

**Statement of
the Department of the Interior
before
the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on
S. 1870 Miracle Mountain Designation Act
September 16, 2020**

Thank you for the opportunity to present this statement on S. 1870, the Miracle Mountain Designation Act.

Background

The bill designates a currently unnamed 7,575-foot peak in Utah County, Utah, and partially within the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest as “Miracle Mountain.” The proposed name refers to a wildfire that threatened the community of Elk Ridge City in 2018. The fire suddenly changed direction and stayed behind the mountain.

The Board on Geographic Names is the interagency organization of the U.S. Government established to maintain uniform geographic name usage in Federal documents and maps. As per its Policy I, the Board would not take any action on a proposed naming of a feature currently being considered by Congress.

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The Department of the Interior (Department) does not have a position on the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Department’s views. This concludes our statement.