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Mr. Lou Yost
Executive Secretary
U.S. Board on Geographic Names
U.S. Geological Survey
1101 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 523
Reston, Virginia 20192-0523

RE: Property Naming of a Mountain Peak in Section 21, Township 8S, Range 7W,
Beaverhead County Montana "Benson Peak"

Dear Mr. Yost:

The Beaverhead County Commissioners support the naming of the peak in the
abovementioned location as Benson Peak in memory of Arnold Benson.

Arnold Benson graduated from the Montana State Normal College in 1927.
While a student here Arnold participated in Football, Cross County, M Club, and Lambda
Chi Sigma. He was an active member of the campus community. After graduating
Arnold, Cora, and their family made a commitment to the future students of Montana
Western. Together they established the Arnold and Cora Benson Scholarship
Endowment. Each year a Montana resident with financial need is given this scholarship
to assist with their educational goals because of their generosity. The Benson's have
been an invaluable asset to Dillon and the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "C. Thomas Rice". The signature is written in a cursive style.

C. Thomas Rice
Chairman
Beaverhead County Commissioners

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c: Senator Max Baucus