

## Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Summary

### Propose New or Change Name

Name Proposal ID:	8676
Date Created:	01-MAR-15
Date Submitted:	01-MAR-15
Proposed Name:	Princess Peak
Action Requested:	Name an unnamed feature
Existing Name:	-
Unnamed Evidence:	This is a minor point in between two more prominent and higher named peaks. Reviewing the site; <a href="http://viewer.nationalmap.gov/viewer/">http://viewer.nationalmap.gov/viewer/</a> , this minor point is unnamed.
Locally Used:	Yes
Locally Used Years:	25
Local Conflict:	No
Local Conflict Detail:	-
Additional Details:	-

### Feature Information

GNIS Feature ID:	-
Feature class:	UNKNOWN
Descriptive information:	Mountain peak, approximately 2820 feet elevation, wooded, is lower in elevation when compared to others in the near vicinity. London Peak, elevation 2844 feet is approximately .265 miles northeast of the proposed peak; Malone Peak, elevation 2933 feet, is approximately 1.192 miles west of the proposed peak.
Meaning or significance:	From the valley that Wolf Creek goes down to the north, this minor point becomes a prominent feature in the skyline between London and Malone Peaks. The two taller peaks with the shorter one between them resemble a King, a Queen, and a Princess, hence the local nickname Princess Peak.
Commemorative:	No
Biographical information:	-
Supporting materials:	No

### Supporting Materials

No information entered.

### States and Counties

State Name	County Name
Oregon	Josephine

### Geographic Coordinates

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec	Long Deg	Min	Sec	Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Map	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.672245	-123.409939	-

### Administrative Areas

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
Bureau of Land Management Area	Grants Pass Resource Area	Medford District

### Maps and Documents with Name

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Other	Proposed name is a local name given to a minor point on the skyline	1990

### Other (Variant) Names and Their Source

No information entered.

### Authorities

Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Occupation	Years
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**Submitters and/or Preparers**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Physical Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Title</b>
BOTH	Schilberg	Daniel	5416599547	drschi1berg@gmail.com	1600 Lower Wolf Creek Road	Wolf Creek	Oregon	97497	-	-

DGNP Guest



Bruce Fisher <bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com>

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## Fwd: BGN Proposal #: 8676 - Princess Peak, Oregon

5 messages

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**BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC** <bgnexec@usgs.gov>

Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 11:46 AM

To: drschilberg@gmail.com

Cc: Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>, Phil and Kay Cogswell <kpcogs@comcast.net>, Bruce Fisher <bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com>, Brian Mueller <bmueller@blm.gov>, Corey Plank <cplank@blm.gov>

Dear Mr. Schilberg:

This acknowledges receipt of your proposal to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, to make official the name Princess Peak for a summit in Josephine County. The Board is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the Federal government, and its members must approve any new name before it can appear on Federal maps and products. We will prepare a case brief for the proposal and add it to the Board's next Quarterly Review List for consideration by all interested parties.

Local acceptance of any name is important to the Board, so by a copy of this response, we are forwarding the proposal to the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB) for its review and recommendation. As part of its research, the OGNB will ask the Josephine County government to review and comment on the name. In accordance with the Board's policy regarding tribal consultation, the OGNB will also ask any American Indian tribe that might have an interest in the area whether it wishes to comment.

You indicate in the application that the summit is on BLM land. While Section 28, in which the majority of the summit is located, is on State land, the edge of the ridgeline and the trail leading to the summit are on BLM land, and so we are asking the BLM's representatives to the U.S. Board and the OGNB if their agency has a recommendation on the name. If you would like to solicit additional support from individuals or groups familiar with the area, we would welcome that for the file. Our contact information is provided below.

Incidentally, you note that the name Princess Peak has been used locally for 25 years. If you can provide any maps, documents, or other evidence, even informal, that corroborates local usage, we will include that in the case file.

Once our research is complete and all interested parties have had an opportunity to comment, we will present the proposal for Princess Peak to the U.S. Board for discussion and a decision. In the meantime, the OGNB may contact you directly to discuss the State's review process. It is likely to be several months before the U.S. Board renders its decision but we will notify you in writing as soon as the outcome is known.

Thank you for your interest in the geographic names of Oregon. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,  
Jennifer Runyon, research staff  
For Lou Yost, Executive Secretary  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey, Geographic Names Office  
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From: <BGNEXEC@usgs.gov>







Bruce Fisher <bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com>

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## Princess Peak, Josephine County

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**Bruce Fisher** <bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 9:44 AM

To: Mike McArthur <mmcarthur@aocweb.org>, Champ Vaughan <vaughan1843@comcast.net>, Corey Plank <cplank@blm.gov>

Cc: Phil Cogswell <kpcogs@comcast.net>

Bcc: Bruce Fisher <bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com>

Gentlemen,

Here is a new proposal to name a small peak in Josephine county just southwest of the community of Wolf Creek. Could you please use this information to send out your notifications to the County and the local historical society. At the bottom of this email is a copy of an email from the proponent that was sent to me as background information.

Enjoy..

Bruce

Princess Peak: summit; elevation 2,859 ft.; located 0.3 mi. SW of London Peak, 0.8 mi. E of Malone Peak, 1.6 mi. SSW of the community of Wolf Creek; the name refers to the appearance of the summit ("princess") between two taller peaks ("king" and "queen"); Josephine County, Oregon; Sec. 28, T33S, R6W, Willamette Meridian; 42°40'28"N, 123°24'40"W; USGS map – Glendale 1:24,000.

[http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gazpublic/getesricoor?p\\_lat=42.6743449&p\\_longi=-123.4110759](http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gazpublic/getesricoor?p_lat=42.6743449&p_longi=-123.4110759)

Proposal: to make official a name in local usage

Map: USGS Glendale 1:24,000

Proponent: Daniel Schillberg; Wolf Creek, Oregon

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: None found

Local Usage: None found

Published: None found

Case Summary: This 2,859-foot summit proposed to be named Princess Peak is located between London Peak and Malone Peak. The proponent reports that when viewed from the valley below, the three peaks on the skyline resemble a princess between a king and a queen. He claims this has resulted in the nickname "Princess Peak" for the shorter, middle peak.

GNIS lists five features in Oregon using the word "Princess" in their names: two locales, a ridge, a stream, and a trail. None are in Josephine County. There is a King Mountain located east of London Peak and still in the county.

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Dear Mr. Fisher,

Thank you so much for following up with me regarding a proposed name of Princess Peak.

After reviewing my knowledge of the history of the name locally, my records go back farther than 25 years, to 1984. It is entirely probable that the use of Princess Peak as a name goes back much farther than my introduction to it. For some background information: The 25 year benchmark relates closely to my actually moving to Wolf Creek (I moved there in 1989). Shortly after moving to the area, I and others began going on nature hikes, including to Princess Peak. Some of our hikes eventually resulted in the construction of one of the first barrier-free trails that one can view old-growth forests from, the trail going north from London Peak to the Wolf Creek overlook.

In 1984, I contacted a woman by the name of Olga Redfield. She was living in Glendale, Oregon (8 miles away) at

the time. Prior to that, she had lived on a 70 acre ranch on Lower Wolf Creek Road in Wolf Creek, where the minor summit is part of the skyline. I contacted her to see about the possibility of purchasing the former ranch site. When speaking to her about the area, she related that the ranch had been operating with animals in pastures and other areas in fruit orchards, up until the start of WWII, at which time she moved off of the land. Ms. Redfield had related about London Peak, Malone Peak (she called it Maloney Peak after John Maloney), Princess Peak and Coon Gulch (she called it Coon Hollow). To the north she pointed out Rattlesnake Ridge and Red Gas Can Road. There were several other features that she talked about but didn't mention by name (seasonal creeks, gulches, rock outcroppings, gold sources, etc.).

Over the years, the name of Princess Peak has been used by local folks, very similar to the use of the name of Rattlesnake Ridge. While these name and others aren't officially recorded anywhere that I know of (for example, with the OGNB), they have been used for many years as names with which to identify points of interest.

My relevance with naming the minor summit as Princess Peak is due to my eventually purchasing some of the former Redfield ranch and building a home there. From my vantage point, Princess Peak is prominent on the skyline, and invariably folks say one of two things: Either they will say: "That's a good view of Princess Peak", or if they're from out-of-town they ask: "What is the name of that mountain?".

I'm sad to report that Olga Redfield passed away in 2005. She was born in 1918. Her maiden name was Redfield.

I appreciate your time and attention. Please let me know how I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Schilberg

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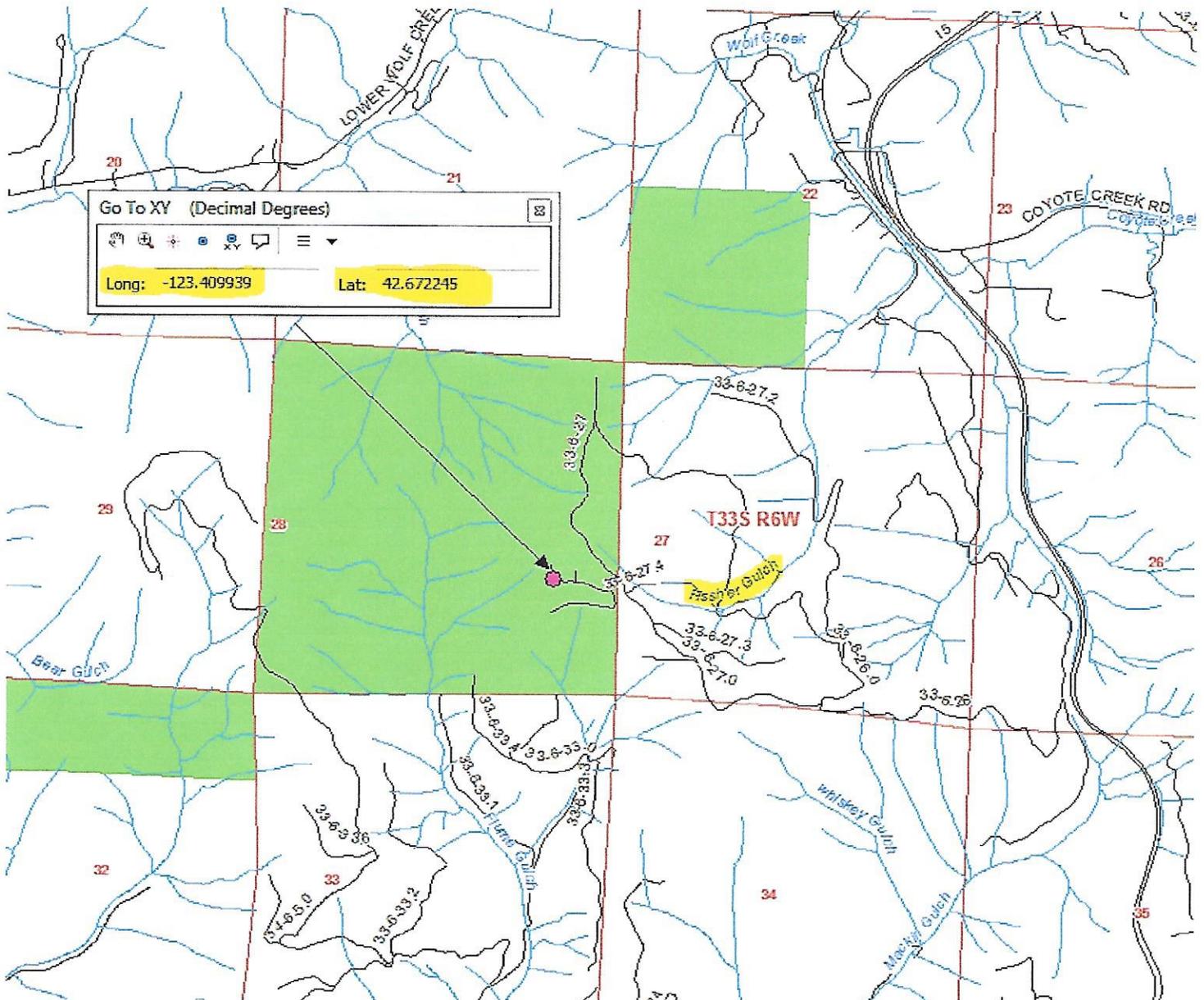
## Princess Peak name proposal

HARRISON Howard \* ODF <Howard.HARRISON@oregon.gov>  
To: Bruce Fisher <bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 27, 2015 at 1:21 PM

Hi Bruce,

The coordinates in the proposal (pink point) are on ODF land (green polys). You have gulch to east ☺...



From: Bruce Fisher [mailto:bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 12:08 PM  
To: HARRISON Howard \* ODF <howard.harrison@state.or.us>  
Subject: Princess Peak name proposal



*Josephine County Board of Commissioners*

*Keith Heck, Chair • Cherryl Walker, Vice Chair • Simon G. Hare, Commissioner*

September 4, 2015

Bruce Fisher  
Oregon Geographic Names Board

Dear Bruce,

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners supports Daniel Schilberg's proposal to name the mountain just southwest of Wolf Creek, Oregon, Princess Peak.

We found his historical story delightful and thank him for his efforts to make a common name, formal.

Board of County Commissioners

*K. O. Heck, Chair*

*Cherryl Walker, Vice Chair*

**Absent at Signing**

*Simon G. Hare, Commissioner*

Cc: Mike McArthur, AOC

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