Native Names

After European settlers arrived, places were often renamed for the white men and women who lived and worked here. Today, places with English translations of native names like, Running Eagle, Sacred Dancing, Belly River, Chief Mountain, Two Medicine, and Rising Wolf tell the stories of how these lands were used and of the people who lived there.

Directions:
Fill in the blank in each sentence with the English translation from the words highlighted above. Then find the names in the word search. Words can be forward, backward, diagonal or upside down.

- Bison (buffalo) were important to the Plains Indians. _____ is from the Blackfeet name referring to the digestive system of the buffalo.
- A medicine lodge was erected on each side of a creek in honor of the Blackfeet Sun Dance. This valley is known as _____.
- A waterfall that flows from Two Medicine Lakes through a cave is called _____ Falls. For the Blackfeet Nation, it is the place where warrior woman, Pitamakan, came for repeated spiritual guidance.
- _____, a mountain in Two Medicine, is a translation from the Blackfeet name which means "the way the wolf gets up."
- _____ is what the Kootenai Indians call the Lake McDonald area because it was a good place to dance.
- _____ is the name for the lone mountain in the Northeast corner of the park. Even today, many tribes regard this as a holy place. All visitors need to be respectful of this.

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