

Gore Mountains/Range Name Evolution

- 1862 Colorado map by Gilpin et al. Shows Gore's pass. Also names the upper Colorado the Gilpin River! Per *Amazing Adventures of Lord Gore* (Jack Roberts) Gore's lowest approach in the summer of 1854 to Summit County was the north side of the Grand (Colorado) river near Kremmling...he then went through the pass to the northwest before turning around due to hostile Indians and headed back thru the pass to North Park and Ft. Laramie. Alter's *Jim Bridger* (very detailed academic study) says that Bridger did not get to Ft. Laramie until that winter, so did not guide this early portion of Gore's travels). In 1861 Bridger guided an expedition to find a wagon road to Salt Lake City. They found Berthoud's Pass (named for the chief wagon road engineer) and used the pass that Gore had used 7 years earlier. Middle Park Indian Agent Vaile sent a report (Sept. 1861) to Gov. Gilpin that Bridger named this pass Gore's pass in honor of his very good friend (per Alter) Lord/Sir St. George Gore. Major Wynkoop led an expedition that in 1863 (reported in *Daily Rocky Mt. News*, Aug. 17, 1863) found tree carvings along an Ute Indian trail that went thru the pass with names and a 1854 date, showing that the Gore party traveled from North Park thru Old Park (Middle Park).
- 1866 US General Land Office map: shows Gore's pass with the (I assume projected) Union Pacific RR running through it
- August 1868: JW Powell and William Byers (publisher of *Rocky Mt. News*) are in a party that does the first ascent by white men of Long's Peak. The Sept. 1, 1868 *Rocky Mt. News* (a target="blank" href=http://www.fenw.org/img/RockyMtnNews_18680901.jpg)> LINK has an article written by Byers that says they could see a number of mt. ranges (lists several) including the Gore's Range. That same summer Powell made the first ascent of Mt. Powell in today's Gore Range. Wallace Stenger collected Powell's papers from 1868...they are kept at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. Byers published several articles about the 1861 Bridger expedition that named Gore's pass and visited Hot Sulphur Springs in 1863 and twice in 1865 (even buying property there) so he was quite familiar with that area, including Gore's pass. **Did he name Gore's Range from the top of Long's Peak?**
- 1868 map of Public Surveys for Surveyor Genl: Gores Pass marked

- 1871 map of Public Surveys for Surveyor Genl:
- 1874 Bonsall & Kellog (Denver): Map of Colorado showing all recent government surveys: shows Gores Range.
- 1876 GLO Colorado Territory map: no Gore references
- 1879 GLO State of Colorado map: Gore's Creek, Mt. Powell
- 1879 Rand McNally Colorado map: Gore Range north of Kremmling; Gores Creek; Powell and Ute Peaks
- 1881 USG published map based on Hayden's 1873-76 surveys: Gores Creek; Gore's Mts; Gores Canyon
- 7th Annual Report (Hayden) based on 1873 Survey: references to Blue River range/Mts. which includes Mt. Powell and is the northern part of the Park Range....later maps show the Park Range north of Kremmling. Also a reference to the Mount Powell group.
- 8th Annual Report (Hayden) based on 1874 Survey: p2 and p439 references to Gore's Pass (9590 ft. vs current 9000 ft); Snowy Range/Mt. Powell, Blue River Range (Williams Range?) and Park Range.
- 9th Annual Report (Hayden) based on 1875 Survey: Gustavus Bechler wrote the report that mentions Gore's Range, Gores Mts. , Gores Creek, Gores Canyon (CO river), Gores Creek Valley (Vail valley). Says that Gores Pass goes from Eagle River to Blue River Valley (?). p380 says that Red Peak is the southern end of Gores Range, which is part of the Park Range. A footnote says that he used the "old term Gores Range"...where did that come from? **Why the sudden switch to lots of Gore named features?**
- US Geologic Surveys in 1870s...US Army Lt. Wheeler: 1873 report refers to Blue River Range that includes Mt. Lincoln