

Dear Ms. Stubbs, Commission Chair;

I am a contractor supporting the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN). I'm reaching out regarding two proposals submitted to the BGN to make official the locally used names "**Bucks Balancing Rock**" and "**Mammoth Arch**" for two rock formations located along Beef Basin Road in San Juan County, Utah.

The BGN reviews naming proposals submitted by individuals, organizations, and government entities. Each proposal is reviewed according to established naming principles and includes outreach to local, Tribal, state, and federal stakeholders.

These proposed names refer to a 100-foot-tall pillar and a 140-foot-tall arch, respectively, situated approximately 0.1 miles apart on Bureau of Land Management land within Bears Ears National Monument. According to the proponent, the names have been used by local outdoor groups for over fifty years. The formations lie approximately 1.7 miles northeast of House Park Butte.

- **Bucks Balancing Rock** may reference the historical presence of buck deer in the area. It is described as a prominent, delicately balanced sandstone formation, comparable to features found in Arches National Park.
- **Mammoth Arch** is a descriptive name inspired by the feature's resemblance to a mammoth. The proponent notes that a similar name, "Elephant Arch," is already in use elsewhere in Utah, and that this arch rivals the size and scenic value of more widely known formations.

We welcome any comments or input your offices may wish to provide regarding the proposed name, especially if federal recognition of the name is needed. Please note that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names does not prescribe how local governments must arrive at a decision or position on a naming proposal.

For your convenience, I've attached the proposal case packet along with a recommendation form that may be used to submit your response. The Utah Committee on Geographic Names, copied, and the Bureau of Land Management will also be reviewing the proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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