



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

July 1, 2014

Proposal to Name Summit in Tucson Mountains "*Bear Down Mountain*"

The Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names (ASBGHN) is in receipt of a proposal submitted by Mr. Matthew Van Derlaske of Marana, Arizona to name a currently unnamed summit in the Tucson Mountains "*Bear Down Mountain*" to honor the alumni of The University of Arizona. This proposal was first submitted to the United States Board on Geographic Names, which subsequently asked the ASBGHN to act on the proposal.

The ASBGHN has statutory responsibility (ARS §41-835 through §41-838) for determining the most appropriate names for place names in Arizona. Before taking final action, the ASBGHN considers information provided by the proponent, opponents, if any, and the ASBGHN's own research in its deliberations on proposed names. The ASBGHN contacts the appropriate local, county and state governmental agencies, Native American tribal governments and also conducts independent, systematic, and thorough research for background on the historical and current local usage of a proposed name. The ASBGHN makes this effort in furtherance of its statutory charge to preserve and protect the State's history as reflected in Arizona's geographic names. Consequently, the ASBGHN has formally requested in their letter of June 2, 2014 (attached) that the Pima County Board of Supervisors review this matter and provide a written recommendation to either approve or reject the proposal.

Information provided by the ASBGHN indicates the phrase "*Bear Down*" is a registered trademark owned by The University of Arizona and that the summit is jointly owned by the National Park Service and a private individual. Both owners oppose the proposed name of "*Bear Down Mountain*."

The summit is located in T12S, R12E, Sections 32/33, partially within Saguaro National Park and partially on private property owned by Mr. Marsh McCoy of Tucson. Mr. McCoy states in an email "*I am opposed to the naming the hill Bear Down Mountain,*" and the National Park Service, in an email from Mr. Michael Shelton, also notes the agency is "*officially not in favor of the proposal.*"

Recommendation

Based on the opposition by the summit landowners, Mr. McCoy and the National Park Service, and because this proposed name is neither a historical or geographic place name, I recommend the Board of Supervisors reject this proposal to name the currently unnamed summit "*Bear Down Mountain*."

The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Re: **Proposal to Name Summit in Tucson Mountains "Bear Down Mountain"**
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Huckelberry", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/mjk – June 23, 2014

Attachment

c: Linda Mayro, Director, Sustainability and Conservation



ARIZONA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC NAMES

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1938 Addition, Suite 200
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Chair: Dennis Preisler
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June 2, 2014

Robin Brigode
Clerk of the Board
130 W. Congress, 5th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Regarding: Proposal to name an unnamed feature in Pima County: *Bear Down Mountain*

Dear Ms. Brigode:

The purpose of this letter is to seek a written recommendation from Pima County on a name issue before the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names that may be of interest to the residents of Pima County. The proposal was first submitted to the United States Board on Geographic Names. The U.S. Board has asked the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names to act on the proposal.

The name *Bear Down Mountain* has been submitted by Matthew Van Derlaske of Marana, Arizona for an unnamed summit in Pima County to honor the alumni of the University of Arizona. The summit is in T12E R12S, sections 32 & 33, partially in the east edge of Saguaro National Monument and partially on private property (parcel # 221-27-005D).

The phrase "Bear Down" is a registered trademark owned by the University of Arizona and is on file at the Arizona Office of the Secretary of State.

Parcel #221-27-005D is owned by Mr. Marsh McCoy of Tucson. Mr. McCoy is opposed to naming the summit on his property. The U.S. National Park Service is also not in favor of the proposal (see attached email correspondence and maps).

The Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names has the statutory responsibility for determining the most appropriate names for places in the State of Arizona. To assist the Board in reaching an informed decision on this name issue, we respectfully request that the Pima County Board of Supervisors provide its recommendation to either approve or reject the proposal.

Please place this proposal on the Board of Supervisors' next agenda for consideration and their recommendation. Please also circulate the enclosed name proposal to those departments that you feel

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Ms Robin Brigode

June 2, 2014

RE: ***Bear Down Mountain*** name proposal

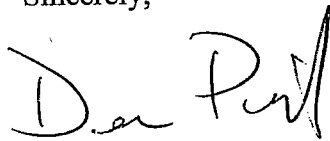
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could provide guidance and direction to the Board of Supervisors on this issue. If you have received correspondence from county residents that would assist the decision-making process, the Board would appreciate receiving a copy for the file.

The Board considers information provided by the proponent, opponents, and the Board's staff in its deliberations on proposed names. The Board's staff contacts governmental agencies, land owners, interested individuals and the affected counties, and also conducts independent research for background on the historical and current local usage of the existing and proposed name.

The Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names would appreciate a response from the Pima County Board of Supervisors at its earliest convenience. The Board will consider acting on the ***Bear Down Mountain*** proposal at its summer meeting, date to be determined in late August or early September 2014. In the event that the Pima County Board of Supervisors has questions or will require more time to adequately respond to this request, please call me at (602) 926-3720, or Julie Hoff, Board staff at (602) 926-3878. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Preisler", written in a cursive style.

Dennis Preisler, Chair

Enclosures

PROPOSED NAME RECOMMENDATION

Bear Down Mountain

This is to notify the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names that

Pima County Board of Supervisors

Recommends that the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names:

- ☐ Approve the Proposed Name
- ☐ Reject the Proposed Name
- ☐ Take Action as specified In Comments
- ☐ Render a Decision Without Our Recommendation

The following factors contribute to this recommendation:

Official making recommendation on behalf of the governmental entity:

(Printed Name)

(Title)

(Signature)

(Date)

Please fax this signed recommendation to:

Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names
State Capitol, 1938 Addition, Room 200
1700 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
FAX: (602) 256-7982



Runyon, Jennifer <jrunyon@usgs.gov>

Fwd: FW:(Bear Down Mt AZ) Naming a hill on parcel 221-27-005D

1 message

Shelton, Michael <michael_shelton@nps.gov>

Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 3:23 PM

To: Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>, Jennifer Runyon <jrunyon@usgs.gov>, aznames@lists.lib.az.us

Cc: Darla Sidles <darla_sidles@nps.gov>, Daisy Bailey <daisy_bailey@nps.gov>, Deborah Nordeen <deb_nordeen@nps.gov>

Dear Lou/Jenny and Julie:

Thank you for the communication from Mr. McCoy regarding the "Bear Down Mountain" proposal. I have communicated with Superintendent Sidles of Saguaro National Park and with Daisy Bailey, the Intermountain Region's geographic names coordinator. Based on all of that, please be advised that the National Park Service is officially not in favor of the proposal.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mike

Michael M. Shelton
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National Park Service
Deputy Member, U.S. Board on
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(202) 371-5189 (Fax)

"Whatever you do, crush superstition, and love those who love you."

Voltaire, 1762

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From: **Runyon, Jennifer** <jrunyon@usgs.gov>

Date: Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 12:45 PM

Subject: Fwd: FW:(Bear Down Mt AZ) Naming a hill on parcel 221-27-005D

To: Michael Shelton <Michael_Shelton@nps.gov>

Hi Mike,

As promised, here's the note from the property owner to the Arizona State Board re: "Bear Down Mountain".
Another to follow.

Jenny

Jennifer Runyon, research staff

U.S. Board on Geographic Names

U.S. Geological Survey, Geographic Names Office

(703) 648-4550

<http://geonames.usgs.gov>

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From: **AZNAMES** <aznames@lists.lib.az.us>

Date: Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 10:26 AM

Subject: FW:(Bear Down Mt AZ) Naming a hill on parcel 221-27-005D

To: Jennifer E Runyon <jrunyon@usgs.gov>

Hi Jenny,

Here is the first of two emails I received from Marsh McCoy regarding the currently unnamed hill on his property. The AZ Board won't do anything with the proposal until after I get back in February.

Cheers,

Julie

Julie Hoff, ASBGHN staff

Arizona State Archives

1901 W. Madison

Phoenix, AZ 85009

Ph: (602) 926-3878

Fax: (602) 256-7982

From: Marsh McCoy [<mailto:MMcCoy@Photometrics.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 8:07 AM

To: aznames@lists.lib.az.us

Subject: Naming a hill on parcel 221-27-005D

Mr. Eugene Trobia,

I recently received a letter from Matt Van Derlaske, 12598 N Skoda Drive, Marana, AZ 85623, stating that he has proposed naming the hill on my property "Bear Down Mountain". His letter further states that his proposed name will soon come to a vote by your board. This was the first information I received regarding the naming of the hill.

I am opposed to naming the hill Bear Down Mountain.

Since this hill is approximately one third on my land and two thirds on Saguaro National Park land if it is to be named it seems to me that the Park Service should be involved in the naming of the hill.

Please notify me of the status of the request and when the naming will be under consideration by the board.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Marsh McCoy
1406 E Hampton St
Tucson AZ 85719
520 591-9733

U.S. Board On Geographic Names (BGN)**Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Summary****Propose New or Change Name**

Name Proposal ID:	8317
Date Created:	24-OCT-13
Date Submitted:	24-OCT-13
Proposed Name:	Bear Down Mountain
Action Requested:	Name an unnamed feature
Existing Name:	-
Unnamed Evidence:	GNIS search
Locally Used:	No
Locally Used Years:	-
Local Conflict:	No
Local Conflict Detail:	-
Additional Details:	-

Feature Information

GNIS Feature ID:	-
Feature class:	SUMMIT
Descriptive information:	Lat. = 32.346445 Long. = -111.131346 base = 2230 Summit = 2380 ft
Meaning or significance:	to honor local university since we are alumni
Commemorative:	No
Biographical information:	-

Supporting Materials

No information entered.

States and Counties

State Name	County Name
Arizona	Pima

Geographic Coordinates

No information entered.

Administrative Areas

Admin Area Type	Admin Details	Details
National Park	On my property and Saguaro National Park West boarder	Saguaro National Park West

Maps and Documents with Name

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Other	there is no current name	2013

Other (Variant) Names and Their Source

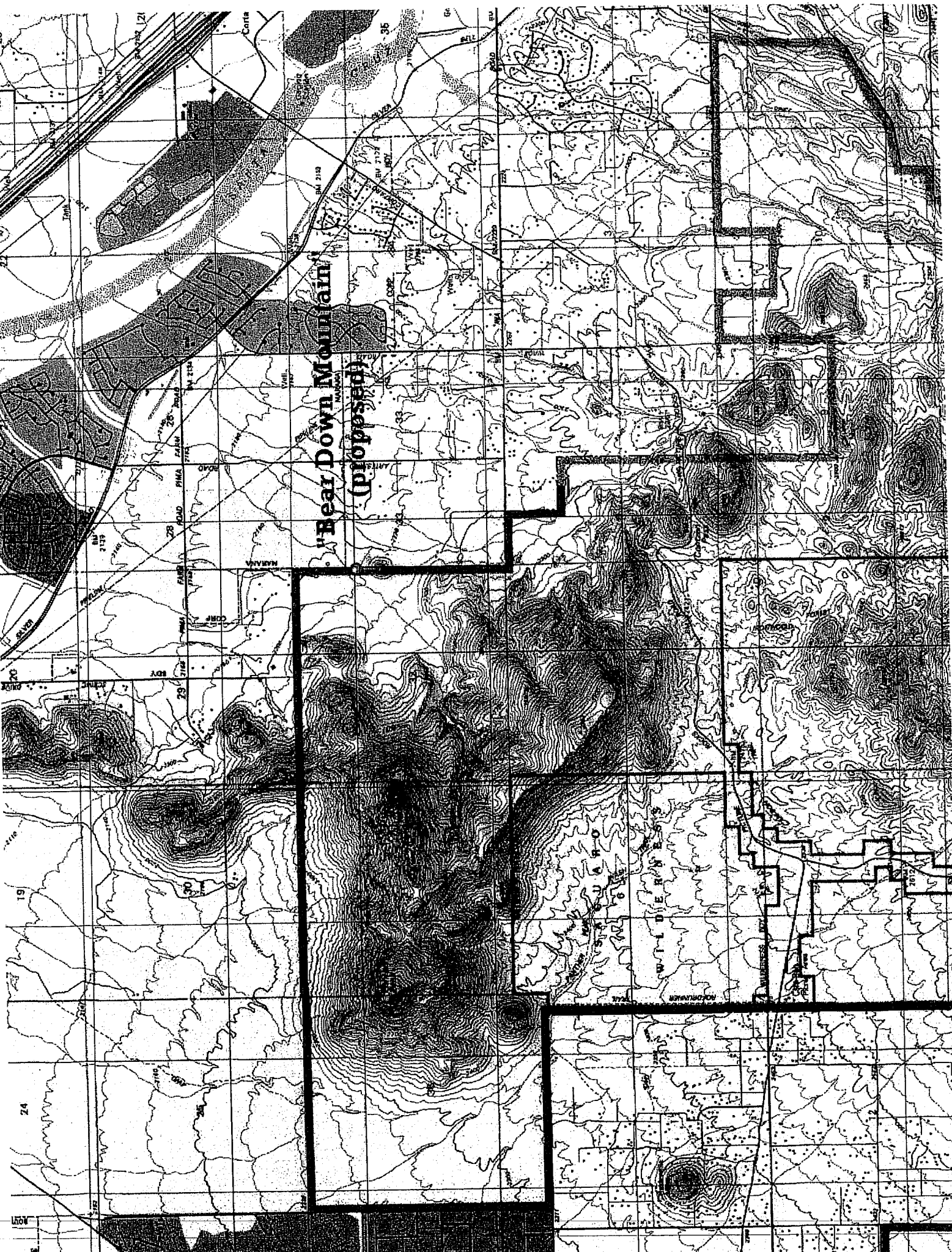
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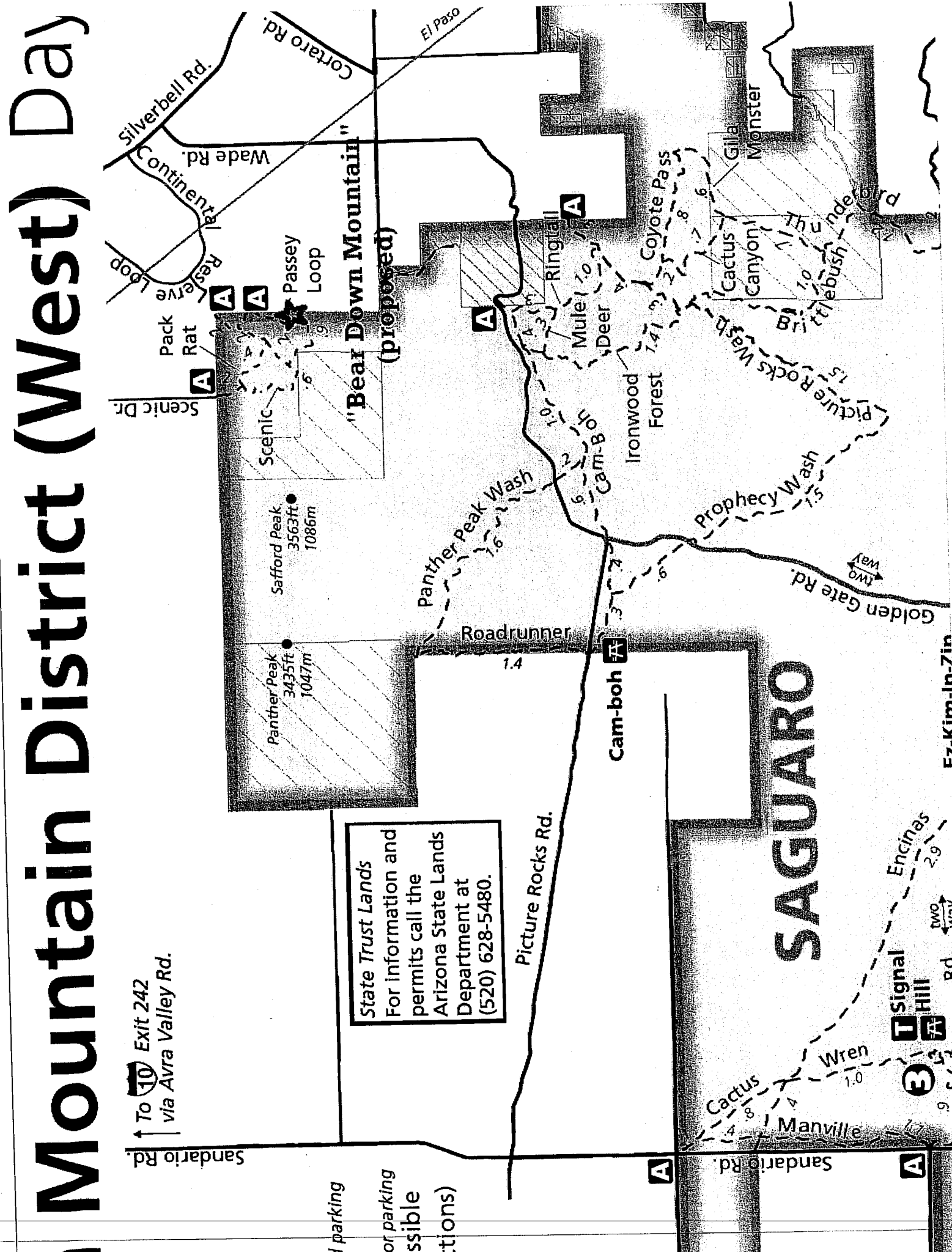
Authorities

Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Occupation	Years
Van Derlaske	Matthew	5202454744	BearDownAlumni@gmail.com	12598 N Skoda Dr	Marana	Arizona	85653	teacher	10

Submitters and/or Preparers

Role	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Company	Title
SUBMITTER	Van Derlaske	Mathew	5202454744	BearDownAlumni@gmail.com	12598 N SKoda Dr	Marana	Arizona	85653	-	-





Mountain District (West) Day

To **Exit 242**
via Avra Valley Rd.

State Trust Lands
For information and
permits call the
Arizona State Lands
Department at
(520) 628-5480.

for parking
or parking
possible
stations)

SAGUARO

Signal Hill
Encinas
2.9
two
way

Wren
1.0

Manville
1.7

Cactus
4.8

Sandario Rd.

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Cam-boh

Picture Rocks Rd.

Roadrunner
1.4

Panther Peak Wash
1.6

Prophecy Wash
1.5

Ironwood Forest
1.4

Deer
1.0

Mule
1.0

Ringtail
1.0

Gila Monster

Cactus Canyon
1.0

Thunderbird
1.0

Picture Rocks Wash
1.5

Brittlebush
1.0

Coyote Pass
1.0

Golden Gate Rd.
two way

"Bear Down Mountain" (proposed)

Safford Peak
3563 ft
1086 m

Panther Peak
3435 ft
1047 m

Scenic

Pack Rat

Passey Loop

Continental Rd.

Silverbell Rd.

El Paso



Registered Name

Information Search

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Instructions

General Information

File ID	25394
Description	Trademark
Status	Active
Name	BEAR DOWN -THE WORDS/UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Address 1	1 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DR, RM 246B
City	TUCSON
State	AZ
ZIP	85721-0096
Phone	520-626-3077
Domestic Begin Date	6/1/1987
Foreign Begin Date	6/1/1987

Trademark Information

Description	BEAR DOWN -THE WORDS/UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Class Code	13

Agent/Owner Information

Agent ID	Type	Fullname	Address	City	State	ZIP	Phone
761323	Owner	UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	1 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DR, RM 246B	TUCSON	AZ	85721-0096	520-626-3077

Registration Information

Received	Amended	Assigned	Expiration	Cancelled	Revoked
5/25/2007			5/30/2017		
6/1/1987			5/30/2007		

Correspondence History

Description	Date	Printed	Filmed	Loc. No.	Page No.	Pages
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