assigning the highest elevation to Greed Peak is appropriate because greed is the most pernicious of the seven deadly sins, as it leads to the greatest amount of human suffering. . . . The Proponent suggests these peak names will always be relevant so long as humans populate the Earth.”

These features are located in Eagle County and in the Holy Cross Wilderness in the White River National Forest. The DNC's [Wilderness Area Geographic Names Policy](#) states that “The BGN will not approve proposed names for unnamed features within wilderness areas, including unpublished names in local use, unless an overriding need can be demonstrated

by the proponent.” The proponent believes that the following statement demonstrates the “overriding need”:

Naming a feature, which amounts to placing a name on a physical map or digital representation [sic] thereof, does not directly impact or damage the wilderness resource. Other factors lead to a far greater burden upon the wilderness resource than a name upon a map.

Naming features after people involves a hint of boastfulness, and the Proponent advances that such boastfulness is incongruous with wilderness values. Thus, the Wilderness Policy has an element of merit. However, the Proponent's proposed names involve human nature, and introspection to become a better person while traveling in the wilderness is harmonious with the values associated with seeking solitude in a wilderness area.

Finally, the Wilderness Policy for not naming wilderness features unwittingly speaks to a current failing of naming geographic features. If naming features in wilderness areas is inappropriate, then this prohibition calls into question the general practice of naming features in all circumstances. The Proponent suggests that naming features based on conceptual themes not only eliminates many of the pitfalls associated with naming features, but properly named features can enhance and promote wilderness values, whether such features reside in legally defined wilderness areas or not.

Change Whitney Peak to Gluttony Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.43272, -106.47294
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,286 ft
Feature description	3.15 mi. SSW of Notch Mountain, 2.8 mi. ESE of Middle Mountain, E of the Holy Cross Ridge.
Name history	references gluttony, one of the seven deadly sins
USGS primary topo map	Mount of the Holy Cross 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Eagle County
PLSS	Sec. 17, T7S, R81W, Sixth Principal Meridian
Land ownership	U.S. Forest Service (White River National Forest/Holy Cross Wilderness)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found

- Published names: Whitney Peak: USGS 1889, 1891, 1949, 1951, 1957, 1970, 1983; USACE 1942, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1964

Case Summary

This proposal is to change the name of Whitney Peak, a 13,271-foot peak as Gluttony Peak. The summit is located in Eagle County and in the Holy Cross Wilderness in the White River National Forest.

The peak has been labeled as Whitney Peak on USGS topographic maps since 1889. The summit is named for Josiah Dwight Whitney (1819–1896), a prominent American geologist, professor, and author.

Envy Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.41858, -106.50545
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,786 ft
Feature description	Within the Holy Cross Range, 1.96 mi. SW of Whitney Peak, 2.8 mi. NNE of Savage Peak.
Name history	references envy, one of the seven deadly sins
USGS primary topo map	Mount Jackson 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Eagle County
PLSS	UP 24, T7S, R82W, Sixth Principal Meridian
Land ownership	U.S. Forest Service (White River NF/Holy Cross Wilderness)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - Fancy Peak: mountaineering websites

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,192-foot summit as Envy Peak. The summit is located in Eagle County and in the Holy Cross Wilderness in the White River National Forest.

The summit is called Fancy Peak on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Greed Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.45895, -106.48587
Feature class	Summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,443 ft
Feature description	Within the Holy Cross Ridge, 0.5 mi. SWW of Mount of the Holy Cross, 0.8 mi. NW of Tuhare Lakes.
Name history	references greed, one of the seven deadly sins
USGS primary topo map	Mount Jackson 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Eagle County
PLSS	Sec. 7, T7S, R81W, Sixth Principal Meridian
Land ownership	U.S. Forest Service (White River NF/Holy Cross Wilderness)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,443-foot summit as Geed Peak. The summit is located in Eagle County and in the Holy Cross Wilderness in the White River National Forest.

Lust Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.39407, -106.5241
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,002 ft
Feature description	1 mi. NWW of Savage Peak, 0.8 mi. W of Missouri Lakes, 1 mi. SE of Blodgett Lake.
Name history	references lust, one of the seven deadly sins
USGS primary topo map	Mount Jackson 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Eagle County
PLSS	UP 35, T7S, R82W, Sixth Principal Meridian
Land ownership	U.S. Forest Service (White River NF/Holy Cross Wilderness)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,002-foot summit as Lust Peak. The summit is located in Eagle County and in the Holy Cross Wilderness in the White River National Forest.

Pride Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.44821, -106.48935
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,768
Feature description	Within the Holy Cross Range, adjacently W of Tuhare Lakes, 1.4 mi. NE of Whitney Peak.
Name history	references pride, one of the seven deadly sins
USGS primary topo map	Mount Jackson 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Eagle County
PLSS	Sec 7, T7S R81W, Sixth Principal Meridian
Land ownership	U.S. Forest Service (White River NF/Holy Cross Wilderness)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,768-foot summit as Pride Peak. The summit is located in Eagle County and in the Holy Cross Wilderness in the White River National Forest.

The summit is called UN 13786 on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Sloth Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.40263, -106.50634
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 12,940 ft

Feature description	0.5 mi. NNE of Missouri Lakes, 2.6 mi. SW of Whitney Peak.
Name history	references sloth, one of the seven deadly sins
USGS primary topo map	Mount Jackson 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Eagle County
PLSS	UP 36, T7S R82W, Sixth Principal Meridian
Land ownership	U.S. Forest Service (White River NF/Holy Cross Wilderness)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,940 -foot summit as Sloth Peak. The summit is located in Eagle County and in the Holy Cross Wilderness in the White River National Forest.

Wrath Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.46431, -106.46238
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,248 ft
Feature description	0.4 mi. W of Bowl of Tears, 0.9 mi. SSW of Notch Mountain, E of Holy Cross Ridge.
Name history	references envy, one of the seven deadly sins
USGS primary topo map	Mount of the Holy Cross 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Eagle County
PLSS	Sec 5, T7S, R81W, Sixth Principal Meridian
Land ownership	U.S. Forest Service (White River NF/Holy Cross Wilderness)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,248 -foot summit as Wrath Peak. The summit is located in Eagle County and in the Holy Cross Wilderness in the White River National Forest.

The summit is called UN 13253 on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Local government	Eagle County Board of Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Colorado Geographic Names Advisory Board	
Federal Agency	U.S. Forest Service	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

Change Handies Peak to Rainbow Peak, and new names Diffraction Peak, Particle Peak, Photon Peak, Pot of Gold Peak, Quantum Mechanics Peak, Reflection Peak, Refraction Peak, ROYGBIV Peak, Sundog Peak, Wave Peak, White Light Peak, Wildfire Peak

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Rainbow Peak
Proposal type	change names to remove commemoration
Current official name	Handies Peak
GNIS ID	187404
Proponent	D'Arcy Winston Straub; Denver, CO
Date proposed	9/8/2024
BGN case numbers	6414
Quarterly Review List	458

Proposal Information

Proposed names	Diffraction Peak, Particle Peak, Photon Peak, Pot of Gold Peak, Quantum Mechanics Peak, Reflection Peak, Refraction Peak, ROYGBIV Peak, Sundog Peak, Wave Peak, White Light Peak, Wildfire Peak
Proposal type	new names for unnamed features
Proponent	D'Arcy Winston Straub; Denver, CO
Date proposed	9/8/2024
BGN case numbers	6415-6426
Quarterly Review List	458

The proponent submitted several groups of proposals that would affect the names of summits in Colorado. These groups would not only change existing official names but also and apply new names to officially unnamed summits.

The proponent explained the name changes and new names in general with the following statement:

the practice of associating peak names, if not all geographic names, with people. . . is shortsighted, perilous, and captures unsavory aspects of human nature. Instead, peak names should embrace aspects of nature enjoyable by all or themes that capture the human experience and can be appreciated by future generations.

The proponent also believes that groups of summits should all have names that are part of a “theme.”

The proponent’s “theme” for a replacement names for Handies Peak and twelve associated new names is “the theme of light as established by the names of the nearby peaks Sunlight Peak and Redcloud Peak.”

These features are located in Hinsdale County; one is also located in San Juan County. Eleven of the new names are for features in Bureau of Land Management wilderness study areas.

The DNC’s [Wilderness Area Geographic Names Policy](#) states that “The BGN will not approve proposed names for unnamed features within wilderness areas, including unpublished names in local use, unless an overriding need can be demonstrated by the proponent.” This policy also applies to wilderness study areas and proposed wildernesses. The proponent believes that the following statement demonstrates the “overriding need”:

The BGN policy that disfavors naming features in wilderness areas or wilderness study areas is seemingly based upon the assumption that many proposals will feature the name of an individual. The Proponent agrees with this policy, but the proposed peak names in the Handies Peak group involve phenomena of light. Peak names that highlight fascinating aspects of nature are consistent with wilderness values and should be encouraged, not thwarted.

Change Handies Peak to Rainbow Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.91296, -107.50444
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 14,049 ft
Feature description	Overlooks Lake Fork to the W, 1.4 mi. SW of Whitecross Mountain, 1 mi. NE of American Peak,

Name history	Named for an arced band of rock on the peak's east face, resembling a rainbow.
USGS primary topo map	Handies Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	UP 10, T42N, R6W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Handies Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - Handies Peak: USGS 1897, 1901, 1955, 1982; USACE 1945, 1953, 1954, 1961, 1966; *Bulletin - United States Geological Survey*. Washington, The Survey, 1883. various online and print media)

Case Summary

This proposal is to rename Handies Peak, a 14,049-foot peak in Hinsdale County as Rainbow Peak. Handies Peak is located on Bureau of Land Management land.

Handies Peak has been labeled on USGS Topographic Maps since 1897. The name appears in an 1882 Bulletin published by USGS.

The proponent states, "An arced band of rock traverses across the peak's east face like a rainbow and provides the basis for the proposed name."

Diffraction Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.95459, -107.37822
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,248 ft.
Feature description	1.9 mi. W of Grassy Mountain, 2.6 mi. NE of Redcloud Peak,
Name history	Refers to light spreading out when passing through narrow apertures.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 26, T43N, R5W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,811-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Diffraction Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: "Diffraction is the spreading out of light as it passes through a narrow aperture, another fascinating property of light."

The summit is called UN 13820 on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Particle Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.97461, -107.46047
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,566 ft.
Feature description	0.4 mi. SW of Cooper Lake, 3.4 mi. SE of Sunshine Mountain, 3.5 mi. NE of Whitecross Mountain.
Name history	Refers to light's behavior as particles under quantum mechanics.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 19, T43N, R5W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - Gudy Peak: mountaineering websites

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,566-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Particle Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: "Under the theory of quantum mechanics, light behaves both as a particle and a wave, and this name reflects this duality."

The summit is called Gudy Peak on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Photon Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.95504, -107.51524
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,427 ft.
Feature description	0.9 mi. NNW of Edith Mountain, 1.5 mi. SWW of Gravel Mountain, overlooks Schafer Basin and Cleveland Gulch.
Name history	Named for photons, the quantum particles of light.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 27, T43N, R6W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,427-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Photon Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land.

The proponent states: "Under the theory of quantum mechanics photons (or light) behave both as a particle and a wave, and the proposed peak name is consistent with the proposed names of Particle Peak and Wave Peak."

The summit is called UN 13403 on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Pot of Gold Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.91812, -107.53231
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,535 ft.
Feature description	1.1-mi. SE of Cinnamon Mountain, 1.7 mi. NW of American Peak, 2.3 mi. SWW of Whitecross Mountain.
Name history	Reflects the expression of finding a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.
USGS primary topo map	Handies Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	San Juan County/Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 9, T42N, R6W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Handies Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,535-foot summit in Hinsdale County and San Juan County as Pot of Gold Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Handies Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: “The proposed name captures the expression of finding a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.”

The summit is called UN 13549 on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Quantum Mechanics Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.96162, -107.49574
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,477 ft.
Feature description	1.6 mi. NNE of Edith Mountain, 2.9 mi. S of Sunshine Mountain, 2.5 mi. ENE of Gravel Mountain.
Name history	Highlights the branch of physics describing light’s atomic and subatomic behavior.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado

County(s) Hinsdale County
PLSS Sec 26, T43N, R6W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,477-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Quantum Mechanics Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: "Quantum mechanics is the branch of physics that describes the behavior of light and matter at atomic and subatomic levels. This name reflects that scientific wonder."

The summit is called UN 13544 on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Reflection Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.96471, -107.41771
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,688 ft
Feature description	1.7 mi. ENE of Redcloud Peak, 4.7 mi. WWS of Red Mountain, 5 mi. SE of Sunshine Mountain.
Name history	Represents light bouncing off surfaces, such as mirrors.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 21, T43N, R5W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names:

- Published names:
 - Cooper Creek Peak: mountaineering websites

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,688-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Reflection Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: “Reflection is the bouncing of light off surfaces, such as mirrors, a fundamental phenomenon in optics.”

The summit is called Cooper Creek Peak on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Refraction Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.94714, -107.39827
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,832 ft.
Feature description	1.4 mi. ESE of Redcloud Peak, 3 mi. WSW of Gravel Mountain, 3.8 mi. NW of Castle Lakes.
Name history	Refers to the bending of light when passing through different media.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 34, T43N, R5W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,832-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Refraction Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: “Refraction is the bending of light as it passes from one medium to another, such as air to water.”

The summit is called [UN 13838](#) on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

ROYGBIV Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.90876, -107.48087
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,795 ft.
Feature description	1.3 mi. WSW of Handies Peak, 1.7 mi. SSE of Whitecross Mountain, 3.2 mi. ESE of Sunshine Peak.
Name history	Named for the acronym representing the colors of the visible spectrum.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 12, T42N, R6W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Handies Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,795-foot summit in Hinsdale County as [ROYGBIV Peak](#). The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Handies Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: “The proposed name of ROYGBIV, which represents the fictitious name of Roy G. Biv, is an acronym for the colors of Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet, which represents the spectrum of white light and the colors of a rainbow.”

The summit is called [UN 13801](#) on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Sundog Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.93184, -107.43824
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,432 ft.

Feature description	1 mi. SW of Redcloud Peak, 0.9 mi. NW of Sunshine Peak, 3 mi. E of Whitecross Mountain.
Name history	Named for an atmospheric phenomenon where bright spots appear near the sun.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	0.9 mi. NW of Sunshine Peak, 1.1 mi. SE of Redcloud Peak, 3 mi. E of Whitecross Mountain.
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found
 - Sundog: mountaineering websites

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,432-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Sundog Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: “A sun dog [sic] is an atmospheric optical phenomenon where bright spots flank the sun, creating a halo-like effect. . . . The proposed name is informally used by at least climbers of high Colorado peaks.”

The summit is called Sundog on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Wave Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.96655, -107.47011
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,312 ft.
Feature description	1.2 mi. SW of Cooper Lake, 2.9 mi. NE of Edith Mountain, overlooks Cooper Creek.
Name history	Represents light’s behavior as waves under quantum mechanics.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County

PLSS Sec 24, T43N, R6W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - C.T. Peak: mountaineering websites

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,312-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Wave Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: "Under the theory of quantum mechanics, light behaves both as a particle and a wave, and the proposed peak name captures this intriguing aspect of nature."

The summit is called C.T. Peak on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

White Light Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.90673, -107.46259
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,454 ft.
Feature description	2.4 mi. SE of Whitecross Mountain, 2.9 mi. NNE of Half Peak, overlooks Cottonwood Creek and Campbell Creek.
Name history	Represents white light as a combination of all colors in the visible spectrum.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 7, T42N, R5W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Handies Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found

- Published names:
 - Campbell Creek Peak: mountaineering websites

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,454-foot summit in Hinsdale County as ROYGBIV Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Handies Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: “Given [the proposed names of Rainbow Peak for Handies and ROYGBIV of a neighboring peak] White Light is the combination of all the colors of the visible spectrum—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet—and the source of the rainbow.”

The summit is called Campbell Creek Peak on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Wildfire Peak

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	37.97858, -107.42612
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation 13,312 ft.
Feature description	1.5 mi. E of Cooper Lake, 5 mi. W of Red Mountain, 2.6 mi. NNW of Redcloud Peak.
Name history	Inspired by red clouds formed when sunlight interacts with forest fire smoke.
USGS primary topo map	Redcloud Peak 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Hinsdale County
PLSS	Sec 16, T43N, R5W, New Mexico Meridian
Land ownership	Bureau of Land Management (Gunnison Field Office/Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - Every Mountain: mountaineering websites

Case Summary

This proposal is to name an officially unnamed 13,691-foot summit in Hinsdale County as Wildfire Peak. The summit is on Bureau of Land Management land and in the Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area.

The proponent states: “The name is inspired by the red clouds created when sunlight interacts with forest fire smoke, symbolizing the interplay of light and nature. This peak neighbors the peak with the proposed name of Reflection Peak, which primarily encompasses the phenomenon of light bouncing off of objects. The proposed names of Reflection Peak and Wildfire Peak also embrace the reflection humanity should undertake with respect to the fragility of planet Earth.”

The summit is called Every Mountain on 14ers.com and climb13ers.com.

Local government	Hinsdale County Board of Commissioners	
	San Juan County Board of Commissioners [Pot of Gold Peak only]	
State Names Authority	Colorado Geographic Names Advisory Board	
Federal Agency	Bureau of Land Management	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

IOWA

New name Lincoln Gate Creek

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Lincoln Gate Creek
Proposal type	new name for unnamed feature
Proponent	4-H Enterprisers Club; Riverside, IA
Date proposed	11/14/2024
Submitter	Kate Giannini, Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District
Date submitted	11/14/2024
BGN case number	6390
Quarterly Review List	458

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	41.475144, -91.565142
Secondary coordinates	41.503763, -91.585391
Feature class	stream
Feature size	3.1 mi. long
Feature description	Heads 15 mi. ENE of the City of Washington, flows generally SE into the English River



Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

SJC CAG Representative Opening

1 message

mul98ppy@yahoo.com <mul98ppy@yahoo.com>

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 11:15 AM

To: Administrator@sanjuancolorado.us

Cc: BPMD@sanjuancolorado.us, Anthony Edwards <anthony@sholleredwards.com>

Dear San Juan County Commissioners and Administrator Tookey,

I'm requesting your consideration for appointment to serve as San Juan County's representative on the BPMD CAG. I have a BSc in geological engineering and a MS in geology from the Colorado School of Mines, over four decades of experience in the mining industry, and am a Certified Professional Geologist. Much of my professional experience is in geologic environments similar to the Silverton area. In addition, I have maintained relationships with locals for over three decades and have watched San Juan County change from a mining-based economy to a tourism-based economy. If appointed I will seek to meet the needs and outcomes which are best for San Juan County as remedial solutions are chosen. My particular emphasis would be on practical science-based outcomes and historical preservation as the EPA advances their program.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your service.

Ken

Ken Balleweg, MSc, CPG

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From: San Juan County Land Use/ Planning Department <darciensanjuancountywa.gov@usa.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 12:14 AM
To: George Riley <GeorgeR@rileyindustrial.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Settlement of Invoice for Boundary Adjustment & Plat Amendment – [4728 County Road 2, San Juan County](#)

San Juan County Land Use/ Planning Department
[135 Rhone Street](#)
[Friday Harbor, WA 98250](#)

Dear Mr. Riley,

I hope you are doing well.

I am reaching out regarding the **outstanding County Compensation Fee** associated with your **Boundary Adjustment Application for Lots 1 and 2 of the Cole Ranch Subdivision**, the **Cole Ranch Subdivision Plat Amendment**, and your **Sketch Plan Improvement Permit Application for a Fence Extension** at [4728 County Road 2, San Juan County, CO](#).

Your application has been **reviewed and recommended for approval by county staff**; however, in order to **finalize and streamline the approval process**, the **attached invoice for the County Compensation Fee must be settled promptly**.

Application Overview

- **Applicant:** George Riley
- **Property Owner:** George and Anna Riley Revocable Trust
- **Project Name:** Cole Ranch Subdivision Plat Amendment & Fence Extension
- **Property Address:** [4728 County Road 2, San Juan County, CO](#)
- **Status:** Recommended for approval, pending payment of required fees

Importance of the Application Review & Approval Fee

This **mandatory compensation fee** is essential to ensuring a thorough and efficient review process, covering:

- ✓ **Application Management & Processing** – Verifying compliance with county zoning and land use regulations.
- ✓ **Site Visits & Inspections** – Assessing property boundaries, proposed improvements, and environmental considerations.
- ✓ **Public Hearings & Legal Notices** – Facilitating community input and ensuring legal compliance.
- ✓ **Administrative & Technological Maintenance** – Supporting the review and documentation process.
- ✓ **Infrastructure & Land Use Evaluations** – Ensuring proposed changes align with county planning requirements.

Next Steps to Finalize Your Application

- Reply to this email** to request wire transfer instructions for the invoice.
- Complete the wire transfer** as soon as possible to prevent any processing delays.
- Email the payment receipt** for confirmation and to update the official records.



Important: All correspondence related to this application **must be conducted via email** to ensure proper auditing and inclusion in the official agenda.

Since your **application has been recommended for approval**, we strongly urge you to **settle this invoice promptly** to avoid any unnecessary delays in the finalization of your request.

Please confirm receipt of this email and feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We appreciate your timely attention to this matter and look forward to assisting you through the process.

Best regards,

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Land Use/Planning Manager

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