

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE
Eight Hundred and Forty-ninth Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
(Virtual Meeting)

Members and Deputy Members in Attendance

Marcus Allsup	Department of Defense (National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency)
Marielle Pedro Black	Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service)
Wendi-Starr Brown	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs)
Jessica Campbell	Department of the Interior (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
David de Hosson (not voting)	Department of Defense (National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency)
Thad Ellerbe	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)
Liz Flake	United States Postal Service
Andrew Flora	Department of Commerce (Census Bureau)
Brenda-Anne C. Forrest	Government Publishing Office
Andrew Griffin	Department of Defense (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Chris Hammond	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)
Elizabeth Kanalley	Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service)
Susan Lyon	Department of Defense (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) (Chair)
Patrick Mahoney	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management)
Veronica Rainieri	Library of Congress
Mike Shelton	Department of the Interior (National Park Service)
Jeremy Smith	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management)
Timothy St. Onge	Library of Congress (Vice Chair)
Michael Tischler	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)
Tara Wallace	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)

Ex-Officio

Glenn Guempel, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names / Domestic Names Committee

Trent Palmer, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names / Foreign Names Committee

Staff

Josefa Baker, U.S. Geological Survey
Julie-Ann Danfora, U.S. Geological Survey
Matthew O'Donnell, U.S. Geological Survey
Maria McCormick, U.S. Geological Survey
Jennifer Runyon, U.S. Geological Survey

Guests

Lindsey Braden, U.S. Coast Guard

Alex Fries, National Park Service
Cliff McCollum, Baldwin County, Alabama, Legislative Delegation
Deb Nordeen, National Park Service
Thomas Powell, U.S. Forest Service
Foreign Names Committee staff
National Geographic Society representatives

1. Opening

The Chair opened Meeting 849 of the Domestic Names Committee (DNC) at 9:33 a.m. and requested a roll call of the members. She noted that motions would pass by a simple majority of votes.

The meeting was held virtually, due to ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair invited members to review the reports that were distributed previously and to email any questions or comments to the staff. (Please note the reports appended hereto may have been edited for length and/or clarity.)

2. Minutes of Meeting 848

The minutes of Meeting 848, held October 13, 2022, were approved as submitted.

3. Reports

3.1 BGN Chairman (Tischler)

There was no written report. At Full Board Meeting 287, Allsup noted his upcoming retirement, which was followed by the appointment of Tischler as the new BGN Chair and Lyon as the Vice Chair. The members extended their appreciation to Allsup for his service.

A review of the *Principles, Policies, and Procedures: Domestic Geographic Names* (PPP) is being planned and a subcommittee will likely be formed.

3.2 BGN Executive Secretary (Palmer and Guempel)

There was no written report. Palmer noted that he and Guempel continue to meet monthly and will need to schedule an Executive Committee meeting soon. This meeting will include a review of the PPP.

Following the sessions with the British Permanent Committee on Geographical Names in late September- early October, a report is being prepared and will be shared ahead of the Full Board meeting in January 2023. Smaller group sessions are expected to take place soon.

The Third Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) is scheduled to take place in May 2023. A notice for papers will be sent out soon, and Palmer should be contacted for more details.

Foreign Names Committee Meeting 412 will take place on December 13.

Guempel is arranging the next meeting with the Geographical Names Board of Canada, to continue coordination of activities under the US-Canada division of UNGEGN.

Guempel met with the Council of Geographic Names Authorities (CoGNA) Executive Committee after the annual meeting in September 2022. The CoGNA outlook is positive and future meetings are being planned. He reported that State Names Authorities (SNAs) are contacting the CoGNA Executive Secretary for guidance on naming policies and procedures.

3.3 Special Committee on Communications (Lyon)

There was no written report. Production of the FY21 Annual Report to the Secretary of the Interior is still ongoing, with one report still outstanding. Lyon will share the template for the FY22 report soon.

3.4 Executive Secretary (Guempel)

There was no written report.

3.5 Staff (Runyon)

See attached report. Quarterly Review List 449 was recently posted. Staff continues to attend virtual State Names Authority meetings.

Runyon asked for guidance on how to handle duplicate replacement names for “sq___” features that were recommended by the Secretary’s Order 3404 Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force and approved by the BGN. Members generally agreed to ask the appropriate Federal land management agency to suggest a name modification. Runyon also asked what should be done with the features that are on Tribal Trust lands? Would the staff have permission from the BGN to contact the Tribe directly, contrary to the wording of Policy X? Should the SNAs be tasked with working with the Tribes? Members agreed this is a topic for the Special Committee on Native American Names and Tribal Communication.

The Baldwin County (Alabama) Legislative Delegation inquired about the restoration of the possessive apostrophe to the name of Byrnes Lake. Staff provided a brief overview of the BGN’s longstanding prohibition of possessive apostrophes in official names. Members agreed they would be willing to consider an exception if a proposal is submitted with local support. The proposal would be reviewed like any other application to change an official name.

Staff will continue to discuss the U.S. Coast Guard's Waterways Harmonization effort that could impact names recorded in GNIS.

McCormick inquired about the reference in the report to the National Geospatial Program's (NGP) plan to collect the translations and pronunciations of the native names that were submitted and approved as a result of S.O. 3404. She asked how this will be done and where the information will be stored, because GNIS is not responsible for providing pronunciations. Guempel clarified that the work is being done by the NGP User Engagement team and that the details will be reported and stored elsewhere on the USGS website.

3.6 GNIS and Data Compilation Program (McCormick)

McCormick is reviewing the staged GNIS data products, which will be posted on ScienceBase. Data will be posted as a text file, geodatabase, and a geopackage. She hopes to complete the data format review by the end of November 2022, after which staged data products will be posted bimonthly.

Two GNIS staff have left their positions.

3.7 Special Committee on Native American Names and Tribal Communication (Kanalley)

There was no written report. The Special Committee will meet following the November DNC meeting.

Kanalley attended the 2022 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, hosted by the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums. A Tribal historian who submitted names to the S.O. 3404 Task Force asked about a number of the names that were approved; see Other Business.

4. Docket

Please refer to the attached Docket for a description of each proposal.

I. Staff-Processed New Names, and Name and Application Changes agreed to by all interested parties

Change **Indian Garden** (FID 6209) (BGN 1932, 1988) to **Havasupai Gardens**, Arizona (Grand Canyon National Park) (Review List 445)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the change.

Vote: 19 in favor
 0 against
 0 abstentions

II. Disagreement on Docketed Names

Kitty Payne Creek, Pennsylvania (Review List 443)

A motion was made and seconded to defer a decision until staff could seek input from the Adams County Historical Society.

Three members left the meeting.

III. New Commemorative Names and Changes agreed to by all interested parties - none

IV. Revised Decisions

A motion was made and seconded to consider the following nine non-review listed changes as a group.

Change **McLellan Peak** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 1405544) to **Little McLellan Peak**, Alaska

Change **McLellan Creek** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 1410088) to **West McLellan Creek**, Alaska (Alaska State lands--partly)

Change **Cienega Tank** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 34783) to **Cienega Tank East**, Arizona (Prescott National Forest)

Change **Bobtail Spring** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 34785) to **North Bobtail Spring**, Arizona (Tonto National Forest)

Change **Sandy Tank** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 34786) to **Sandy Tank North**, Arizona (Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests)

Change **Corral Valley** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 267640) to **South Corral Valley**, California (Lassen National Forest)

Change **Rose Creek** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 843957) to **North Rose Creek**, Nevada (Hawthorne Army Depot)

Change **Swan Lake** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 1150278) to **West Swan Lake**, Oregon (Fremont-Winema National Forest)

Change **Pine Canyon** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 1446069) to **East Pine Canyon**, Utah (Dixie National Forest)

Vote: 9 in favor
2 against
5 abstentions

A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes.

Vote: 9 in favor
2 against

5 abstentions

One of the votes against the motion cited a belief that identical names in close proximity (or in some cases several miles apart) weren't an issue; the other was cast because the member felt that each of the changes should have been considered separately.

The members reiterated that there will likely be some necessary "clean up" to the "sq____" replacement names over the coming months. It is expected that Tribes and other stakeholders may wish to propose changes to the newly approved names.

Two members left the meeting.

V. New Names agreed to by all interested parties

Fox Run and **East Fox Run**, Maryland (Review List 448) (FIDs 2830981, 2830982)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the names.

Vote: 14 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

5. Other Business

Wallace reported that the 13 NOAA charts that showed "sq____" names have been updated and will be cancelled by the end of 2022 (the rest of the suite is due to be cancelled by January 2025).

St. Onge announced that on November 16 the Library of Congress will be hosting a GIS Day event and all are invited.

Kanalley reported that the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has been addressing changes to the names of administrative features, such as trails and roads, related to the recent "sq____" changes. The agency is directing its data programs to update its published products. The question of how to handle historical records is still unresolved.

Kanalley shared a question she received from a historian from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation. The historian submitted a long list of "sq____" name changes to the Task Force that included names in both Shoshone and Bannock languages. The Task Force reviewed the submission, and noting that only one name can be official, selected the Shoshone names to be recommended to the BGN. An article about the changes quoted the historian's disappointment that this was not his intent and that he hoped that features located on historically Bannock lands would be given Bannock names. He would like to meet with the BGN to share his concerns and request that in some instances the English generic terms be removed. He will work with the Tribe's leadership and follow up in the coming weeks to determine the best

course of action. Kanalley asked the DNC if these changes should be processed as normal proposals or as part of the ongoing “clean up” effort, noting that there was some misinterpretation by the Task Force and so the staff-processed follow-up process would be more appropriate. Any future changes should be considered BGN decisions, although it is also important to resolve any outstanding issues as soon as possible. Flora noted the importance of consistent rules, while there was general agreement that this effort was an exception to the conventional BGN process. Members agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Staff noted that a proposal to apply a new commemorative name to a small man-made island in Buffalo, New York resulted in the discovery of an existing name in a local Audubon Society report. The members discussed the process whereby such situations are handled, and it was agreed that in this case the locally used name should be added to GNIS as official. The proponent of the new name will be advised that he is welcome to initiate a proposal to change it.

6. Closing

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

The next Domestic Names Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on December 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

(signed)

Glenn Guempel, Executive Secretary
Domestic Names Committee

APPROVED
(signed)

Susan Lyon, Chair
Domestic Names Committee

Staff Report

Staff attended virtual meetings of the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names (ASBGHN) (October 25), the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names (HBGN) (November 2), the Utah Committee on Geographic Names (UCGN) (November 3), and the Washington Committee on Geographic Names (WCGN) (October 25).

The ASBGHN reviewed the list of recently approved replacement names for “sq___” and considered whether they should be made official for State use.

Staff met with representatives of the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN) in preparation for its meeting on November 18. CACGN will be reviewing the two proposals to change the name of two unincorporated populated places (UPPLs) in the State. The CACGN is also expected to discuss the requirements set forth in California Assembly Bill 2022, which “requires the term ‘sq___’ to be removed from all geographic features and place names in the state.”

During the UCGN meeting, a representative of the National Parks Conservation Association (and member of the Diné (Navajo) Tribe) inquired as to whether the recently approved replacement names for “sq___” could be changed to names that are significant to local Tribes. She was provided with an overview of the BGN proposal process.

During the WCGN meeting, the members reviewed the list of sq___ changes and discussed names that had been proposed by Tribes but not accepted by the Task Force. There are also Tribal names that were never submitted to the Task Force; for these, the WCGN is considering whether it will submit proposals to the BGN to rename the features in question. There was also considerable discussion in the meeting regarding the use of non-standard characters in a name that has been proposed by a Tribal government.

Staff attended the BGN’s Full Board Meeting 287 on October 18; one of the topics was the use of geographic names by the Hawaii Volcano Observatory, specifically as it relates to a recent decision by the HBGN to initiate a name change for a seamount off the coast of Hawaii. The BGN’s Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF) has expressed concerns that the existing name is in widespread use within the scientific community and to change it would lead to confusion. Following the Full Board meeting, staff provided a brief summary of items related to ACUF from the document *BGN History: 1890-1990*.

55 new proposals (new names and name changes) have been received and processed. Quarterly Review List 449 was posted [online](#) on October 31. The document was delayed due to other priorities and to allow for the inclusion of proposals submitted in response to the September 8 sq___ name change decisions. During the past month, the staff has been contacted by various interested parties regarding the process, the choice of replacement names, and the process whereby proposals can be submitted to change one or more of the new names. Three of the proposals on Review List 449 are to change the new names.

A number of sq___ name changes that were approved have been determined to duplicate those of other features within the same county. The BGN is being asked to amend some of the new names by adding modifiers, such as directionals or “Little.” These are on this month’s docket as staff processed changes. The BGN should decide whether it wishes to seek out changes for the remainder. The staff only checked for duplicates within a county; there may be others in close proximity in neighboring jurisdictions.

As noted last month, there are five UPPLs that include the word “sq___.” Review List 448 included the five proposals that were submitted to the BGN by the Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force:

Sq___ Hill (Tehama Co., CA) Woodson Bridge
 Sq___ Valley (Fresno Co., CA) to Yokuts Valley
 Sq___ Gap (McKenzie Co., ND) to Sun Dance
 Sq___ berry (Carter Co., TN) to Partridgeberry
 Sq___ Mountain (Jack Co., TX) to Lynncreek Mountain

In early September, the relevant county governments and State Names Authorities were asked to comment on these proposals, and federally recognized Tribes were notified of the Review List, with 60 days to provide input. The Department of the Interior is requesting that these UPPL names be changed within six months; as such, they are expected to be added to the docket for the DNC’s January 12 meeting. Counterproposals have been received from the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians of California and the Tehama County Genealogical & Historical Society to change Sq___ Hill to Loybas Hill or Mi'tenek Hill, respectively, while the McKenzie County (ND) Board of Commissioners has proposed Homesteaders Gap to replace Sq___ Gap. These new proposals were added to Review List 449.

The Carter County (TN) Mayor and Board of Commissioners, with the support of the Tennessee State Senate, has asked that Sq___ berry not be renamed; they noted that the community “does not find current name offensive” and cites “the lack of public involvement.”

The Jack County (TX) Historical Commission responded that they “oppose the proposed action to change the name of this community,” but added that “if [the] BGN chooses to change the name ‘Lynn Creek’ is preferred”; this name has been added to Review List 449.

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors submitted its recommendation regarding the proposal to rename the UPPL of Sq___ Valley. They reported that a significant majority of residents who responded to a poll believe the name should not be changed, but also “if Sq___ Valley is mandated to be renamed,” a list of potential replacements was provided. The option with the most votes was Bear Mountain, so that name has also been added to the new Review List.

Staff received a call from the vice-chair of the Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians, expressing concerns regarding three sq___ changes that were approved by the BGN for three

features in Ventura County, California. He was informed that the names had been submitted by a tribal linguist. The vice-chair is considering whether to initiate proposals to change the names.

The USGS National Geospatial Program is undertaking an effort to collect the translations and pronunciations of the native names that were submitted and approved as a result of Secretary's Order 3404. This involves seeking input from the Tribal governments that proposed the names to the Task Force.

At the UCGN meeting, the members discussed whether an arch in Piute County and on the Fishlake National Forest meets the criteria for official Federal naming. A proposal has been submitted to the BGN to apply a new commemorative name to the feature that the proponent describes as "a rock feature, where it appears two rocks fell on each other or maybe all from one side and instead of crumbling to the ground a large boulder holds the other large pieces of rock together, forming an arch." A member of the UCGN, who has done extensive geological work in the area, is continuing to review the matter, as is the local Forest Service District Ranger.

Knox News reports that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is expected to submit a proposal soon to rename Clingmans Dome, located along the boundary of Tennessee and North Carolina and the highest point within Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The proponent of the change from Suicide Peaks to Yuyang' Ch'ex (and two associated summits) extended his appreciation to the DNC for approving the changes at the October meeting.

Staff received a Freedom of Information Act request for material related to the BGN's approval (1986) of the name McGlashan Point, California.

Staff continues to research the request by a staffer for Rep. Gregory Murphy (NC) for assistance in preparing geographic descriptions for six tidal bays in North Carolina (Cape Lookout National Seashore).

A representative of the Baldwin County (Alabama) Legislative Delegation has inquired about the possibility of restoring the possessive apostrophe to the name of Byrnes Lake. In accordance with the BGN's longstanding guidelines on writing marks, the name has appeared as such on USGS topographic maps since 1942, but evidence shows it was named for the ancestors of former Congressman Bradley Byrne and that the apostrophe was included in earlier sources. The former congressman cites ongoing confusion regarding his surname and believes the issue might be resolved if the name were rendered as Byrne's Lake. The legislative staffer is aware that the BGN has only approved five exceptions to the guidelines; he reports that the former congressman has already obtained considerable support for the change and wishes to know if he should initiate a proposal to the BGN.

A representative of the Dr. Edna B. McKenzie Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (Pittsburgh, PA) continues to contend that the name of Negro Mountain, located along the Pennsylvania-Maryland boundary, should not be changed as it is

“not offensive.” He informed the staff that he has shared his concerns with the Secretary of the Interior. He also questions the BGN’s authority to rename mountains that are not on federally managed land, noting also that the Federal Government “does not maintain the site” (presumably referring to the nearby historical marker) and asking whether “federal funds [are] appropriated to the States for use [or] maintenance for geographical names, etc.”

Staff met with Ellerbee to discuss an ongoing Waterways Harmonization effort that could impact names recorded in GNIS. A press release was issued that summarizes the project: <https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/news/2022/10/25/dhs-st-and-noaa-transition-harmonized-waterway-database-coast-guard>. Further details are available at <https://www.zekiah.com/insights/geospatial-solutions/the-uscg-waterway-harmonization-project-a-summary>. It was agreed that further discussions with the U.S. Coast Guard are needed.

The staff continues to receive requests for documents related to past BGN decisions that are not currently accessible via the GNIS public query page.

On October 25, the second set of shelves were installed in the new BGN archive space at USGS. The next task will be to unpack and organize the contents of 25+ boxes.

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**U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
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DOCKET  
November 2022**

Unless otherwise specified, in accordance with the BGN’s Policy X: Tribal Geographic Names, a link to the Quarterly Review List containing each proposal was sent to all federally recognized Tribes, and to Tribal Historic Preservation Officers for which an email address was available. The Tribal authorities were given 60 days to comment on any proposal. The Otoe-Missouria Tribal Historic Preservation Office responded to the Review List 443 notice, stating it has “no objection to the proposed name changes on Review List 443.” If no response(s) were received regarding a proposal, it is presumed to indicate a lack of opinion.

**I. Staff-Processed New Names, and Name and Application Changes agreed to by all interested Parties**

Change **Indian Garden** (FID 6209) (BGN 1932, 1988) to **Havasupai Gardens**, Arizona  
(Grand Canyon National Park)  
(Review List 445)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/6209>

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| Local government      | Coconino County Supervisors* | No response |
| State Names Authority | Arizona                      | Support     |

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| Federal Agency | National Park Service                                                        | Support     |
| Tribes         | Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation, Arizona [proponent]            | Support     |
|                | Hopi Tribe of Arizona**                                                      | Support     |
|                | Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation, Arizona**          | Support     |
|                | Moapa Band of Paiute Indians of the Moapa River Indian Reservation, Nevada** | Support     |
|                | All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X                     | No response |
| Other          | Sierra Club – Grand Canyon Chapter                                           | Support     |

\* Contacted by State Names Authority

\*\* Contacted by proponent

This proposal is to change the name of Indian Garden, a small flat in Coconino County and Grand Canyon National Park (GRCA), to Havasupai Gardens. The flat lies along Garden Creek, two miles north-northeast of Grand Canyon Village, and along the Bright Angel Trail. The current name has appeared on USGS topographic maps since 1903 (the 1962 edition labeled it Indian Gardens) and at the request of the National Park Service, was made official by the BGN in 1932. The BGN revised the description of the feature in 1988.

The proposal to change the name to Havasupai Gardens was submitted by the GRCA Tribal Program Manager on behalf of the Havasupai Tribal Council, who believe the existing name is offensive and inappropriate. The application states:

Indian Garden is a perennial water source within the arid landscape of Grand Canyon National Park that has been a home to indigenous people since time immemorial. When the Grand Canyon National Monument was established in 1908 (re-established as a national park in 1919), a thriving community of Havasupai people lived at the garden. In the early years of administering the Park, the NPS instituted policies intended to force residents to move out of the Canyon. In 1928, the last Havasupai family was forcibly evicted from the garden.

The Havasupai Tribal Council held multiple community meetings to discuss the issue and noted that the traditional name of the site is “Ha'a Gyoh” (“where the spring water flows”). The proposal further states, “The [proposed] name honors the Havasupai Tribe’s long history and traditional use of the location.” A more detailed history of the location is provided at the website, [Indian Garden – Nature, Culture and History at the Grand Canyon \(grcahistory.org\)](http://grcahistory.org). The park also manages Indian Garden Campground at the flat, and because of its location along the Bright Angel Trail, the name is referenced in many hiking guides. The proposal requests that the generic term be amended to the plural form to recognize local use.

As part of its outreach efforts, GRCA management contacted ten Tribes with an interest in the area.

Havasupai Point is located 15 miles to the northwest of the location in question and also along the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Havasupai Wash in Mohave County is approximately 165 miles to the southwest.

## II. Disagreement on Docketed Names

### Kitty Payne Creek, Pennsylvania (Review List 443)

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| Local government      | Butler Township Supervisors                              | No opinion  |
|                       | Biglerville Borough Council                              | No opinion  |
|                       | Adams County Commissioners                               | No opinion  |
| State Names Authority | Pennsylvania                                             | Oppose      |
| Tribes                | All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X | No response |

The new name Kitty Payne Creek is proposed for an unnamed 2.8-mile-long tributary of Conewago Creek in Adams County. The stream's source and mouth are in Butler Township and it flows through the Borough of Biglerville.

The name would commemorate Catherine "Kitty" Payne (1816?-1850?), a former enslaved woman who lived nearby, was captured and returned to Virginia, and then won back her freedom in court. The National Park Service provides a summary of Kitty Payne's life on its [website](#).

Kitty Payne was born in Rappahannock County (Virginia), the daughter of her owner, Samuel Maddox. When he died, his enslaved persons were inherited by his wife Mary Maddox who emancipated them in 1843. Mary moved with Payne and her family to southwestern Adams County to ensure their freedom. Kitty Payne settled on Bear Mountain in northern Adams County, approximately 2.5 miles from the source of the stream proposed as Kitty Payne Creek. The nephew of the late Samuel Maddox contested his uncle's will, and when legal methods failed, hired "slave catchers" to kidnap Kitty Payne and her children and imprison them in Virginia. Quakers from the Gettysburg area helped hire a lawyer who argued for Payne's freedom. After a long legal process, her freedom was restored and she moved back to settle in Gettysburg (about six miles south of the mouth of the stream), where she died in 1850 or 1851.

The Biglerville Borough Council "discussed this recommendation and has decided to let [the BGN] know that they have taken no action on this request." The Butler Township Supervisors also took no action, although they asked if the BGN contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) about the proposal. USACE confirmed that there are no projects along the stream or in the area and as such had no comment. The Adams County Commissioners deferred to the township and borough.

The Pennsylvania Geographic Names Committee (PGNC) declined to endorse the proposal, citing the guidelines of the Commemorative Names Policy, which state that “A proposal to commemorate an individual should include evidence of local support for the proposed name and its application.” They noted “the absence of such support (in the application packet).”

The proponent was advised of the lack of local support and invited to follow up. He responded that the Adams County Historical Society had expressed support but did not provide any written evidence of that. Prior to this meeting, the proponent was advised by phone message and email that the BGN would proceed with a vote; no further communication was received.

### III. **New Commemorative Names and Changes agreed to by all interested parties** - none

### IV. **Revised Decisions**

Change **McLellan Peak** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 1405544)  
to **Little McLellan Peak**, Alaska  
(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/1405544>

The name McLellan Peak, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of McLellan Peak (FID 1406164) located 2.25 miles to the southeast and both within Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area. “Little” was suggested as a modifier by a Staff Support Geologist at the USGS Alaska Science Center in Anchorage.

The summit was previously named Little Sq\_\_\_ Peak; there was no associated “Sq\_\_\_ Peak” or “Big Sq\_\_\_ Peak.” The former name of the summit came from its location at the head of Little Sq\_\_\_ Creek, and which was renamed to Crystal Creek.

Several names that include “McLellan” are found nearby including McLellan Pass, McLellan Creek, and Little McLellan Creek, in addition to the summit mentioned above.

Change **McLellan Creek** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 1410088)  
to **West McLellan Creek**, Alaska  
(Alaska State lands--partly)  
(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/1410088>

The name McLellan Creek, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of McLellan Creek (FID 1406162) located approximately 4.75 miles to the southeast and both within Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area. “West” was suggested as a modifier by a Staff Support Geologist at the USGS Alaska Science Center in Anchorage.

The stream was previously called Sq\_\_\_ Creek. The former name was associated with Sq\_\_\_ Lake into which it flowed, and which was renamed to Boulder Lake.

Change **Cienega Tank** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 34783) to **Cienega Tank East**, Arizona  
(Prescott National Forest)

(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/34783>

The name Cienega Tank, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of Cienega Tank (FID 38336) and Cienega Tank (FID 27643), both located 8.5 miles to the west and all within Yavapai County. (These two existing entries were obtained from U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and USGS maps, respectively, and it is possible that they refer to a single feature; further research is ongoing.) “East” was suggested by USFS as a modifier to make the name distinct; tank names in the area have directional modifiers at the end of the name.

The reservoir was previously named Sq\_\_\_ Peak Tank, which referred to its location at the base of Sq\_\_\_ Peak, now renamed to Porcupine Mountain. The tank is located near the source of Cienega Creek.

Change **Bobtail Spring** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 34785)

to **North Bobtail Spring**, Arizona

(Tonto National Forest)

(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/34785>

The name Bobtail Spring, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of Bobtail Spring (FID 39280) located 2.2 miles to the southwest and also in Gila County. “North” was suggested by the USFS as a modifier to make the name distinct.

The spring was previously named Sq\_\_\_ Spring; the origin of this name is unknown. Both springs are located on the southeast side of Bobtail Ridge.

Change **Sandy Tank** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 34786) to **Sandy Tank North**, Arizona  
(Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests)

(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/34786>

The name Sandy Tank, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of Sandy Tank (FID 40735) located 8.4 miles to the south-southwest and also in Navajo County. “North” was suggested by the USFS as a modifier to make the name distinct; tank names in the area have directional modifiers at the end of the name.

The reservoir was previously named Sq \_\_\_\_ Tank, with a variant name Sq \_\_\_\_ Tank North; the name was associated with the adjacent Sq \_\_\_\_ Tank South, now renamed to Sandy Tank South. The former names derive from their location in Sq \_\_\_\_ Wash, now renamed to Sandy Wash.

Change **Corral Valley** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 267640)  
to **South Corral Valley**, California  
(Lassen National Forest)  
(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/267640>

The name Corral Valley, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of Corral Valley (FID 221593) located 13 miles to the northeast and also in Lassen County. “South” was suggested by the USFS as a modifier to make the name distinct.

The valley was previously named Sq \_\_\_\_ Valley; the origin and significance of this name is unknown. The valley contains a historic corral.

Change **Rose Creek** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 843957) to **North Rose Creek**, Nevada  
(Hawthorne Army Depot)  
(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/843957>

The name Rose Creek, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of Rose Creek (FID 843355) located approximately one mile to the southeast and also in Mineral County. “North” was suggested by a BGN member as a modifier to make the name distinct.

The stream was previously named Sq \_\_\_\_ Creek. Rose Creek Reservoir is located between the two streams and is connected to the stream originally named Rose Creek.

Change **Swan Lake** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 1150278) to **West Swan Lake**, Oregon  
(Fremont-Winema National Forest)  
(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/1150278>

The name Swan Lake, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of Swan Lake (FID 1127807), located 35 miles to the east-southeast and also in Klamath County. “West” was suggested by the USFS as a modifier to make the name distinct.

The lake was previously named Sq \_\_\_\_ Lake; the origin and significance of this name is unknown.

The lake is located near Swan Creek and separated from it by Fourmile Lake. The Swan Lake that is located 35 miles away is associated with Swan Lake Meadow, Swan Lake Mountain, Swan Lake Point, Swan Lake Rim, and Swan Lake Valley.



Change **Pine Canyon** (BGN/Secretarial Decision 2022) (FID 1446069) to **East Pine Canyon**, Utah  
(Dixie National Forest)  
(not review listed)

<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/1446069>

The name Pine Canyon, approved by the BGN on September 8, 2022, duplicates that of Pine Canyon (FID 1444358) located 24 miles to the southeast and also in Washington County. “East” was suggested by the USFS as a modifier to make the name distinct.

The valley was previously named Sq\_\_\_ Canyon; the origin and significance of this name is unknown. The valley opens onto Pine Valley near Pine Valley Reservoir and is approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Lone Pine Canyon.

#### V. **New Names agreed to by all interested parties**

**Fox Run** and **East Fox Run**, Maryland  
(Review List 448)

Fox Run:

Mouth: 38.582465, -76.60071 / Source: 38.55152, -76.58765

East Fox Run:

Mouth: 38.5699, -76.59082 / Source: 38.557979, -76.563998

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| Local government      | Calvert County Commissioners                             | Support      |
| State Names Authority | Maryland                                                 | No objection |
| Tribes                | All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X | No response  |

These newly proposed names are associated with a nearby shopping center, business park, and Fox Run Boulevard. The proponent suggests that “naming the streams would help promote the ecological health and resiliency of the watershed’s streams and landscape, and one of the best ways to protect a natural habitat is to make it personal.”

Fox Point Creek flows into Hunting Creek just downstream of this unnamed stream.