AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Correspondence; U.S. Geological Survey; Request fo

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Please see the attached correspondence from the US Geological Survey.

Fiscal Impact: None

Submitted by: Katherine Haase **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:
no legal issue. db 1/20/17

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\dBaumgarten Discharge Date: 1/20/2017 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ○ No ◉

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\khaase Discharge Date: 1/20/2017

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 1/24/2017

Revised April 2015

Joshua Ost

From: O'Donnell, Matthew <mjodonnell@usgs.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:22 PM
To: Phil Chamberland
Cc: BOCC; John Messner; Jonathan Houck
Subject: request for Gunnison County's opinion regarding a proposed new ridge name
Attachments: Wander Ridge map.jpg; Wander Ridge proposal.pdf; 4613brf Wander Ridge.docx; Wander Ridge Gunnison County Commissioners recommendation form.doc

January 13, 2017

The Honorable Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
Gunnison County Commissioners
200 E. Virginia Avenue
Gunnison, Colorado 81230

pchamberland@gunnisoncounty.org

Dear Chairperson Chamberland:

As you may know, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the departments and agencies of the Federal government. The Board has received a proposal to apply the new name Wander Ridge to an unnamed ridge on the boundary of Chaffee and Gunnison Counties. Because local opinion is important to the BGN, we would like the official opinion of Gunnison County concerning this name issue. We also ask that you share this request with any offices or others who might have an interest in this proposal.

The name refers to the "wandering trail" along the ridge above Lost Lake and according to the proponent "pulls reference to the famous quote by author J. R. R. Tolkien 'Not all those who wander are lost,' which is a fitting representation of the spirit of Colorado natives." Please see the attached proposal for more information. Also attached are the case summary, a map showing the location of the currently-unnamed ridge, and a Geographic Name Proposal Recommendation form to facilitate a response from your office. This proposal is included on the BGN's current Review List (#426).

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We may be contacted by mail at the address below; by telephone at (703) 648-4552; by fax at (703) 648-4549; or by e-mail at BGNEXEC@usgs.gov.

Sincerely,

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For Lou Yost, Executive Secretary
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The Honorable Jonathan Houck, jhouck@gunnisoncounty.org

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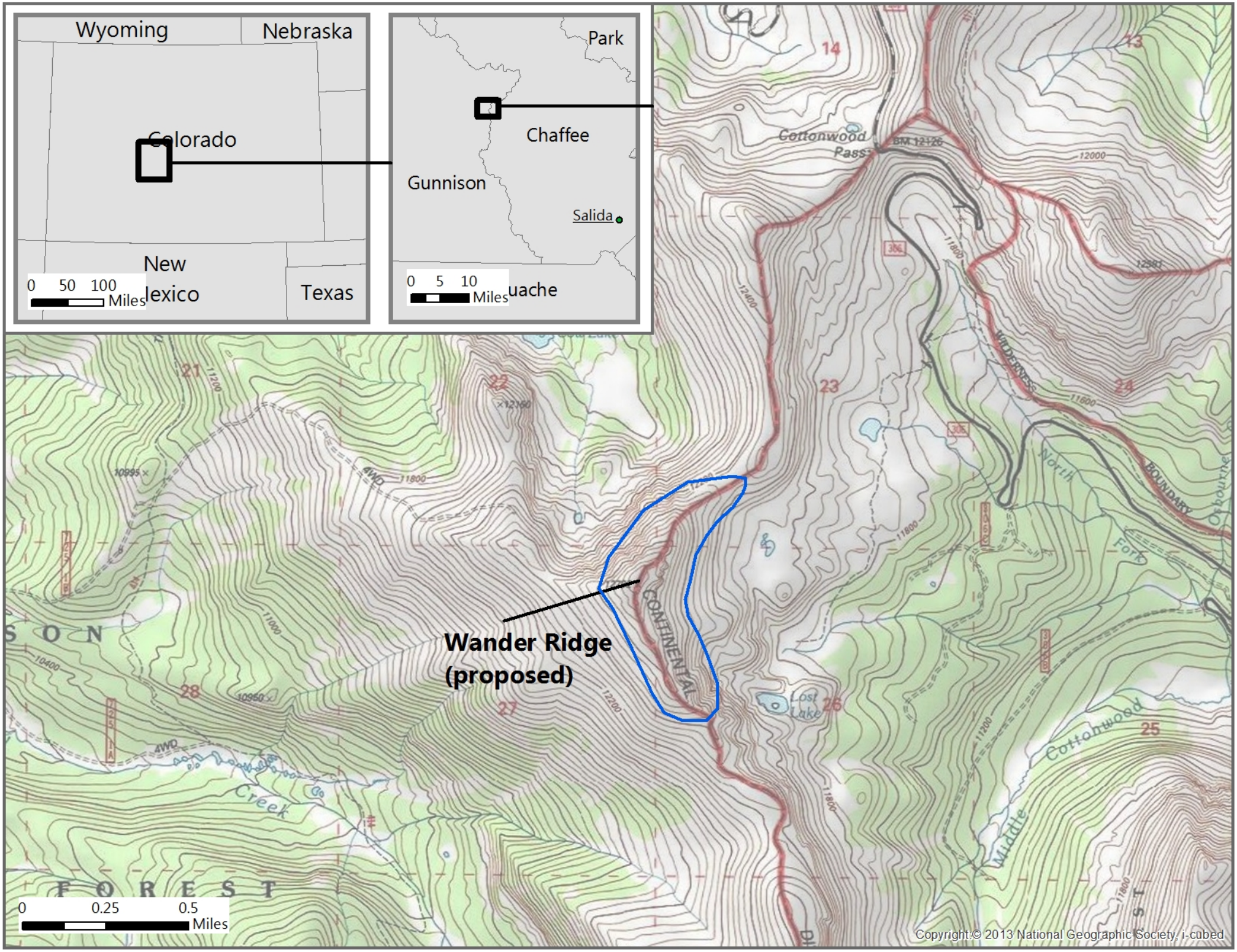
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DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

REGION - Propose New or Change Name

Name Proposal ID:
9100

Date Created:
30-DEC-16

Date Submitted:
30-DEC-16

Proposed Name:
Wander Ridge

Action Requested:
Name an unnamed feature

Existing Name:
-

Unnamed Evidence:
This unnamed ridge is located at 12,792 ft directly above "Lost Lake" a physical feature (lake) in Chaffee County, Colorado. The primary coordinates for this unnamed ridge places it within the CO 81211 ZIP Code delivery area. The coordinates for the "Lost Lake" are Latitude: 38.8035845/Longitude:-106.414937. This ridge lies along the continental divide. Many hiking guides have detailed trails along this ridge but there is no name to identify this area from the other areas near and/or around "Lost Lake." It is a rather beautiful and specifically lovely area of Chaffee County and the trail to the ridge above the lake deserves recognition for the community of hikers and local residents.

Locally Used:
No

Locally Used Years:
-

Local Conflict:
No

Local Conflict Detail:
-

Additional Details:
There is no local conflict to naming this ridge in correspondence to the hiking guides online. Many experienced hikers simply refer to the area as "The ridge above Lost Lake."

REGION - Feature Information

GNIS Feature ID:
-

Feature class:
RIDGE

Descriptive information:
This ridge is a lightly trafficked summit above "Lost Lake" in Chaffee County, CO. This wandering trail is a beautiful landscape that is deserving of a name to identify it from other ridges in the area for hikers, backpackers, and trail monitors in Colorado.

Meaning or significance:
"Lost Lake" is a beautiful lake that features an island and is located off the beautiful Cottonwood Pass that connects Buena Vista, CO with Gunnison, CO. The name "Wander Ridge" would be fitting to be above "Lost Lake" as it pulls reference to the famous quote by author J. R. R. Tolkien "Not all those who wander are lost." Which is a fitting representation of the spirit of Colorado natives. The spirit of adventure lives in the heart of all who love to enjoy the beautiful outdoors and natures finest gifts.

Commemorative:
No

Biographical information:
-

Supporting materials:
Yes

REGION - Supporting Materials

Filename	Comments
Ridge Detailed Map.jpg	This is a specific topographical map of the latitude and longitude of the area proposed "Wander Ridge."
-	-
Route.jpg	-
Proposed Wander Ridge Above Lost Lake.png	Proposed Wander Ridge Topographical Map
-	-
Lost Lake from basin.png	Lost Lake from Basin
Proposed Wander Ridge Topographical Map.jpg	-

REGION - States and Counties

State Name	County Name
Colorado	Chaffee

REGION - Geographic Coordinates

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec		Long Deg	Min	Sec		Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Geographic Information System	-	38	48	32.76	N	106	25	20.91	W	-	-	-

REGION - Administrative Areas

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
National Forest or Grassland	This area is located on the Continental Divide between San Isabel National Forest and Gunnison National Forest.	San Isabel National Forest

REGION - Maps and Documents with Name

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Web Site	http://www.mybuzzabout.com/2016/07/06/cottonwood-pass-skyline-hike-cottonwood-pass-co/ This website details the beauty of the hike on the unnamed ridge.	2016
Web Site	http://colorado.hometownlocator.com/maps/feature-map,ftc,1,fid,189137,n,lost%20lake.cfm	2016
Web Site	http://www.topozone.com/map/?lat=38.80861&lon=-106.42213 This topographical map details the ridge and Lost Lake	2016

REGION - Other (Variant) Names and Their Source

Source Type	Other (Variant) Name	Details	Source Date
Other	There are no other variant names	This ridge is undefined in anyway on any available maps online or in printed material that can be found.	2016

REGION - Authorities

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

Role	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Company	Title
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DGNP Guest

Approved

Promulgation authorized
Executive Secretary
Domestic Geographic Names

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UNITED STATES
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

Wander Ridge: ridge; 0.4 mi. long; located along the Continental Divide, along the boundary between Gunnison National Forest and San Isabel National Forest, 0.8 mi. SSE of Cow Lake, 0.6 mi. NW of Lost Lake; named for the wandering trail along the ridge; Secs 27, 26, 23&22, T14S, R81W, Sixth Principal Meridian; Chaffee County and Gunnison County, Colorado; 38°48'33"N, 106°25'21"W; USGS map – Tincup 1:24,000.
http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gazpublic/getesricoor?p_lat=38.8091&p_longi=-106.422475

Proposal: new name for an unnamed feature
Map: USGS Tincup 1:24,000
Proponent: Ashley Delaney and Nathan Dame; Rockwall, TX
Administrative area: Gunnison National Forest / San Isabel National Forest
Previous BGN Action: None
Names associated with feature:
GNIS: No record
Local Usage: None found
Published: None found

Case Summary: The new name Wander Ridge is proposed for an unnamed ridge on the Continental Divide in Chaffee County and Gunnison County. The ridge is located northwest of Lost Lake; the proponents state that "many experienced hikers simply refer to the area as 'The ridge above Lost Lake,'" and the proposed name comes from "the wandering trail [along the ridge] …that is deserving of a name to identify it from other ridges in the area for hikers, backpackers, and trail monitors in Colorado." They also believe the name is fitting "as it pulls reference to the famous quote by author J. R. R. Tolkien 'Not all those who wander are lost,' which is a fitting representation of the spirit of Colorado natives."

A query of GNIS found no features in Colorado with the word "Wander" in their names.

Proposed by: Ashley Delaney and Nathan Dame; Rockwall, TX	Date: 12/30/16
Submitted by: same	Date: same
Prepared by: M. O'Donnell	Date: 12/30/16
Case ID: 4613	Quarterly Review List: 426
Reviewed by: J.Runyon	Date: 12/30/16

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Geographic Name Wander Ridge

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

Gunnison County Commissioners
(Name of government entity, organization, or individual)

recommends that the U. S. Board on Geographic Names:

_____**Approve the Proposed Name**

_____**Reject the Proposed Name**

_____**Take Action as Specified Below**

_____**Render a Decision Without Our Recommendation**

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

(Name)	(Title)
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(City, State, ZIP Code)	(E-mail)
(Signature)	(Date)

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Joshua Ost

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Sent:	Friday, January 13, 2017 4:09 PM
To:	Phil Chamberland
Cc:	BOCC; John Messner; Jonathan Houck
Subject:	request for Gunnison County's opinion regarding the placement of the name Chipeta Mountain
Attachments:	Chipeta Mountain map.jpg; Chipeta Mountain proposal.pdf; Chipeta Mountain Gunnison County Commissioners recommendation form.doc; 4487brf Chipeta Mountain.docx

January 13, 2017

The Honorable Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
Gunnison County Commissioners
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Dear Chairperson Chamberland:

As you know, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the departments and agencies of the Federal government. The Board has received a proposal to change the application or location of the name Chipeta Mountain. The name currently applies to a summit on the boundary of Gunnison and Chaffee Counties, but the proponent has asked that the name apply to a slightly taller summit entirely in Chaffee County. Because local opinion is important to the BGN, we would like the official opinion of the Gunnison County Commissioners concerning this name issue. We also ask that you share this request with any offices or others who might have an interest in this proposal.

Chipeta was the second wife of Ouray and the proponent believes that her name should apply to the highest summit of the mountain as do the nearby names Mount Ouray (for her husband) and Pahlone Peak (for their son). Please see the attached proposal for more information. Also attached are the case summary, a map showing the location of the currently-unnamed ridge, and a Geographic Name Proposal Recommendation form to facilitate a response from your office. This proposal is included on the BGN's current Review List (#426).

As you'll see from the case summary, the name did apply to the higher summit in the past either as Mount Sabeta or Chipeta Mountain. It's unknown how or when the name was applied to the smaller summit along the Divide. The proponent has a web site which outlines the history and details of the proposal: http://www.chipetamountain.com/#chipeta-rising

The Chaffee County Commissioners supported the proposal in April, 2016. The proponent provided a few resolutions from surrounding towns in favor of the application change and we've received emails of support from local groups and one State Representative.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We may be contacted by mail at the address below; by telephone at (703) 648-4552; by fax at (703) 648-4549; or by e-mail at BGNEXEC@usgs.gov.

Sincerely,

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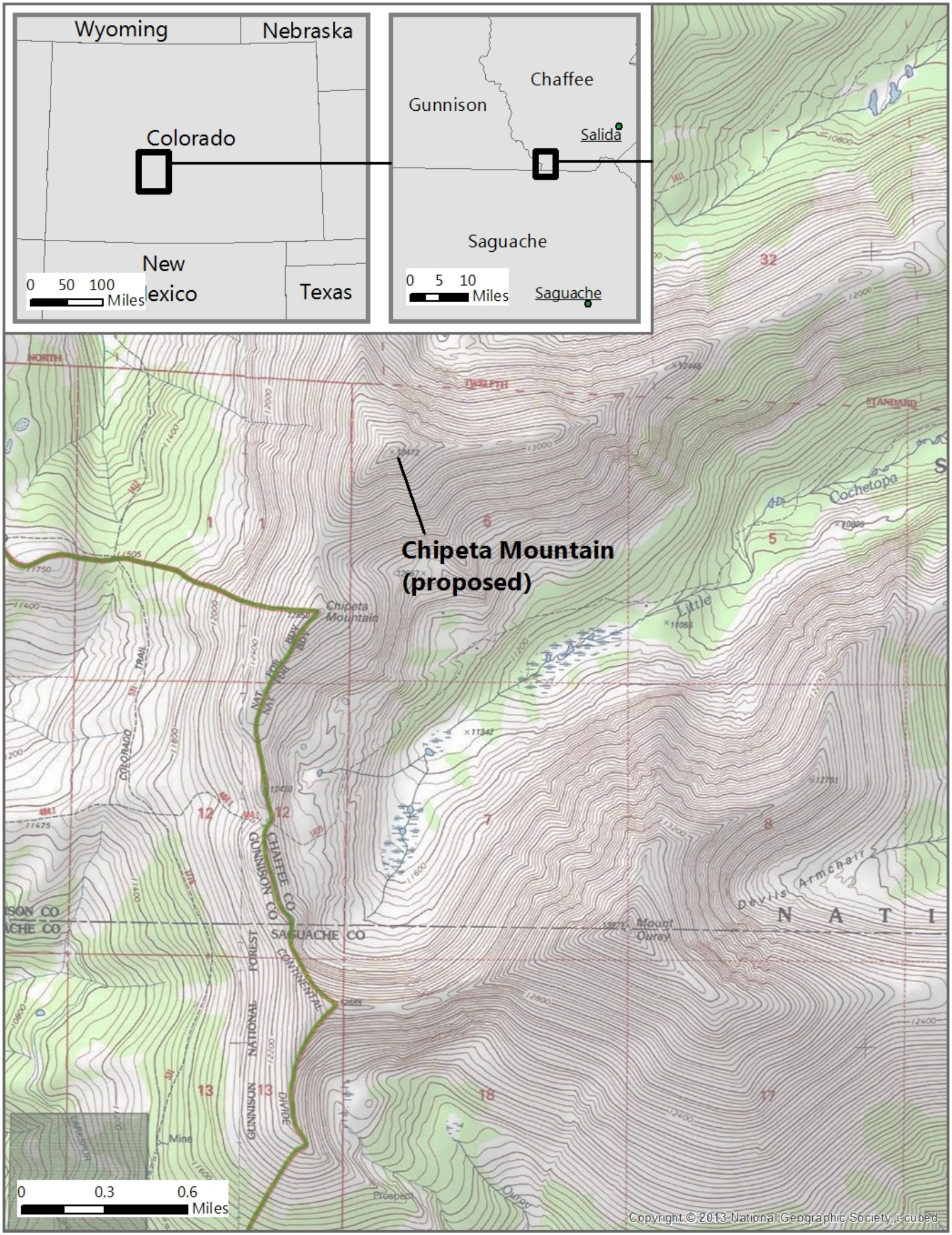
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DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

REGION - Propose New or Change Name

Name Proposal ID:
8902

Date Created:
22-FEB-16

Date Submitted:
10-OCT-16

Proposed Name:
Chipeta Mountain

Action Requested:
Move existing name from one feature to another feature (application change)

Existing Name:
-

Unnamed Evidence:
-

Locally Used:
Yes

Locally Used Years:
60

Local Conflict:
No

Local Conflict Detail:
-

Additional Details:
The uploaded magazine article is from the March 2016 issue of Colorado Central Magazine. It explains the cause and also includes a website and a Facebook page so people can express their support via an online petition. An article about the campaign was included in the March 8, 2016 edition of the Mountain Mail – Salida, Colorado's newspaper. Resolutions of support from Chaffee County, the City of Salida, and the Town of Buena Vista have been downloaded. You have already received emails of support from the historic societies of Salida and Buena Vista. We have been interviewed on local KHEN radio on April 8 and April 14, 2016. We contacted our State Congressperson and House Representative asking for support. Representative Jim Wilson has already sent you an email. We expect Senator Kerry Donavan to do so in the near future. Ernest House, Jr. of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs has been informed about the effort, as has CJ Brafford of the Ute Museum in Montrose, Colorado. Letters were sent to the Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe. I met all three the Tribal Council Chairs at Indigenous People's Day (a reconciliation event) in San Miguel County, Colorado on October 8, 2016. I spoke specifically with Roland McCook, organizer of the event, great-great-grandnephew of Chipeta, and former Chair of the Ute Indian Tribe. He has agreed to support our proposal. I also spoke at length with the current Ute Indian Tribal Chair, Shaun Chapoose, who is from the Uncompagre band of Utes as was Chipeta. The Colorado Governor and our U.S. Senators and Congressman have been alerted. Senator Michael Bennet's office was especially helpful. The Chief Ranger of the Salida Ranger District of the San Isabel National Forest has been given regular updates as well.

REGION - Feature Information

GNIS Feature ID:
189978

Feature class:
SUMMIT

Descriptive information:
Chipeta Mountain is the name currently associated with a 12,580-foot subpeak on the Chipeta massif. We propose to move the name to the highest point on said massif – Unnamed Point 13,472 (GNIS and maps checked). Both are located on the USGS Mount Ouray quadrangle in Colorado in the San Isabel National Forest. When people have been made aware of the issue, they seem to respond in one of four ways: 1) a mistake was made; 2) they had something against Native Americans; 3) they had something against women; 4) if they have worked for the federal government they think there must be a good reason for the current naming. You mentioned in your email of April 8, 2016 that you would be “asking our colleagues at the USGS Mapping Office in Denver if the reason for the current location was specifically recorded in the field notes.” We have been unable to dig up that information ourselves. And while there was no doubt a good reason for doing it in 1958, that reasoning may not hold up today with increased recognition of women’s and Indian rights. BGN regulations also state that, “It is the policy of the Board to follow present-day local usage whenever possible” (Chapter 3, Policy II). The overwhelming number of people in the area (including Forest Service employees) I have contacted think that the highest point on the massive is Chipeta Mountain and are surprised to hear that it is a much lower subpeak. The resolutions from Chaffee County, the City of Salida, the Town of Buena Vista and the emails from the Salida Museum and Representative Wilson all concur that the overwhelming majority of residents believe the high point on the massive to be Chipeta Mountain. The simple questionnaire included in our petition was an attempt to informally gauge the extent of this misconception. Of the 114 people who knew where Chipeta Mountain was located, 78 thought the highest point was Chipeta Mountain and only 39 knew that it was a subpeak. Of the 129 responding so far, 101 were from local zip codes starting in 812. But Chipeta is a statewide Colorado treasure. When Chipeta died in 1924, her younger brother, McCook, carried her blanket wrapped body into the hills and buried her in an unmarked grave on their Utah reservation. The Daughters of the American Revolution in Montrose, Colorado proposed reburying Chipeta on their old farm in Montrose and her brother agreed. Five thousand people witnessed Chipeta’s reburial. Chipeta’s faithful brother, McCook, led the solemn parade to the burial site. He laid a piece of Chipeta’s beaded buckskin on the coffin and spoke a farewell in Ute. Finally, he said, “Chipeta, I have brought you home.” We feel that we are following a similar course of action in moving the name Chipeta Mountain from a lower subpeak to the high point of the massif. We look forward to working with you on this project

Meaning or significance:
See biographical Information. See website - www.chipetamountain.com. See Facebook page - Chipeta Mountain

Commemorative:
Yes

Biographical information:
Chipeta Mountain has already been designated to commemorate Chipeta, the wife of Ute Chief Ouray. But the placement of her name on a lower subpeak and not the highest point on the massif feels like more of an insult than a commemoration. We would like to move the location of name Chipeta Mountain to what is now referred to as Unnamed Peak 13,472. Chipeta was selected to be on a centennial tapestry created to honor eighteen women who played important roles in the settlement and development of Colorado. The tapestry now hangs in the Colorado State Capitol building. She is a member of the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame. A longer history of this remarkable woman is included in the uploaded magazine article.

Supporting materials:
Yes

REGION - Supporting Materials

Filename	Comments
ChipetaPetition2.jpeg	-
Wojtek Chipeta.jpg	-
ChipetaPetition1.jpeg	Preliminary results - first month of online petition
RzChaffee.jpeg	-
RzSalida.jpeg	-
RzBV.jpeg	-
RzMuseum.docx	-
Cold Shoulder.docx	-
Chipeta 1 001.jpg	-
RzBVmuseum.docx	-
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Screen Shot 2016-02-27 at 7.44.57 PM.png	-
Screen Shot 2016-02-27 at 7.45.43 PM.png	-
-	Great-great-grandnephew of Chipeta with Proposal Submitter
McCook Gift.JPG	Great-great grandnephew of Chipeta with Proposal Submitter

REGION - States and Counties

State Name	County Name
Colorado	Chaffee

REGION - Geographic Coordinates

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec		Long Deg	Min	Sec		Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Computer Image	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Image	-	38	26	21.4332	N	106	14	42.0102	W	-	-	Results when "Chipeta Mountain Colorado" was entered into iTouchMap.com
Computer Image	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38.44768	106.240942	Approximate coordinates of Unnamed Point 13,472

REGION - Administrative Areas

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
National Forest or Grassland	-	San Isabel National Forest
National Forest or Grassland	Colorado	San Isabel National Forest

REGION - Maps and Documents with Name

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Map	USGS Mount Ouray Quadrangle	1994

REGION - Other (Variant) Names and Their Source

Source Type	Other (Variant) Name	Details	Source Date
Digital File	Chapita Mountain	GNIS search for Chipeta Mountain. Click on Feature Name: Chipeta Mountain. Go to Feature Detail Report for Feature/Variant Name/Chapita Mountain/Citation Go to Subject Folders/Forms/Folder Name: 1962 CO 189978 001 Chipeta Mountain frm 1962 pdf	1962

REGION - Authorities

Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Occupation	Years
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Potts	David	7195292218	dpotts@chaffeecounty.org	104 Crestone Ave.	Salida	Colorado	81201	County Commissioner	6

REGION - Submitters and/or Preparers

Role	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Company	Title
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DGNP Guest

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Geographic Name Chipeta Mountain

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

Gunnison County Commissioners
(Name of government entity, organization, or individual)

recommend that the U. S. Board on Geographic Names:

_____**Approve the Proposed Name**

_____**Reject the Proposed Name**

_____**Take Action as Specified Below**

_____**Render a Decision Without Our Recommendation**

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

(Name)	(Title)
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(City, State, ZIP Code)	(E-mail)
(Signature)	(Date)

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Approved

Promulgation authorized
Executive Secretary
Domestic Geographic Names

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UNITED STATES
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

Chipeta Mountain: summit; elevation 13,472 ft.; in San Isabel National Forest, 1.9 mi. NNW of Mount Ouray, 2.4 mi. SSE of Pahlone Peak; the name commemorates Chipeta (1843?-1924), the second wife of Chief Ouray and leader of the Uncompahgre Ute Tribe; Sec 6, T48N, R7E, New Mexico Principal Meridian; Chaffee County, Colorado; 38°26'52"N, 106°14'27"W; USGS map – Mount Ouray 1:24,000; Not: Chapita Mountain, Sabeta Peak.
http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gazpublic/getesricoor?p_lat=38.4477679&p_longi=-106.2407255

Proposal: to change the application of a name
Map: USGS Mount Ouray 1:24,000
Proponent: Wayne Iverson; Salida, CO
Administrative area: San Isabel National Forest
Previous BGN Action: None
Names associated with feature:
GNIS: No record
Local Usage: Chipeta Mountain (local residents)
Published: Chapita Mountain (*The Mountain Peaks of Colorado* 1923); Chipeta Mountain (Army Map Service 1956, 1960, 1968); Sabeta Peak (Wheeler's *Topographical Atlas* 1879; Hayden's *Geological and Geographical Atlas*, 1881)

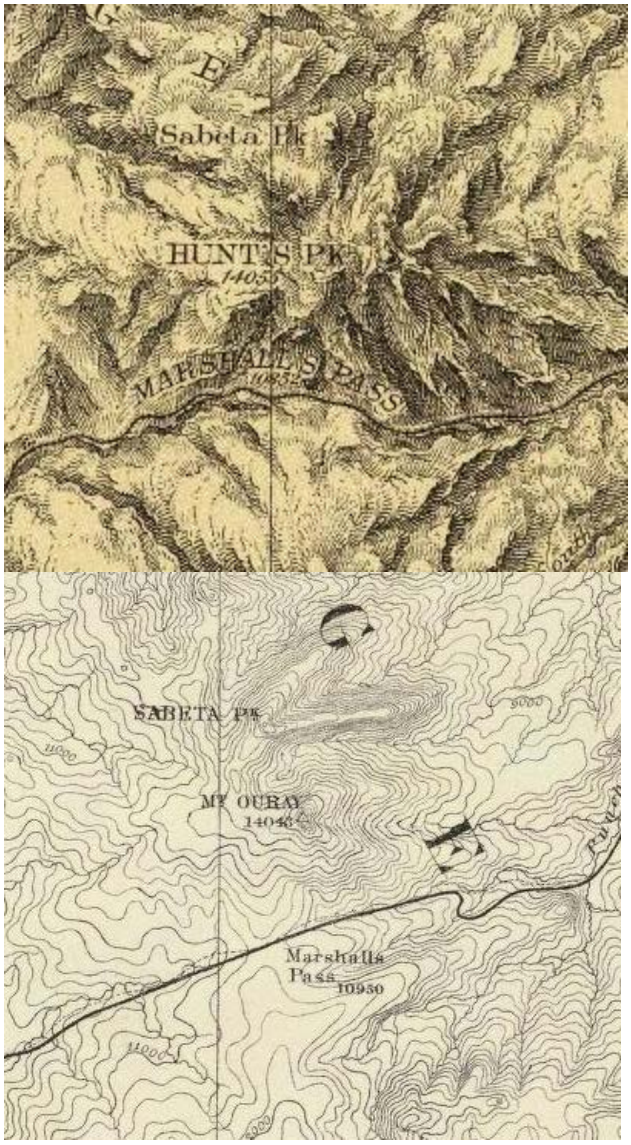
Case Summary: This proposal is to change the application of the name Chipeta Mountain, which was named for Chipeta (1843?-1924), the second wife of Chief Ouray and leader of the Uncompahgre Ute Tribe. The name is applied currently to a 12,850-foot summit on the Continental Divide and along the boundary between Chaffee County and Gunnison County. However, the proponent believes the name should be moved to the 13,472-foot summit located less than a mile to the north-northeast. The proposed location is currently unnamed. He claims the proposed location agrees with local usage, and also that Chipeta's name should be applied to the more prominent summit because of her work "as an Indian Rights Advocate, Diplomat, and Peacekeeper" and her leadership of the Uncompahgre Ute Tribe.

Chipeta was a Kiowa Apache who was adopted and raised by the Uncompahgre (or Tabeguache) band of the Ute Tribe. After she married Chief Ouray in 1859, she became his advisor and confidante. Together, they helped to draft the first treaty between the U.S. Government and the Ute people. In 1880 they led a delegation to Washington D.C. to negotiate a resettlement treaty. Later in life, on the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation, Chipeta was the only woman allowed to sit on Ute tribal councils. She was known for her masterful beadwork, her guitar playing, and her ability to sing in three languages. According to the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, Chipeta was honored "because of the courage and valor she demonstrated in her efforts to mediate between Native Americans and whites."

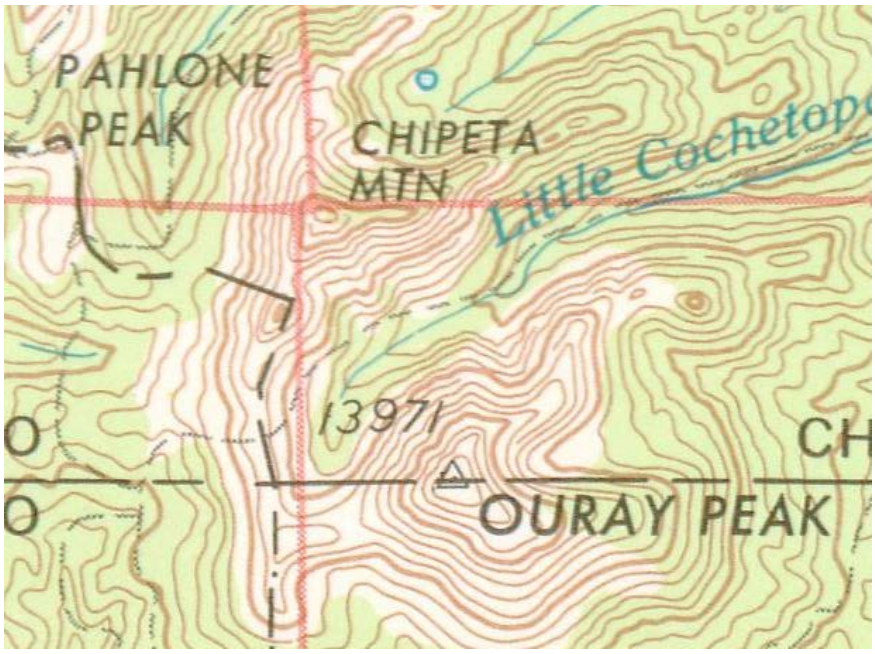
The name Chipeta Mountain has been applied to the 12,850-foot summit on USGS topographic maps since 1959 and on U.S. Forest Service maps since 1947. USGS field mapping notes provide no indication that the name was applied to the wrong feature. However, maps published by the Army Map Service in the 1950s and 1960s label the higher (proposed) summit as Chipeta Mountain. An 1879 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers map produced by Captain George M. Wheeler labeled this summit Sabeta Peak, as did an 1881 U.S. Geological and Geographical Survey map by F. V. Hayden ("Sabeta" is presumed to be an alternate spelling for "Chipeta").

Henry Gannett's 1902 volume *The Origin of Certain Place Names in the United States* and his 1906 *A Gazetteer of Colorado* both listed Sabeta Peak [sic] as being named for the wife of Ouray.

In January 1923, the Colorado Mountain Club published *The Mountain Peaks of Colorado*, which listed all named peaks and their elevations. Sabeta Peak is listed at 13,600 feet and has a variant name of Chapita Mountain. It appears that the higher summit may have been named for Ouray's wife as early as 1879, but the location and spelling were changed prior to the first USGS map of the area.



Left, section from Wheeler's 1879 map (Mount Ouray mislabeled as Hunt's Peak); right, section from Hayden's 1881 map.



Section from the 1958 Army Map Service Montrose quadrangle.

The name Chipeta Mountain was the subject of a BGN decision in 1963, but the only issue was to establish that spelling rather than Chapita Mountain.

The proponent has initiated an online campaign and petition to gain support for the proposed change. He summarized the issues in an article titled "A Cold Shoulder for Chipeta" published in the March 2016 issue of *Colorado Central Magazine* and on a website dedicated to the campaign. He wrote: "Southern Chaffee County boasts a fabulous view of three mountains in the Sawatch Range named for a Ute (Nuche) Indian family – Mount Ouray, Chipeta Mountain, and Pahlone Peak [Pahlone was a name for the son of Ouray and his first wife]….Mount Ouray and Pahlone Peak are named for the highest point on their respective mountains, but Chipeta Mountain is named for the second highest point on its massif and is actually out of plain sight [from Salida in Chaffee County]. Thus an effort to commemorate an important woman ends up coming across as more of an insult…. Chipeta was a member of the Tabeguache band of Ute Indians. Tabeguache is a Ute word meaning 'people who live on the warm side of the mountain.' Let's get this remarkable woman's name on the warm side of her mountain, not on the cold shoulder."

Before the proposal was submitted to the BGN, staff received support for changing the application from the Board of the Salida Museum Association, the Buena Vista Heritage Historical Society, and Colorado State Representative Jim Wilson. The proposal included additional resolutions of support from the Salida City Council, the Buena Vista Board of Trustees, and the Chaffee County Board of Commissioners. Each of these resolutions and letters included variations on the following two statements: "Most Southern Chaffee County residents already believe the 13, 742-foot highpoint on the Chipeta Massif [sic] is Chipeta Mountain, not the lower 12,850-foot subpeak," and "Naming a 12,850-foot subpeak Chipeta Mountain instead of the highest point on the massif does not adequately honor Chipeta, a statewide treasure and member of the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame." According to the proponent, the former Chair of the Ute Indian Tribe and Chipeta's great-great-grandnephew also supports the proposal.

GNIS lists five additional features in Colorado with the word "Chipeta" in their names: a populated place, a mine, a school, a building, and a park. Although all are within 80 to 100 miles from the proposed location of Chipeta Mountain, none are in Chaffee County.

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