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This Quarterly Review List presents names proposed for geographic features in the United States. The names are offered to (1) identify previously unnamed features, (2) provide official recognition to names in current local usage, (3) resolve conflicts in name spellings, applications, and local usage, or (4) change existing names. Any organization, agency, or person may indicate to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) their support or opposition to any name proposed herein by submitting written evidence documenting their position.

The names herein are official for use in Federal publications and on maps upon approval by the BGN. Only one name is official per geographic feature; however, a shortened version of an official name may be authorized, and these are identified by underlining. The use or omission of non-underlined words is optional.

Variant names and spellings discovered in researching a name are listed following the word "Not." These may include names and spellings that formerly were official, historical names known to have been previously associated with the feature, names that conflict with current policies of the BGN, misspellings, and names misapplied to the subject of the proposal.

If a populated place is incorporated under the laws of its State, it is specified as such in parentheses after the feature designation. Populated places without such designations are not incorporated.

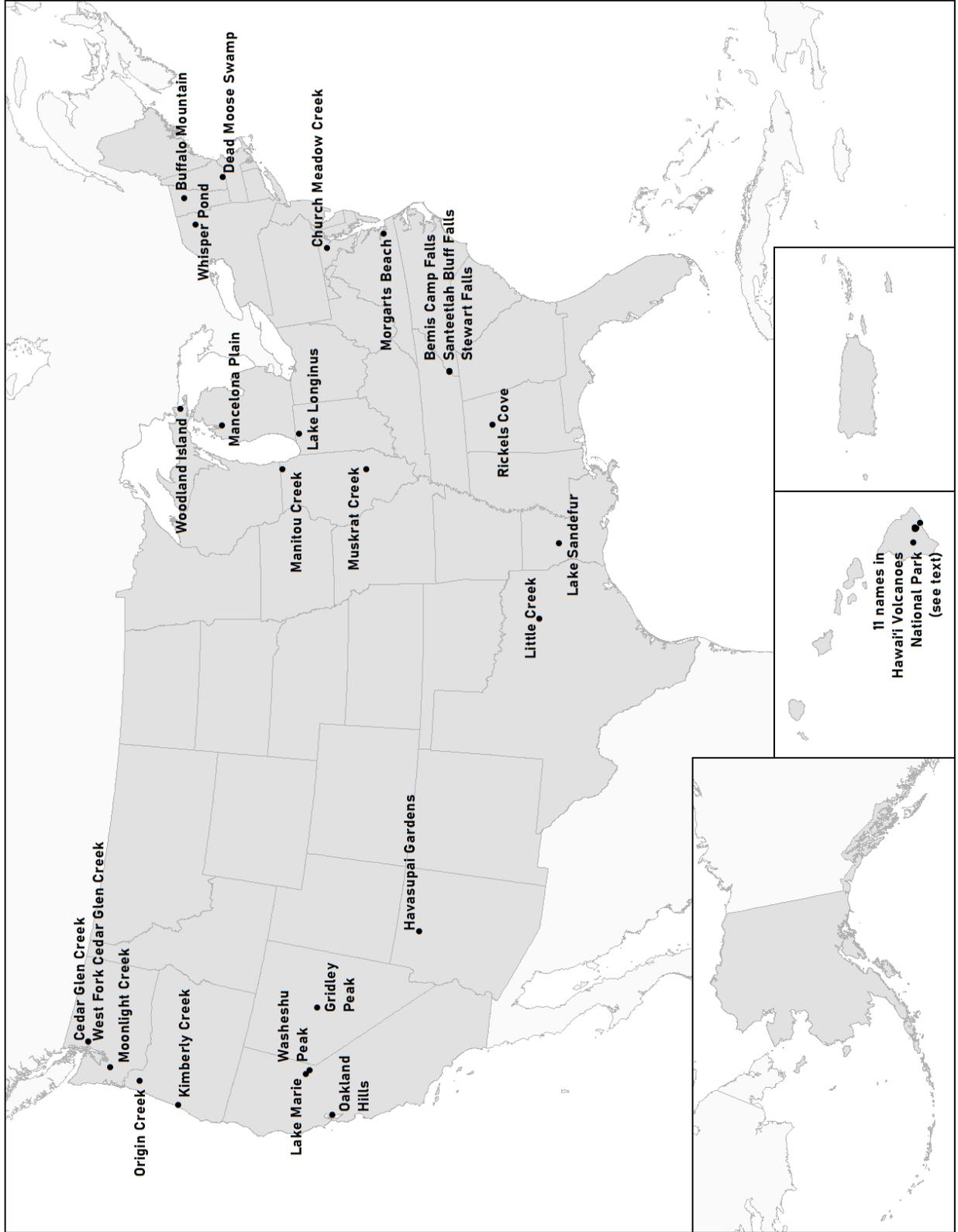
The information following each name indicates the submitting agency or person, the most recent base series map\* for locating the feature, the reason for the proposal, and other pertinent background facts needed to assist the BGN in its decision process. Each paragraph also includes a link to available map services showing the location of the feature. A copy of this Review List has also been posted to the BGN's website at <https://usgs.gov/geonames/domestic-names>.

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\*Standard map series published by the U.S. Geological Survey, USDA Forest Service, or Office of Coast Survey.



The valley named Squaw Valley is also known locally as “Olympic Valley,” but that name generally refers to the community. The identical names for a natural feature and an unincorporated populated place cause much confusion, especially in this well-known ski area.

## HAWAII

The following eleven proposals were submitted to the BGN by the Hawai‘i Board on Geographic Names (HBGN) on behalf of the staff at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park (HAVO). Two are to make official names in local and historical use, while the other nine are to change existing names to recognize local and historical use. Most of these names are already in use on HAVO documents and signs, either as the primary name or a variant name in parentheses.

**Akanikōlea**: bench; 22 acres; in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, on the SSE side of Kaluapele (q.v.) W of Keanakāko‘i Crater; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°23’59”N, 155°16’11”W; USGS map – Kilauea Crater 1:24,000; Not: ‘Ākanikōlea, Akani-kōlea.

19.4120607, -155.2758697

Proposal: to make official a name in historical and local use

Map: USGS Kilauea Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: No record

Local Usage: Akanikōlea (140+ years, according to Hawai‘i BGN research)

Published:

‘Ākanikōlea (Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021)

Akani-kōlea (*Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974)

Case Summary: This proposal is to make official the name Akanikōlea for a 22-acre bench on the southeastern side of Kaluapele (q.v., currently Kīlauea Crater) in HAVO. The name is in historic and local use, but is not currently used on HAVO maps and signs..

The 1974 *Place Names of Hawaii* contains an entry for Akani-kōlea: “Land near Kī-lau-ea Crater, Hawai‘i, where Kama-pua‘a taunted Pele...*Lit.*, plover cry.”

Research by the HBGN revealed that the name Akanikōlea is a place name mentioned in Hawaiian chants related to the Pele and Hiiaka saga. The Hawai‘i State Archives contains a statement about the feature from Joseph Kealiikuikamoku Ilalaole, born in 1873 in Kaueleau, Puna: “When [you] pass Keanakakoi, and go further down toward Kilauea, on your left is a little high place, Akani-kolea, flat, about 5 or 6 ft. high, and flat on top, quite long. Where Kamapuaa was standing up. Hiiaka saw Kama, beautiful man.”

This name is recorded as a variant for Steaming Bluff, proposed as Wahinekapu (q.v.) citing a 1996 National Park Service brochure. This brochure is not available online, so it’s not clear if this was a mislabeling.

**Change Sulphur Banks to Ha‘akulamanu:** bench; approx. 30 acres; on the N side of Kaluapele (q.v.) above Kūkamāhuākea (q.v.); Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°26’01”N, 155°15’41”W; USGS map – Kilauea Crater 1:24,000; Not: Ha‘akula-manu, Sulfur Bank, Sulfur Banks, Sulphur Banks. 19.4334908, -155.261364

Proposal: name change to recognize historical and local use

Map: USGS Kilauea Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: Sulphur Banks (BGN 1999)

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Sulphur Banks (FID 1847309)

Local Usage: Ha‘akulamanu (HAVO maps, as variant); Sulphur Banks (HAVO maps)

Published:

Ha‘akulamanu (HAVO map, 2021, as variant; Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021);

Ha‘akula-manu (*Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974);

Sulfur Bank (USGS 1963, 1981; “Hawaii National Park” NPS circular, 1936);

Sulfur Banks (*Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974);

Sulphur Banks (HAVO map, 2021; ulukau.org, 2021)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Sulphur Banks (BGN 1999) on the north side of Kaluapele (q.v., currently Kīlauea Crater) in HAVO to Ha‘akulamanu. The change is requested to “re-establish use of traditional Hawaiian names by using the variant name instead of the current name. Ha‘akulamanu as a place name is found on park maps [as a variant], Trail Illustrated maps and in *Place Names of Hawai‘i*.” The proposed name is currently used on HAVO maps and signs as a variant for Sulphur Banks.

The 1974 *Place Names of Hawaii* contains an entry for Ha‘akula-manu: “Old name for Sulfur Banks, Kī-lau-ea volcano, Ha-wai‘i. *Lit.*, like a birds’ gathering place.”

The feature was labeled as Sulphur Bank on USGS maps starting in 1963. In 1999, the HGBN requested that the name be changed to Sulphur Banks as part of a large list of updates and to bring GNIS into agreement with local use.

**Change Kīlauea Crater to Kaluapele:** crater; approx. 2,500 acres; at the summit of Kīlauea; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°24’43”N, 155°16’33”W; USGS map – Kilauea Crater 1:24,000; Not: Ellis Crater, Kaluapele, Kaluaopele, Kaluapele o Kīlauea, Kaluapele o Kilauea, Kilaua, Kilauea, Kīlauea Caldera, Kilauea Caldera, Kīlauea Crater, Kilauea Crater, Kirauea, Lua Pele o Kilauea, Lahainaluna.

19.4120607, -155.2758697

Proposal: name change to recognize historical use

Map: USGS Kilauea Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: Kīlauea Crater (BGN 1897, 1954); Kīlauea Crater (BGN 1999)

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Kīlauea Crater (FID 361216)

Local Usage:

Kaluapele (HAVO website);

Kaluapele o Kīlauea (HAVO maps, as variant);

Kīlauea Caldera (HAVO maps)

Published:

Ellis Crater (BGN decision variant, 1954);

Kaluapele (HAVO website, 2021; *Hawai'i Magazine*, 2021; Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021);

Kaluaopele (Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021);

Kaluapele o Kīlauea (HAVO map, 2021, as variant);

Kaluapele o Kīlauea (Kalama map, 1837);

Kīlauea (BGN decision variant, 1897);

Kīlauea (BGN decision variant, 1954);

Kīlauea Caldera (BGN decision variant, 1954; HAVO map, 2021);

Kīlauea Caldera (USGS Professional Paper, 1976 and many other sources);

Kīlauea Crater (USGS 1995);

Kīlauea Crater (USGS 1921, 1924, 1963, 1980, 1981; AMS 1954, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1975; “Hawaii National Park” NPS circular, 1935, 1936);

Kīrauea (BGN decision variant, 1954);

Lua Pele o Kīlauea (BGN decision variant, 1954);

Lahainaluna (BGN decision variant, 1954)

Case Summary: This proposal, to change the name of Kīlauea Crater in HAVO to Kaluapele, states: “change the name of Kīlauea Crater to Kaluapele as cited on the 1837 Kalama map [which is] the first map published by a Native Hawaiian with the name Kaluapele . . . The name change recommendation would apply to the crater, not the volcano [Kīlauea; GNIS FID 1853032]. The name of the caldera should be ‘Kaluapele’, rather than ‘Kaluapele o Kīlauea’, as it’s ‘Moku‘āweoweo’ rather than ‘Moku‘āweoweo o Mauna Loa’ [the crater of the Mauna Loa volcano]”.

The crater is one of the largest active calderas in the world and is a significant location to both Hawaiians and geologists. It has had numerous names over the years.

- USGS maps showed the name Kīlauea Crater from 1921 to 1981; Kīlauea Crater was shown on a 1995 USGS map
- recent National Park Service maps have shown the name Kīlauea Caldera with the variant name Kaluapele o Kīlauea
- current NPS webpages use the name Kaluapele
- geological literature, including USGS Professional Papers, have used Kīlauea Caldera

The BGN approved the name Kīlauea in 1897. The decision card noted that the name applied to a volcano; sometime later this was crossed out and “crater” was written. An alternative name of Kīlauea was noted, citing “Johnson Prof[?] State.”

The BGN’s *Second Report, 2nd edition* (1901) reported the decision as “**Kīlauea**; volcano, Hawaiian islands (Not Kilaua).” The BGN’s *Sixth Report* (1933) referred to the feature as a crater instead, adding “**Kīlauea**: crater, southeastern slope of Mauna Loa, elevation, nearly 4,000 feet; largest active crater in the world, containing the Pit, Haleinaumau, with its lake of fire, south-central Hawaii, T. H. (Not Kilaua.)”

A BGN work card with date notations between April 28, 1952 and June 6, 1953 gave the official name as Kilauea, referring to a volcano. It noted the DNC decision on January 29, 1953 and “Also a decision on Kilauea Crater (q.v.)” This card could not be located but many variant name cards mentioned the Kilauea Crater entry, referring to a “summit depression.” These variant names were all listed on the Kilauea [volcano] work card.

The BGN’s *Decision List No. 5403* reported decisions for “Kilanea (*sic*): volcano, Hawaii County; 19°24' N., 155°17' W.” and “Kilauea Crater: summit depression, Hawaii County; 19°24' N., 155°17' W. Not: Ellis Crater, Kilauea, Kilauea Caldera, Kirauea, Lahainaluna, Lua Pele o Kilauea.”

The “Ellis Crater” and “Lahainaluna” variants may have been a misreading of the entry in the 1935 *A Gazetteer of the Territory of Hawaii* by John Wesley Coulter: “Kilauea Crater (Kirauea, Ellis; Lua Pele o Kilauea, Lahainaluna). . . .” The name Kirauea was used by William Ellis in the 1820s; Hawaiian maps made by Hawaiians were printed at Lahainaluna so that may be a map reference and not a name for the volcano or crater.

BGN decisions for the summit (volcano) have been Kilauea Volcano in 1954 and Kīlauea Volcano in 2000, but the official name recorded in GNIS is Kīlauea. The name of the USGS topographic map on which the crater is shown is Kilauea Crater.

**Kūkamāhuākea**: flat; 33 acres; on the N side of Kaluapele (q.v.) between Wahinekapu (q.v.) and Ha‘akulamanu (q.v.); the name means “broad place where steam rises”; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°25’56”N, 155°16’01”W; USGS map – Kilauea Crater 1:24,000; Not: Kukamahuakea, Steaming Flats.

19.432222, -155.266825

Proposal: to make official a name in local use

Map: USGS Kilauea Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: No record

Local Usage: None found

Published: Kukamahuakea (*Kamehameha and his warrior Kekūhaupi‘o*, 2000; USGS Open-File Report 2017–1043); Steaming Flats (USGS Professional Paper 1350, 1987; many other geologic publications)

Case Summary: This proposal is to make official the name Kūkamāhuākea for a flat area on the north side of Kīlauea Crater (proposed Kaluapele (q.v.)) in HAVO. The flat area is between Sulphur Banks (proposed Ha‘akulamanu (q.v.)) and Steaming Bluff (proposed Wahinekapu (q.v.)). The proposed name means “broad place where steam rises.”

The name was published as Kukamahuakea in *Kamehameha and his warrior Kekūhaupi‘o*, a biography published in 2000; it reports:

When the returning warriors [of Keōua, Kamehameha enemy] descended to a certain place called Kukamahuakea, a very strong earthquake began to shake the earth which cracked and split. Fine volcanic ash spurted upward so that the people close to some of those cracks had no time to seek safety. Also, when those large, deep cracks opened up, some people were unable to avoid them. On the small cracks, they laid down their fighting clubs joining them like ladders, and got precariously to the other side of the crack. Some of these warriors escaped. When the second division of Keōua's warriors arrived close to Uwēkahuna [*sic*], the sky darkened with lethal smoke and ash, and that division of almost eight hundred warriors was also covered over.

A Hawaiian native place name expert on the HBGN wrote: "I believe that if one imagines that one trail from Hilo to Ka'ū [*sic*] approximated the route of Crater Rim Drive in front of KVC [Kīlauea Visitor Center], then the 'descent' described in the text is that downhill section between the Volcano House sign and just past the old road to Sulphur Banks. Kūkamāhuākea [*sic*] then aptly refers to the area we call Steaming Flats."

The feature has been called Steaming Flats in many geological publications for many decades. The proposed name is not currently used on HAVO maps or signs.

**Change Waldron Ledge to Kūpina'i Pali:** bench; approx. 50 acres; on the E side of Kaluapele (q.v.), NW of Kīlauea Iki Crater; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°25'10"N, 155°15'14"W; USGS map – Kilauea Crater 1:24,000; Not: Pali Aloha, Palialoha, Waldron Ledge, Waldron's Ledge. 19.4193661, -155.2539611

Proposal: name change to recognize local use

Map: USGS Kilauea Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Waldron Ledge (FID 364943)

Local Usage: Kūpina'i Pali (HAVO website, 2021); Waldron Ledge (HAVO map and website, 2021)

Published:

Kūpina'i Pali (HAVO website, 2021);

Pali Aloha (local map, 1931; Superintendent report, 1932);

Palialoha (Hawaii archives; HAVO Kupuna);

Waldron Ledge (USGS 1921, 1924, 1963, 1981, 1995; NPS map, 2021; *Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974);

Waldron's Ledge (Hawaiian Government Survey map, 1886; NPS Cultural Landscape Inventory, 2006; other sources)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Waldron Ledge, a 50-acre bench on the east side of Kīlauea Crater (proposed Kaluapele (q.v.)) in HAVO, to Kūpina'i Pali. The proposed name is currently used on the HAVO website, with Waldron Ledge as a variant; the latter name is shown on the official HAVO park map.

A Hawaiian native place name expert on the HBGN reported that the name Waldron's Ledge was first shown on a 1886 Hawaiian Government Survey map, although it was in fact referring to the survey station, not the natural feature. The accompanying field notes for the map make it clear that the feature had the name Kūpina'i Pali. The report also states that "the archives" record a variant name of Paliāloha and that this name was reported by HAVO kupuna based on a local family report. The spelling Pali Aloha appeared on a 1931 NPS ranger map and in a 1932 Superintendent report, and refers to a location ". . . where Pele met and fell in love with Lohiau". The proposal also reports that the name Pali Aloha appeared in news articles from the 1920s and that the name appears to be "modern."

The name Waldron Ledge may refer to Fred Waldron and his wife, who operated the Volcano House between 1898 and 1900, although the earliest use of the name was in 1886. Some references report that it refers to Richard Russell Waldron, a member of the Wilkes United States Exploring Expedition of 1838-1842. The 1974 volume *Place Names of Hawaii* includes an entry for Waldron Ledge: "Small portion of the northern rim of Kī-lau-ea caldera, Hawai'i, named for purser of the *Vincennes*, a ship of the U.S. Exploring Expedition in 1840 and 1841."

**Change Moku'āweoweo Caldera to Moku'āweoweo**: crater; approx. 2,000 acres; at the summit of Mauna Loa; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°28'13"N, 155°35'32"W; USGS map – Mauna Loa 1:24,000; Not: Caldera of Mauna Loa, Crater of Mokuaweowea, Crater of Mokuaweoweo, Crater of Mokuawéowéo, Mokuaweowea, Mokuaweowea Caldera, Mokuaweowea Crater, Mokuaweoweo, Moku-'āweoweo, Moku'āweoweo Caldera, Mokuaweoweo Caldera, Mokuaweoweo Crater

19.4701933 , -155.5922259

Proposal: name change to recognize local use

Map: USGS Mauna Loa 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: Mokuaweoweo (BGN 1914, 1954); Moku'āweoweo Caldera (BGN 1999)

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Moku'āweoweo Caldera (FID 365204)

Local Usage: Moku'āweoweo Caldera (HAVO map, 2021)

Published:

Caldera of Mauna Loa (BGN decision variant, 1999);

Crater of Mokuaweowea (UK Parliament report map, 1908);

Crater of Mokuaweoweo (CGS/NOAA maps, 1902-2011; Hawaii Government Survey map, 1886; Hawaii Territory Survey map, 1901; USPS route map, 1908; General Land Office map, 1916);

Crater of Mokuawéowéo (CGS/NOAA maps, 1917-2008);

Mokuaweowea (*The Technology Review*, 1912);

Mokuaweowea Caldera (National Geologic Map Database Geolex website, 2021, citing a 1945 publication);

Mokuaweowea Crater (BGN decision variant, 1999);

Moku'āweoweo (USGS 1993; USGS website, 2009; HAVO website, 2021; *Atlas of Hawai'i*, 1998);

Mokuaweoweo (USGS 1966, 1975, 1980, 1981; HAVO website, 2017; “Hawaii National Park” NPS circular, 1935; *Hawaii Nature Notes*, 1951);  
Moku-‘āweoweo (*Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974);  
Moku-‘āweoweo Caldera (USGS website, 2009; HAVO map, 2021);  
Mokuaweoweo Caldera (Hawaii Division of Hydrography Bulletin 9, 1945; *Hawaii Nature Notes*, 1951; Smithsonian Institution *Scientific Event Alert Network Bulletin*, 14:2, 1989);  
Mokuaweoweo Crater (USGS 1928; AMS 1954, 1959, 1962)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Moku-‘āweoweo Caldera, the crater at the summit of Mauna Loa in HAVO, to Moku-‘āweoweo. It would also remove the word “Caldera,” “to conform with Native Hawaiian language conventions and usage.”

The 1974 volume *Place Names of Hawaii* includes an entry for Moku-‘āweoweo: “Summit crater of Mauna Loa volcano, Hawai‘i. *Lit.*, ‘āweoweo fish section (the red of the fish suggests volcanic fires).”

USGS maps showed the name as Mokuaweoweo Crater in 1928; as Mokuaweoweo between 1966 and 1981; and then as Moku-‘āweoweo in 1993. BGN decisions for the name were Mokuaweoweo in 1914 and 1954. The crater has an area of 3.7 square miles and was described in the 1954 decision as the second largest active crater in the world. In 1999, the HGBN requested that the name be changed to Moku-‘āweoweo Caldera as part of a large list of name and spelling changed to bring GNIS into agreement with local use.

**Change Thurston Lava Tube to Nāhuku:** cave; E of Kīlauea Iki Crater; name in local use; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°28’13”N, 155°35’32”W; USGS map – Volcano 1:24,000; Not: Lava Tube, Nahuku - Thurston Lava Tube, Nā-huku, Thurston Lava Tube.

Proposal: name change to recognize local use

Map: USGS Volcano 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Thurston Lava Tube

Local Usage: Nāhuku (HAVO map); Thurston Lava Tube (HAVO map, as variant)

Published:

Lava Tube (“Hawaii National Park” NPS circular, 1936)

Nāhuku (HAVO map, 2021);

Nahuku - Thurston Lava Tube (Google maps, 2021);

Nā-huku (*Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974);

Thurston Lava Tube (USGS 1963, 1980, 1981, 1997; HAVO map, 2021, as variant; “Hawaii National Park” NPS circular, 1936)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Thurston Lava Tube, a cave in HAVO, to Nāhuku. The proposed name means “the protuberances” and refers to the abundant lava stalactites and

stalagmites that were in the cave before they were taken as souvenirs by visitors over the years.

The feature is shown on current HAVO maps as “Nāhuku (Thurston Lava Tube).” Signs in the park have also labeled the feature as “Thurston Lava Tube (Nāhuku).” The proposal states that the signs were updated in 2012 to reflect the traditional name, although the name was already in longstanding use locally. The proponent requests that the feature be shown in GNIS “because it is a public cave with heavy visitation.” However, citing Department of the Interior regulations that restrict sharing the locations of caves determined to be sensitive on federally managed land, all database entries classified as “cave” are blocked from public view.

The 1974 volume *Place Names of Hawaii* contains an entry for Nā-huku: “Lava tube near Kī-lau-ea Crater, Hawai‘i, now called Thurston Lava Tube. *Lit.*, the protuberances.”

**Change Naulu Forest to Nāulu**: woods; approx. 200 acres; in two kīpuka (areas separated by lava flows) along Hōlei Pali, 3 mi. NW of Ka‘ena Point; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°18’37”N, 155°08’56”W; USGS map – Makaopuhi Crater 1:24,000; Not: Naulu, Nāulu Forest, Naulu Forest, Nā-ulu.

19.310205, -155.148813

Proposal: name change to recognize local use

Map: USGS Makaopuhi Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Naulu Forest (FID 362614)

Local Usage: Nāulu (HAVO)

Published:

Nāulu (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit technical report, 2012);

Naulu (*ibid.*);

Nāulu Forest (USGS 1995; *ibid.*);

Naulu Forest (USGS 1963, 1981; HAVO website, 2006);

Nā-ulu (*Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Naulu Forest, described as a pair of kīpuka (areas surrounded by lava flows) to Nāulu. The removal of “Forest” from the name would “conform with Native Hawaiian language conventions and usage.”

USGS maps erroneously labeled this area of woods in uppercase text, which would indicate an administrative forest rather than a natural feature. A 1995 USGS map displayed the name as Nāulu Forest, but the official name in GNIS is Naulu Forest.

The 1974 volume *Place Names of Hawaii* includes an entry for Nā-ulu: “Forest and picnic area (cut off from the road and partially destroyed by lava flows in 1972), Puna [quadrangle], Hawai‘i. *Lit.*, the groves.”

**Change Byron Ledge to Uēaloha**: bench; approx. 50 acres; on the E side of Kaluapele (q.v.), S of Kūpina‘i Pali (q.v.); Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°24’45”N, 155°15’29”W; USGS map – Kilauea Crater 1:24,000; Not: Byron Ledge, Palialoha, Uwēaloha.

19.4125461, -155.258038

Proposal: name change to recognize historical and local use

Map: USGS Kilauea Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Byron Ledge (FID 358689)

Local Usage: Byron Ledge (HAVO, as variant); Uēaloha (HAVO)

Published:

Byron Ledge (USGS 1921, 1926, 1963, 1981, 1995; HAVO website, 2021, as variant;

HAVO trail guide, 2013, as variant; HAVO trail guide, 2016; "Hawaii National Park" NPS circular, 1935; *Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974);

Pali aloha (Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021);

Uēaloha (HAVO website, 2021, Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021);

Uwēaloha (HAVO trail guide, 2013; HAVO trail guide, 2016, as variant, Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021);

Wai aloha (Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Byron Ledge on the east side of Kīlauea Crater (proposed Kaluapele (q.v.)) in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (HAVO) to Uēaloha. HAVO and HBGN state that this is the correct orthography for the variant name Uwēaloha and would reestablish the use of traditional place names.

The 1974 volume *Place Names of Hawaii* includes an entry for Byron Ledge: "A broad, flat-topped ridge separating Kī-lau-ea from Kī-lau-ea Iki craters, Hawai'i, named for Lord (George Anson) Byron, a cousin of the poet and captain of H.M.S. *Blonde*, which in 1824 brought back the bodies of Ka-mehameha II and his queen, Ka-māmālu, who had died in England . . . Byron camped here in 1825."

**Change Uēkahuna Bluff to Uēkahuna:** cliff; 0.8 mi. long; on the NW side of Kaluapele (q.v.); the name means "priest wept"; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°25'33"N, 155°16'51"W; USGS map – Kilauea Crater 1:24,000; Not: Uēkahuna Bluff, Uwēkahuna, Uwēkahuna Bluff, Uwekahuna Bluff, Uwekahuna Pali, Uwē-kahuna.

19.4257608, -155.2809334

Proposal: name change to recognize local use

Map: USGS Kilauea Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: Uwēkahuna Bluff (BGN 1999); Uēkahuna Bluff (BGN 2012)

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Uēkahuna Bluff (FID 364390)

Local Usage: Uēkahuna (NPS)

Published:

Uēkahuna (HAVO website, 2021);

Uēkahuna Bluff (USGS website, 2020; *Hawai'i Magazine*, 2021);

Uwēkahuna (HAVO trail guide, 2016);

Uwēkahuna Bluff (USGS 1995);

Uwekahuna Bluff (USGS 1963, 1981; “Hawaii National Park” NPS circular, 1935, 1936);

Uwekahuna Pali (“Hawaii National Park” NPS circular, 1936);

Uwē-kahuna (*Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Uēkahuna Bluff, a cliff on the northwest side of Kīlauea Crater (proposed Kaluapele (q.v.)) in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park (HAVO), to Uēkahuna. HAVO is requesting that the generic “Bluff” be removed “to conform with Native Hawaiian language conventions and usage” and noted that the change “was part of an HBGN spelling change effort in 2012 that was never processed.”

The name Uwekahuna is also applied to a volcano observatory at the highest point of Kīlauea, and in various sources it refers to a summit or a bluff/cliff. Older USGS maps label the summit as Uwekahuna; later maps label the cliff as Uwekahuna Bluff or Uwēkahuna Bluff.

The 1974 volume *Place Names of Hawaii* includes an entry for Uwē-kahuna: “Volcano observatory, bluff, and cliff . . . Kī-lau-ea [quadrangle], Hawai‘i, and name of Kaha-wali’s priests who challenged Pele after Kaha-wali’s defeat in *hōula* sledding . . . . A house stood over a pit here; when curious persons entered, the priest pulled ropes making the floor collapse, and they fell to their deaths in the pit Ka-miki, a hero set the house on fire and the priest wept (*uwē kahuna*).”

**Change Steaming Bluff to Wahinekapu:** cliff; approx. 0.5 mi. long, 400 ft. high; on the N side of Kaluapele (q.v.) below Kūkamāhuākea (q.v.); the name means “sacred woman”; Hawaii County, Hawaii; 19°25’47”N, 155°16’10”W; USGS map – Kilauea Crater 1:24,000; Not: Steaming Bluff, Steaming Bluffs, Wahine-kapu.

19.4298485, -155.2695608

Proposal: name change to recognize local use

Map: USGS Kilauea Crater 1:24,000

Proponent: Rhonda Loh; Hawaii National Park, HI

Administrative area: Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Steaming Bluff (FID 364293)

Local Usage: Wahinekapu (NPS)

Published:

Steaming Bluff (USGS 1963, 1981, 1995; HAVO website, 2021, as variant; USGS website, 2020, as variant);

Steaming Bluffs (“Hawaii National Park” NPS circular, 1935);

Wahine-kapu (*Place Names of Hawaii*, 1974);

Wahinekapu (NPS brochure, 2021; HAVO website, 2021; USGS website, 2020; Ka Leo o ka Uluau podcast, 2021)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Steaming Bluff, a cliff on the north side of Kīlauea Crater (proposed Kaluapele (q.v.)) in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park (HAVO), to Wahinekapu.

The 1974 volume *Place Names of Hawaii* includes an entry for Wahine-kapu: “A bluff near Kī-lau-ea, Hawai‘i and taboo residence of the god Ka-moho-ali‘i, Pele’s brother . . . *Lit.*, sacred woman (Pele).”

The proposal states that the location is from a local family tradition and that the name is recorded in Hawaiian chants.

The name Akanikōlea is recorded as a variant for Steaming Bluff, proposed as Wahinekapu (q.v.) citing a 1996 NPS brochure. This brochure is not currently available online so it is not clear if this was a mislabeling.

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**Change Squaw Creek to Manitou Creek:** stream; 15 mi. long; heads in Hawthorn Woods Village at 42°16’31”N, 88°03’35”W, flows generally NNW through the Township of Fremont, Round Lake Park Village, the Township of Avon, Hainesville Village, Round Lake Village, the Township of Grant, and Fox Lake Village to enter Fox Lake on the Fox River; the name refers to the spirit of the stream and the lifeblood of the region’s indigenous people; Tps45&44N, Rgs9&10E, Third Principal Meridian; Lake County, Illinois; 42°23’54”N, 88°09’24”W; USGS map – Fox Lake 1:24,000 (mouth); Not: Squaw Creek.

Mouth: 42.3983541, -88.1567512

Source: 42.2753009, -88.0598007

Proposal: to change a name considered derogatory

Map: USGS Fox Lake 1:24,000 (mouth)

Proponent: Squaw Creek Drainage District Board; Round Lake, IL

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Squaw Creek (FID 419016)

Local Usage: Squaw Creek (county website)

Published: Squaw Creek (USGS 1920, 1923, 1960, 1981, 1993; AMS 1954, 1955, 1958, 1963; *Historical and Statistical Sketches of Lake County*, 1852; *Map of Lake County, Illinois*, 1861; *The Past and Present of Lake County, Illinois*, 1877; *A History of Lake County Illinois*, 1912)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Squaw Creek in Lake County to Manitou Creek. The stream flows into Fox Lake on the Fox River and flows through Hawthorn Woods Village and Round Lake Park Village in the Township of Fremont; Hainesville Village and Round Lake Village in the Township of Avon; and Fox Lake Village in the Township of Grant. It also flows through Lake County Forest Preserve District lands.

The proposal was submitted by an Avon Township Trustee who serves on the Squaw Creek Drainage District Board; the application states:

It is well recognized that the name “Squaw” is a derogatory term to most Native American tribes from our region. It is an ethnic and sexual slur, historically used for Indigenous North

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| Proposed Name | Current or Former Name | reason for proposal                               | GNIS Feature ID | Feature Type | State | County | Fed Land Mgmt Agency | Review List | Decision Date | Status        | Primary DD [Mouth] Lat | Primary DD [Mouth] Long | Secondary DD [Source] Lat | Secondary DD [Source] Long | USGS Primary Topo Map |
|---------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|-------|--------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ahu'ailā'au   |                        | new name for unnamed feature                      | 2830037         | area         | HI    | Hawaii |                      | 443         | 10-Jun-21     | approved      | 19.46137               | -154.90913              |                           |                            | Pahoia South          |
| Akanikōlea    |                        | make official name in local use                   |                 | bench        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.399925              | -155.269783             |                           |                            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Ha'akulamānu  | Sulphur Banks          | name change to recognize historical and local use | 1847309         | bench        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.4334908             | -155.261364             |                           |                            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Hi'iaka       | Hi'iaka Crater         | name change to recognize local preference         | 359142          | crater       | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | N/A         | 09-Sep-21     | approved      | 19.3743124             | -155.2299929            |                           |                            | Makaopuhi Crater      |
| Kaluapele     | Kīlauea Crater         | name change to recognize historical use           | 361216          | crater       | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.4120607             | -155.2758697            |                           |                            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Kūkamāhuākea  |                        | make official name in local use                   |                 | flat         | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.432222              | -155.266825             |                           |                            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Kūpina'i Pali | Waldron Ledge          | name change to recognize local use                | 364943          | bench        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.4193661             | -155.2539611            |                           |                            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Moku'āweoweo  | Moku'āweoweo Caldera   | name change to recognize local use                | 365204          | crater       | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.4701933             | -155.5922259            |                           |                            | Mauna Loa             |
| Nāhuku        | Thurston Lava Tube     | name change to recognize local use                |                 | cave         | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed |                        |                         |                           |                            | Volcano               |
| Nāulu         | Naulu Forest           | name change to recognize local use                | 362614          | woods        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.310205              | -155.148813             |                           |                            | Makaopuhi Crater      |
| Uēaloha       | Byron Ledge            | name change to recognize historical and local use | 358689          | bench        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.4125461             | -155.258038             |                           |                            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Uēkahuna      | Uēkahuna Bluff         | name change to recognize local use                | 364390          | cliff        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.4257608             | -155.2809334            |                           |                            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Wahinekapu    | Steaming Bluff         | name change to recognize local use                | 364293          | cliff        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                  | 445         |               | review listed | 19.4298485             | -155.2695608            |                           |                            | Kilauea Crater        |

| New/Proposed Name | Current or Former Name | reason for proposal                               | GNIS Feature ID | Feature Type | State | County | Fedl Land Mgmt Agency | Decision Date | Status   | Review List | Primary DD [Mouth] Lat | Primary DD [Mouth] Long | USGS Primary Topo Map |
|-------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ahu'ailā'au       |                        | new name for unnamed feature                      | 2830037         | area         | HI    | Hawaii |                       | 10-Jun-21     | approved | 443         | 19.46137               | -154.90913              | Pahoia South          |
| Akanikōlea        |                        | make official name in local use                   | 2830227         | bench        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.399925              | -155.269783             | Kilauea Crater        |
| Ha'akulamanu      | Sulphur Banks          | name change to recognize historical and local use | 1847309         | bench        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.4334908             | -155.261364             | Kilauea Crater        |
| Hi'iaka           | Hi'iaka Crater         | name change to recognize local preference         | 359142          | crater       | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Sep-21     | approved | 0           | 19.3743124             | -155.2299929            | Makaopuhi Crater      |
| Kaluapele         | Kīlauea Crater         | name change to recognize historical use           | 361216          | crater       | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.4120607             | -155.2758697            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Kūkamāhuākea      |                        | make official name in local use                   | 2830226         | flat         | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.432222              | -155.266825             | Kilauea Crater        |
| Kūpina'i Pali     | Waldron Ledge          | name change to recognize local use                | 364943          | bench        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.4193661             | -155.2539611            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Moku'āweoweo      | Moku'āweoweo Caldera   | name change to recognize local use                | 365204          | crater       | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.4701933             | -155.5922259            | Mauna Loa             |
| Nāhuku            | Thurston Lava Tube     | name change to recognize local use                |                 | cave         | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         |                        |                         | Volcano               |
| Nāulu             | Naulu Forest           | name change to recognize local use                | 362614          | woods        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.310205              | -155.148813             | Makaopuhi Crater      |
| Uēaloha           | Byron Ledge            | name change to recognize historical and local use | 358689          | bench        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.4125461             | -155.258038             | Kilauea Crater        |
| Uēkahuna          | Uēkahuna Bluff         | name change to recognize local use                | 364390          | cliff        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.4257608             | -155.2809334            | Kilauea Crater        |
| Wahinekapu        | Steaming Bluff         | name change to recognize local use                | 364293          | cliff        | HI    | Hawaii | NPS                   | 09-Dec-21     | approved | 445         | 19.4298485             | -155.2695608            | Kilauea Crater        |

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| New Feature Name | Feature ID<br>[NEW] | Action                             | Former/Retained Name | Feature Class | State | County | BGN<br>Review<br>List | Fed'l Mgmt<br>Agency | Primary Latitude | Primary Longitude | BGN Decision Date | USGS Topo Map Name | Original GNIS Entry<br>Date |
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| <b>APPROVED</b>  |                     |                                    |                      |               |       |        |                       |                      |                  |                   |                   |                    |                             |
| Akanikōlea       | 2830227             | make official name in local use    |                      | bench         | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.399925        | -155.269783       | 12/9/21           | Kilauea Crater     |                             |
| Ha'akulamānu     | 1847309             | name change to recognize local use | Sulphur Banks        | bench         | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.4334908       | -155.261364       | 12/9/21           | Kilauea Crater     | 7/13/1999                   |
| Kaluapele        | 361216              | name change to recognize local use | Kīlauea Crater       | crater        | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.4120607       | -155.2758697      | 12/9/21           | Kilauea Crater     | 9/29/2003                   |
| Kūkamāhuākea     | 2830226             | make official name in local use    |                      | flat          | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.432222        | -155.266825       | 12/9/21           | Kilauea Crater     |                             |
| Kūpina'i Pali    | 364943              | name change to recognize local use | Waldron Ledge        | bench         | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.4193661       | -155.2539611      | 12/9/21           | Kilauea Crater     | 2/5/1981                    |
| Moku'āweoweo     | 365204              | name change to recognize local use | Moku'āweoweo Caldera | crater        | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.4701933       | -155.5922259      | 12/9/21           | Mauna Loa          | 9/29/2003                   |
| Nāhuku           | N/A                 | name change to recognize local use | Thurston Lava Tube   | cave          | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | N/A              | N/A               | 12/9/21           | Volcano            |                             |
| Nāulu            | 362614              | name change to recognize local use | Naulu Forest         | woods         | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.310205        | -155.148813       | 12/9/21           | Makaopuhi Crater   | 2/5/1981                    |
| Uēaloha          | 358689              | name change to recognize local use | Byron Ledge          | bench         | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.4125461       | -155.258038       | 12/9/21           | Kilauea Crater     | 2/5/1981                    |
| Uēkahuna         | 364390              | name change to recognize local use | Uēkahuna Bluff       | cliff         | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.4257608       | -155.2809334      | 12/9/21           | Kilauea Crater     | 9/29/2003                   |
| Wahinekapu       | 364293              | name change to recognize local use | Steaming Bluff       | cliff         | HI    | Hawaii | 445                   | NPS                  | 19.4298485       | -155.2695608      | 12/9/21           | Kilauea Crater     | 2/5/1981                    |
| Hī'iaka          | 359142              | name change to recognize local use | Hī'iaka Crater       | crater        | HI    | Hawaii | N/A                   | NPS                  | 19.3743124       | -155.2299929      | 9/9/21            | Makaopuhi Crater   | 2/5/1981                    |

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**From:** [Runyon, Jennifer E](#)  
**To:** [Buto, Arthur J](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Misc. Hawaii & Pacific Islands geographic name updates  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 12:34:07 PM

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Thanks Arthur, and no worries (and thanks for the quick reply). I probably should have asked during one of your meetings. . . but then I decided it would be better to follow up offline . . . and well, here we are, almost to the end of December. Time sure flies. And yes absolutely, hoping for a much better 2022!

It sounds like, for a holiday week, you have a lot going on. I hope you got some time to relax. It also sounds like you were able to skim the email, so thanks for the various updates and I look forward to any other comments at your convenience. I really should just reach out directly to the Guam Commission, but that's been on my to-do list too. The whole derogatory name change issue is taking up more time than I was led to believe. Not sure why I'm surprised!

I look forward to seeing the HBGN meeting notice and will attend if I can. But please let me know if you'd rather manage without me, and I won't be offended! I love hearing the discussions firsthand and hope my input is sometimes helpful but I don't want to get in the way.

'Til next time, hang in there and Happy New Year!

Jenny

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**From:** Buto, Arthur J <arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 5:22 PM  
**To:** Runyon, Jennifer E <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Misc. Hawaii & Pacific Islands geographic name updates

Aloha Jenny,

Likewise, I hope you are enjoying a wonderful holiday season!

It's been busy here between COVID, the holidays, and getting ready for the upcoming Hawai'i legislative session, we've also been involved in the State's response to contamination of drinking water from the Navy's Red Hill fuel storage facility. I'm really hoping that 2022 is better than 2021 (which turned out to be not much better than 2020)...

I can't believe that I missed your earlier email! I'm so sorry! Sure enough, it's still in my Inbox and it's marked "Read" though I don't remember reading it. It looks like some meaty stuff there, so I'll

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have to take some time to go through it. Today and possibly tomorrow I'll be tied up finishing a report to the Legislature. Once that's out of the way, I'll be able to respond to that October email. HBGN's next meeting is next week, if I can get the agenda posted today or tomorrow. At the meeting I'll raise the question about hearing from Dr. Smith about Lō'ihī / Kama'ehuakanaloa at a future meeting.

...to answer your question about the Guam Naming Commission... that was coincidence. They reached out to us a month or so before asking to talk to HBGN about its processes. Attending a monthly meeting seemed to be the right opportunity, and the time zone difference worked in our favor (mid-morning there for our mid-afternoon meeting – you were the most inconvenienced with a late evening time slot).

I apologize again for missing your email...ab

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**From:** Runyon, Jennifer E <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 11:45 AM  
**To:** Buto, Arthur J <arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Misc. Hawaii & Pacific Islands geographic name updates

Hi Arthur,

I hope you had (and are still having) a nice holiday season.

I just got an email from Bobby C. asking for the status of Lō'ihī/Loihi Seamount - > Kama'ehuakanaloa. It reminded me that I've been meaning to send a follow up to an email I sent you on Oct. 27. Since you didn't mention any of these items at the last couple of HBGN meetings, I'm thinking you never got the email.

Anyhow, here it is again. I told Bobby I expected that ACUF will meet in January and hopefully will be ready to vote on Kama'ehuakanaloa. Then again, perhaps the HBGN would like to hear from Dr. Smith first? See my item #2 below.

There are a few other items that you may wish to share with the other members. Re: #4, the 11 names were approved by the U.S. BGN at the Dec. 9th meeting. And as you know, re: #7, GNIS is now live, quirks and all. I'm hoping we'll see some improvements in the new year, and that's also when we should be able to add new names/changes. Until then, we're in a holding pattern.

Thanks!  
Jenny

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**From:** Runyon, Jennifer E  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:30 PM

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**To:** [arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov](mailto:arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov) <[arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov](mailto:arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov)>

**Subject:** Misc. Hawaii & Pacific Islands geographic name updates

Hi Arthur. It's been a little while and I've been meaning to follow up after the last HBGN meeting, but you know how that goes. . . .

Sending along a list of random updates from the BGN world:

1) First, thank you so much for arranging the discussion with Dr. Underwood and the **Guam Naming Commission**. That was so appreciated and so worthwhile, and to be honest, a surprise. I had been contacted just a couple weeks earlier by the BGN member from the World Factbook asking if I was in touch with the folks on Guam, since they'd noticed a handful of recent name changes (see list below). I told him I had not in 20+ years and so I asked Drew Decker, the USGS liaison for Southern CA, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands, if he had a p.o.c. He was going to ask around.

So did Drew or someone on Guam contact you to ask to be added to the HBGN agenda, or was it purely coincidence? Meanwhile, I was contacted the same week by our colleagues in the UK about the same names. She was pleased to hear we'd reconnected, thanks to your meeting. After no interaction with Guam in two decades, attention from all angles!

Inarajan has been renamed Inalåhan;  
Agat has been renamed Hågat;  
Umatac has been renamed Humåtak;  
Merizo has been renamed Malessó';  
Santa Rita has been renamed Sânta Rita; and  
Talofofo has been renamed Talo'fo'fo'

At some point, I should follow up with the Guam Commission about these and the other names that were mentioned, so I may need to ask you for their names and contact info.

2) Submission to ACUF: **change Lō'ihī (Loihi Seamount in the ACUF database) to Kama'ehuakanaloa**. I forwarded the packet you sent to the chair and exec. sec. of ACUF on 9/10/21 but it turns out it never went through. Perhaps, like us, the file was just too big. I didn't follow up until 10/7, i.e. the morning of the ACUF meeting, when I noticed the item wasn't on their agenda. Even then, the reminder didn't go through. I mentioned it in the meeting, and they were able to pull the material directly from the HBGN website, but of course, it was too late by then to discuss it. They promised to bring it up next time (likely January). Apologies for the delay, but hopefully it's not a huge issue.

Although I can add that one of the ACUF members, Dr. John Smith from the University of Hawaii, said he would be reluctant to change the name from Lō'ihī/Loihi Seamount. He said it's a well-established name and to change it would impact many scientific reports, etc. Do you think it would be worth inviting John to a future HBGN meeting, so he can ask questions of the members? I can provide his contact info if you're interested in hearing from him.

3) At the 10/7/21 ACUF meeting, they approved a proposal to **rename Northwest Hawaiian Ridge to Liliuokalani Ridge**, noting "[A] confusing situation existed in which this undersea feature is near but not related to the similarly named Northwest Hawaiian Islands. Liliuokalani Ridge exists in the GEBCO Gazetteer." The BGN approved the change at its quarterly meeting

on 10/19. I don't think this impacts the HBGN since the ridge is more than 12 miles offshore, but thought you'd be interested. It appears the name hasn't been updated in the ACUF database yet.

4) **11 NPS (HAVO) name submissions:** two 'new' names and nine changes from Melia/Bobby. These have been added to the BGN's [Quarterly Review List 445](#), and forwarded to Mike Shelton, the NPS member on the BGN, for final review and presumably approval. The BGN should be ready to vote on these in the next couple of months. I can add that Matt had a concern with one name on the list: he's convinced Ha'akulamano (Sulphur Banks) is a bench (GNIS = "Area of relatively level land on the flank of an elevation such as a hill, ridge, or mountain where the slope of the land rises on one side and descends on the opposite side (level)") rather than a basin. Hopefully that's not an issue.

Also, if Nāhuku (now Thurston Lava Tube) is approved, the GNIS entry will still be blocked from public view. It's all or none when it comes to caves.

5) Just FYI, the chair of the BGN gave a presentation on 9/28 to NOAA's **Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Indigenous Communities Engagement Team**. It was well received, with lots of interest, especially from Kalani Quioco, the Native Hawaiian program specialist for Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Perhaps you know Kalani? He was quite familiar with the HBGN, so don't be surprised if he asks to sit in on a future meeting! He said there's interest in geog. names in the Monument and he also asked about efforts to rename Necker Island.

6) Finally, I saw this in the **recent news**: [Hawaii nonprofits are awarded \\$600K for cultural tourism initiatives \(yahoo.com\)](#). I trust you've seen it too and hopefully are involved, or will be, in the naming project. I shared it with Mike Shelton, who's supportive, as long as HAVO staff are aware of and apply BGN policies and procedures. It might be worth asking Melia and Bobby what they know about this, e.g., is the project already underway?

And 7) we're very close to going live with the **new GNIS public search page**. Maybe by the time of the next HBGN meeting. It's been a long wait! Glad you were able to use the interim search in the last meeting.

Okay, I think that's more than enough for one day! Sorry to send such a long list, but mostly just FYI and easier than announcing it all in a meeting. Feel free to share with the rest of the HBGN. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

~ Jenny

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**From:** [BobbyC](#)  
**To:** [Buto, Arthur J](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Loihi and Kama'ehuakanaloa  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:31:29 PM

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Hi  
Has this been resolved?  
Bobby

<https://dispatchesfromvolcano.blogspot.com/>

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Runyon, Jennifer E" <[jrunyon@usgs.gov](mailto:jrunyon@usgs.gov)>  
**Date:** December 28, 2021 at 11:36:43 AM HST  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Loihi and Kama'ehuakanaloa

Hi Bobby,

It lies beyond the 12 n.m. line so it's not in the BGN's domestic names database. Instead, you'll find it under foreign names: [NGA: GNS Home](#). In the menu on the left, under GNS Search, select Text Based Page and in the Name box directly below the country listing, type Loihi Seamount.

I forwarded the HBGN's proposal packet for Kama'ehuakanaloa to the BGN's Advisory Committee on Undersea Features on 9/10/21, but when I didn't see it on the agenda for their next meeting (10/7/21), I learned that they had not received my email (apparently something to do with large files not getting through the DoD servers). I had to resend it to their home addresses. The chair of ACUF promised to review the packet and bring it up for discussion (and hopefully a vote) at their next meeting. They typically meet quarterly so perhaps in January?

Meanwhile, I sent an update to Arthur a couple months ago but it seems he didn't see it as there's been no mention at subsequent HBGN meetings. I let him know that one of the ACUF members, Dr. John Smith from the University of Hawaii, said he would be reluctant to approve a change from Lō'ihi/Loihi Seamount. He said it's a well-established name and to change it would impact many scientific reports, etc. I asked Arthur if it might be worth inviting John to a future HBGN meeting so he can discuss it with you all. Again, he didn't respond, so I guess I need to follow up. When's the next HGBN meeting?

Jenny

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**From:** BobbyC [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 3:24 PM  
**To:** Runyon, Jennifer E <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Loihi and Kama'ehuakanaloa

Hi Jenny,  
I can't seem to find either name in GNIS???  
Please remind me of the status of Kama'ehuakanaloa.  
Many thanks,  
Bobby

<https://dispatchesfromvolcano.blogspot.com/>

**From:** [Runyon, Jennifer E](#)  
**To:** [Buto, Arthur J](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: Lō'ihi Seamount/ Kama'ehuakanaloa  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 1:51:05 AM

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Good morning Arthur,

Thanks for sharing the invite for tomorrow's HBGN meeting. Unless I missed it, I didn't see this topic on the agenda. Are you planning to invite John to discuss Lō'ihi Seamount / Kama'ehuakanaloa, or perhaps at a future meeting? ACUF held its quarterly meeting last week and they asked John if he'd had a chance to talk with the HBGN.

Thanks!  
Jenny

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**From:** J.R. Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 1:46 AM  
**To:** Runyon, Jennifer E <jrunyon@usgs.gov>; arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov <arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov>; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Westington, Meredith <Meredith.Westington@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Lō'ihi Seamount/ Kama'ehuakanaloa

Thanks, Jenny, and hello to everyone.

I'd be happy to attend one of the HBGN meetings or whatever venue is appropriate. Most of my research over the past 30+ years has been in Hawaiian waters, the main islands, NWHI/PMNM, and more recently the Emperor Seamount chain. I've been involved in a lot of work over, on, and inside Lō'ihi, including many submersible dives, some into the active pit crater that formed in 1996 following collapse of the summit cone. Its a fascinating place, an active volcano streaming hydrothermal fluids, bright orange bacterial mats, fresh lava formations, and vertical failed flank faces.

I had read through all the materials in the name change application prior to our early January meeting, so I have a good grasp of the issue. We did defer a vote on this until more information was had. We meet every quarter, so our next ACUF meeting would be in April.

Best regards,

-John

On 1/31/2022 8:55 AM, Runyon, Jennifer E wrote:

Greetings all (from frigid Virginia, but at least the snow is just about gone),

This popped up in my news feed this weekend, which reminded me that I've been negligent in asking the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names if you might be willing to invite Dr. John Smith (University of Hawaii and member of the U.S. BGN's Advisory Committee on Undersea Features) to attend a future HBGN meeting. At the last ACUF meeting, held earlier this month, there was discussion about this name change, and while ACUF recognizes it's now official for State use, the members had some questions and concerns. John offered to meet with the HBGN to learn more about the decision. Of course, if an offline discussion is easier, that's fine too!

<https://bigislandnow.com/2022/01/28/volcano-watch-kama%CA%BBehuakanaloa-the-volcano-formerly-known-as-lo%CA%BBihi-seamount/>

P.S. John, the [HBGN's](#) January meeting was canceled so you haven't missed anything. Their discussion of Lō'īhi Seamount/ Kama'ehuakanaloa is outlined in the Aug. 3rd meeting material: [https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/gis/bgn/HBGN\\_Meeting\\_20210803-06-ACUF\\_Kama'ehuakanaloa.pdf](https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/gis/bgn/HBGN_Meeting_20210803-06-ACUF_Kama'ehuakanaloa.pdf).

Incidentally, the feature is recorded in the [ACUF database](#) as simply Loihi Seamount, i.e. no diacritics.

And just FYI, I'm copying Meredith Westington from NOAA; she was just appointed the new chair of ACUF (but has a long history with the U.S. BGN, both domestic and undersea names, from her years in DC).

Thanks, and best regards!  
Jenny

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# Hawaii nonprofits are awarded \$600K for cultural tourism initiatives



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Oct. 23—Restoring Hawaiian place names and preserving historic sites through stewardship projects are ways two nonprofits plan to incorporate the significance of Native Hawaiian history and culture into the visitor experience.

The Historic Hawai 'i Foundation and Edith Kanaka 'ole Foundation received a total of \$600, 000 in federal grant money through the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act, U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz's office announced Tuesday.

The measure was introduced by Schatz and cosponsored by a bipartisan group of legislators and signed into law in 2016 by then-President Barack Obama. It provides resources and funding to Indigenous communities to build cultural travel and tourism infrastructure and capacity.

The federal grant money comes at a pivotal time as Hawaii officials focus on ways to into tourism activities and planning.

Kiersten Faulkner, executive director of the, said the nonprofit plans to use the \$450, 000 it was awarded to develop and run a stewardship training program that preserves and perpetuates historic public sites in culturally relevant and sensitive ways.

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organize projects that tell the stories of these areas. This

could include presentations, cultural protocols and workdays, she said.

The program will be free to participants, and Historic Hawai'i plans to begin outreach efforts in December and ask for requests for interest in January. Faulkner said the organization hopes to begin working with the first group of four to six Native Hawaiian organizations in the spring. The foundation plans to work with a different batch of groups each year through 2026. Projects will be tailored to the needs of each site and group, she said.

"One of the beautiful things about Hawaii is the tie with history, culture, nature and community. We're looking for that sweet spot where all of those things come together," Faulkner said. "We want to have the physical preservation of the sites but also ensure the traditions, beliefs, values and cultures that bring life to that site is part of that. It's not

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