

UPDATED 2.1.24 – Federal land unit names highlighted below in yellow were moved forward for recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior by consensus vote during the Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Name’s meeting on November 16, 2023. The Committee recommends those names moved forward as potentially derogatory Federal land unit names that require engagement and input from appropriate Tribal, State and local governments, affected Federal agencies and departments, and local communities to make a determination on whether a replacement name is needed.

*****PRE-DECISIONAL*****

Draft list of potentially derogatory Federal land unit names, as approved by the Federal Land Unit Names Subcommittee for submission to the Federal Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names. Public comment can be submitted to reconciliation_committee@nps.gov or (202) 354-2220.

Bureau of Land Management (www.blm.gov)

Piute Creek, CA [due to the misspelling of Paiute, as many Tribal names have historically been misspelled or mispronounced in their Anglicization]

National Park Service (www.nps.gov)

Devils Tower National Monument, WY [due to the historically derogatory association of the term devil with Native Americans]

Fish and Wildlife (www.fws.gov)

Bayou Sauvage, LA [due to the word sauvage, or savage, and its historically derogatory association with Native Americans]

Bureau of Reclamation (www.usbr.gov)

Senator Wash-Sq___ Lake Dike, CA [due to the derogatory term sq---]

Dead Indian Creek Diversion, OR [due to the derogatory implications toward Native Americans]

Forest Service (www.fs.usda.gov)

Deadman Bar Recreation Area, ID [due to derogatory implications toward an individual or group]

Deadman Creek Research Natural Area, CO

Devils Backbone Wilderness, MO [due to the historically derogatory association of the term devil with Native Americans]

Devil’s Basin Research Natural Area, CA

Devil’s Garden Research Natural Area, CA

Devil’s Garden Ranger District, CA

Devil’s Rock-Hosselkus Research Natural Area, CA

Devils Staircase Wilderness, OR

Hell Canyon Ranger District, SD, WY [due to the historically derogatory association of hell and devil]

imagery with Native Americans]

Hell Hole Wilderness Study Area, AZ, NM

Hell Hole Bay Wilderness, SC

Hells Canyon Wilderness, ID, WA

Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, ID, WA, OR

Hells Canyon Wilderness, ID, OR

Hells Canyon-Seven Devils Scenic Area, OR

Hellsgate Wilderness, AZ

Jackass Ridge Snowmobile National Recreation Trail, ID [due to the potentially derogatory term jackass]

Savage Run Wilderness, WY [due to the word savage and its historically derogatory association with Native Americans]