Black Canyon Ridge
Okanogan County - Name Change

Township: 30N
Range: 22E
Section: 28,31,32,33

USGS Quad: Oss Peak & Cooper Canyon

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This proposal was submitted in response to the U.S. Dept. of the Interior's efforts to replace features currently named "Squaw".

Proponent:
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Proposal Received:  4/11/2022
Initial Consideration: 4/26/2022
Final Consideration:

WA Committee Decision:
WA Board Decision:
US Board Decision:

Opinions:
Proposed Name: BLACK CANYON RIDGE
County: OKANOGAN

Township: _______ Range: _______ Section(s): _______
Lat. 48.06° N, Long. -120.13° W (Begin)
Lat. 48.075° N, Long. -120.08° W (End)

Description
Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): Ridgeline
Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): This is a mostly forested steep hillside ridge running mostly E-W trending slightly South. This ridge drains into the Methow via Black Creek Canyon to the South and Squaw Creek to the North.

A stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: _______
This feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: Currently this ridge is known as Squaw Creek Ridge

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? The move to change names was publicized by US Dept of the Interior, WA DNR, and the Washington Trails Association

History
Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First Settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land was used; 5 Natural Disasters (floods, ires, etc.); 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed. Origin of name: This area has traditionally been used for hunting. It has little land suitable for planting. Native Methow and Chelan tribes likely hunted here seasonally.

The Methow River at its confluence with Black Creek Canyon has a famous rapid among river runners (kayak and rafters) by the name of Black Canyon Rapid

A commerative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed feature:
Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? Human usage of this area is primarily hunting. The area has some usage as cross-country travel and snowmobiling. As open land it provides habitat for wolverine, lynx, and other large predators.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: The current name is derogatory and needs replacement. Black Canyon Creek to this ridge's south is a well known geographical location.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom?

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) Wilderness Evaluation Black Canyon - 608016 Okanogan/Wenatchee Plan Revision Project 2009

What type of support is there for the proposed name?

Ist all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

Application submitted by:

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I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: Austin Smith
Signature: ___________________________ Date: 4/16/22

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

WA State Board on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

(Phone: 360-902-1280 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)
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