

**U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE**

Eight Hundred and Eightieth Meeting

February 12, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

(Hybrid Meeting)

Members and Deputy Members in Attendance

Marielle Black	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Department of the Interior)
Dr. Wendy-Starr Brown	Bureau of Indian Affairs (Department of the Interior)
Jessica Campbell	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Department of the Interior)
Thaddeus (Thad) Ellerbe	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Department of Commerce)
Brenda-Anne “B.C.” Forrest	Government Publishing Office (GPO)
Christopher Hammond	U.S. Geological Survey (Department of the Interior)
Patrick Mahoney, <i>not voting</i>	Bureau of Land Management (Department of the Interior)
Veronica Raineri	Library of Congress
Jeremy Smith	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (Department of the Interior)
Timothy St. Onge	Library of Congress
Dr. Michael Tischler	U.S. Geological Survey (Department of the Interior)
Marilyn W.	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (Department of War)
Rikki Wortham	Census Bureau (Department of Commerce)

Ex-Officio

David D., Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names / Foreign Names

Dr. Shellie Zahniser, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names / Domestic Names

BGN/GNIS Staff

Shelby Bourquein, U.S. Geological Survey

Mackenzie Chriscoe, U.S. Geological Survey

Lindsay Decker, U.S. Geological Survey

Matthew O’Donnell, U.S. Geological Survey

Stephanie Sparkman, U.S. Geological Survey

Guests and Observers

Nancy Scola, Media – Politico Magazine and Washingtonian

1. Opening and Roll Call

Chair Tischler opened the 880th meeting of the Domestic Names Committee (DNC) at 2:01 p.m. EST. The meeting was held in hybrid format. The Chair confirmed that the DNC would proceed under its customary informal rules, with motions decided by a simple majority of votes cast;

abstentions would not be counted for or against. Members were asked to announce if they left the meeting to maintain an accurate vote count. The Chair reminded attendees that there would be no public comment period and that questions from the public or media should be submitted in writing to staff.

One member of the media identified herself as a freelance journalist based in Washington, DC.

Executive Secretary Zahniser conducted the roll call. Ten voting members were confirmed present at roll call, constituting a quorum. Two additional voting members joined prior to item 6 of the agenda, bringing the total to twelve voting members.

2. Appointment of Officers

Tischler announced that, having previously served as Vice Chair and Acting Chair of the Domestic Names Committee, he has now been formally appointed Chair of the DNC. Ellerbe will serve as Vice Chair of the DNC. At the Full Board level, Marilyn W. was formally elected Chair.

Appreciation was expressed for continued collaboration during the transition of officer roles.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

The motion passed without objection.

4. Minutes of the 879th Meeting

The Chair asked if there were any comments or edits to the minutes of the 879th meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

The motion passed without objection.

5. Communications and Reports

5.1 BGN Chair (Tischler)

Chair Tischler reported briefly in his capacity as outgoing Full Board Chair, noting that he was passing the role to the newly elected Full Board Chair and expressing appreciation for continued support of the Board's work. He offered his assistance during the transition.

5.2 Executive Secretary for Domestic Names (Dr. Zahniser)

See attached report.

5.3 Executive Secretary for Foreign Names (David D.)

See attached report.

5.4 Special Committee on Communications (Gaither)

No written report submitted.

Gaither reported that the Special Committee on Communications met twice since the previous DNC meeting (January 6 and February 3). The primary focus has been development of a training video for prospective proponents on how to submit a name proposal to the DNC.

A draft script and storyboard have been prepared and are undergoing revision based on review by Executive Secretaries and staff. Upon completion, materials will be provided to the National Geospatial Program User Engagement Office for production.

5.5 Staff (O'Donnell)

See attached report.

5.6 GNIS and Data Compilation Program (Decker)

No written report submitted.

Decker reported that GNIS operations have continued as business as usual since the previous meeting. She noted receipt of a moderate data update from the U.S. Census Bureau involving approximately 12 records, which were incorporated into GNIS. She also reported ongoing processing of help desk tickets and reminded Committee members to forward authoritative corrections directly to her or submit them through the appropriate BGN protocol or The National Map Help Desk.

The Chair noted continued coordination between the National Geospatial Program and the Census Bureau and acknowledged recent collaboration highlighted at the Esri Federal GIS Conference.

6. Docket

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

Review List 456

New name **Paramount Hill**, California

A motion was made and seconded to disapprove the proposal citing a lack of local support.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

Review List 457

New name **Mount George**, California

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 11 in favor
0 against
1 abstentions

Review List 458

New name **A and B Farms Branch**, Alabama

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 8 in favor
0 against
4 abstentions

Change **General Creek** (BGN 1895) ([FID 260516](#)) to **dukMé?em wáta**, California

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

New name **Blends Run**, Pennsylvania

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 11 in favor
0 against
1 abstentions

Review List 459

New name **Engagement Point**, California

A motion was made and seconded to disapprove the proposal. The decision was made citing a belief that the proposal did not provide sufficient justification to apply a new name under the Wilderness Area Geographic Names Policy.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

New name **Horseshoe Crab Island**, Florida

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

New name **Sugar Camp Creek**, Maryland

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

Review List 460

New names **Eagle Island** and **Little Loon Island**, Michigan

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposals as a bundle.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

Change **Trune Lake** ([FID 1615141](#)) to **Lake Taube**, Michigan

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal. Dissenting votes cited a lack of compelling reason to change a longstanding commemorative name.

Vote: 8 in favor
2 against
2 abstentions

Review List 461

New name **Sunrise Lake**, Minnesota

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

New name **Beaver Creek**, Oregon

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

Change **Dago Spring** (FID [1153217](#)) to **Rattlesnake Bluff Spring**, Oregon

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 11 in favor
0 against
1 abstention

New name **Kari's Bog**, Washington

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

During discussion, a representative of the Washington Committee on Geographic Names addressed the DNC to reiterate the reasoning for their recommendation. The DNC did not consider what was said to be new evidence that would require deferring a vote.

Vote: 11 in favor
0 against
1 abstention

New name **Trillium Creek**, Washington

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

7. Other Business

A Committee member noted appreciation for the work of staff, and the Chair echoed that acknowledgment, expressing thanks to staff for their efforts in preparing the docket and supporting the meeting.

No further business was raised.

8. Closing

The next Domestic Names Committee meeting will be held March 12, 2026, 2:00 p.m. ET at Department of the Interior, Kiowa Room and accessible via Teams. Chair Tischler thanked all participants for their time and adjourned the meeting.

(signed)

Shellie Zahniser, Executive Secretary
Domestic Names Committee

APPROVED
(signed)

Michael Tischler, Acting Chair
Domestic Names Committee

**Executive Secretary Report
Domestic Names Committee Meeting
February 12, 2026**

Annual Report:

The FY25 Annual Report is coming together. This year, we have two special sections to include a summary of the Executive Order 14172 name changes, as well as an In Memoriam section honoring Doug Caldwell, the originator of the annual reports. At this time, all sections have been populated, and staff is working with BC Forrest on revisions and edits. A final draft report will be presented to the Full Board for approval at the April meeting and then staffed up to Sec Burgum thereafter.

Board Membership:

Appointments for the 2025-2027 term continue to be vetted. Elections for the Full Board took place at the 20 January meeting. Exec Sec Zahniser and Chair Tischler also met with Department of Transportation to discuss their interest in becoming a BGN and DNC member as well as the process for doing so. Sec Zahniser is working with them to pull together information for an official appointment.

Special Committee Native American Names and Tribal Communications

Following the retirement of Forest Service member, Betsy Kanalley, this Special Committee Chair is now vacant. Exec Sec Zahniser will be working with FNC Exec Sec David D and the Executive Committee to determine a path forward in naming a new Chair and present it to the Full Board for a vote at the April meeting.

Office Hours

On 26 January, the DNC Exec Sec hosted the monthly office hours with the State Naming Authorities and Advisors. Ten States including AK, MO, MN, NE, CA, CO, WA, UT, AL, and IA attended, and the group discussion was focused on streamlining the process and maintaining consistent language of States passing official recommendations to the Federal Staff. Additional discussion included local use and generics for features in each of the States who attended. The Council on Geographic Naming Authorities Conference was also announced to take place 22-25 September in Sacramento, CA. CACGN has expressed interest in having BGN provide a booth. Those interested, please contact me so I can coordinate with CACGN.

Library of Congress Announcement

The Library is hosting a terrain cartography program called Adventures in Topographic Mapping on 26 February at the Thomas Jefferson Building in DC. This is a special [Live! At The Library](#) event reaching new heights in mapping mountains and shaded relief! *Adventures in Topographic Mapping* will feature interactive games and crafts, a display of topographic collection items from across the Library, and a talk by Tom Patterson, retired cartographer with the U.S. National Park Service, on techniques of terrain mapping through history.

This program, originally scheduled for November 2025, is a belated celebration of GIS Day, an annual event highlighting advancements in geospatial science and technology.

Tickets are free but required for this Live! At The Library event. These [tickets can be reserved here](#) at the links provided in the DNC Exec Sec Report and an event schedule is also included.

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Event Schedule

All event activities will take place in the Thomas Jefferson Building (10 First Street SE, Washington, D.C.).

- **5pm to 8pm** in the **Great Hall**: Learn the basics of orienteering, express your artistry with watercolor landscape painting, and help build a collaborative terrain model of the hills around Tombstone, Arizona!
- **6:30pm to 7:30pm** in **LJ-119**: Tom Patterson, “From Airbrush to AI: A Talk on Cartographic Relief” (separately ticketed event: [tickets here](#))
- **5pm to 6:30pm; 7:30pm to 8pm** in **LJ-113**: Display of topographic collection items from across the Library (this display will be closed from 6:30pm to 7:30pm during Tom Patterson’s talk).

For more information, [please see our recently-published blog post about the event](#).



United States Board on Geographic Names
880th Domestic Names Committee Meeting
BGN Executive Secretary for Foreign Names Report

February 12, 2026

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN NAMES REPORT

February 12, 2026

1) MEETINGS

The next FNC meeting (Meeting 424) is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026. On the agenda are recommendation papers pertaining to the capital of Montserrat, administrative divisions and/or seats for Algeria, Burkina Faso, Equatorial Guinea, Iceland, and Kyrgyzstan, and Conventional names for Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

An annual update on the FNC's Principles, Policies, and Procedures (PPP), intended for presentation in December, will instead be provided in March. Senior FNC staff will likewise provide what will be an annual update on BGN romanization systems, both those undergoing maintenance and those currently in development.

2) OTHER BUSINESS

Following FNC staff user-testing of production and dissemination system builds as part of Vector and Cartographic Production System (VCPS) development during the late summer, and additional refinement to these builds based on that testing round's feedback, the update to the GNDB production system was deployed in October. The timeframe for deployment of GNS updates, however, as those required further development, is planned for the April timeframe, following FNC staff user-testing in March.

Geographic Names Database (GNDB) holdings are now current with Edition 3, Update 24, of the Geopolitical Entities, Names, and Codes (GENC) Standard, the U.S. profile of the ISO 3166 international country code standard. An annual update on maintenance of the GENC Standard will be provided at June's FNC meeting.

Upcoming Meetings and Events (listed in chronological order)

- The 374th Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF) meeting is being planned for the March timeframe.
- The 299th BGN full board meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. EDT on April 21, 2026.

BGN/Domestic Names Committee Meeting 880
February 12, 2026
Staff Report

Reporting period: November 26, 2025 to January 27, 2026

Proposals received

Proposal type	Proposed name	GNIS Feature type	State	Status
New name	Kevin Lee Hopkins Hill or Hopkins Knoll	Summit	UT	Not processed per Tribal Geographic Names Policy ; within Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation (and FS lands),
New name	Timberline Peak	Summit	CO	Will be on QRL 463
Name change	Talbot Creek to Teamsters Creek	Stream	CA	Will be on QRL 463
New name	Parris Island	Island	TN	Will be on QRL 463
New name	Lake Elroy	Reservoir	MO	Not processed per Commemorative Names Policy ; named for living persons
Name change	Kuwohi to Clingmans Dome	Summit	NC,TN	Not processed; instructed proponent to present the specific new evidence for the DNC to consider under Revisiting a decision process; response still pending
Name change	Hell Hollow to Wren Hollow	Valley	TX	Will be on QRL 463
Name change	Sand Lake to Sam Lake	Lake	AK	Proposal references both lake and village site, may be considered as a spelling correction but more research is needed
Name change	Meredith Creek to Merrikin Creek	Stream	MD	Not processed; incomplete proposal, staff asked proponent to fill out details of current

				GNIS name and landowner information
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Status change to pending proposals

Proposal type	Proposed name	GNIS Feature type	State	Status
New name	Earhart Point (was Earhart Cape)	Cape	UM	Amended on QRL 459; proponent agreed with USFWS concern generic term
New name	Portal Peak	Summit	AK	Withdrawn from QRL 457; Shaak'w Láax added by GNIS based on published use per request from the Angoon Community Association in their opposition to the proposed name
New name	Thomas Cave Knob	Summit	WI	Closed; proponent wants to proposed a local name, Cave Mesa and was instructed to complete a new proposal form

Inquiries received

Inquiry type	GNIS feature	GNIS Feature type	State	Status
Name correction	Twentyfive Mile Creek to Five and Twenty Creek	Stream	SC	Inquiry about changing name; shared proposal instructions
New name	A. B. Fisher Creek	Stream	TN	Proponent contacted TNM liaison about submitting proposal on new form. Staff should receive it in the mail soon. Proposal received on old form in August and staff shared current proposal process.
Name change	Berlin Creek	Stream	IA	Query from county about name not being changed from former offensive name; staff pointed out official name in GNIS and

				on TNM and asked what map still showed the old name
Name change	Norton Point	Point	VA	Query from proponent about name not being changed from former name; staff pointed out official name in GNIS and on TNM and asked what map still showed the old name

Media requests received

- Dallas-based writer asked about how common it is to have a lot of variant names recorded for a feature and why possessive apostrophes are generally not included in official names
- Washington Post columnist with questions about the [National Hydrography Dataset](#) and GNIS; no questions were directly about BGN DNC topics
- *Aloha State Daily* reporter about the [Hawaii Board on Geographic Names](#) (HBGN) recent vote to recommend changing [Island of Hawai'i](#) to Hawai'i. This is the name for the Big Island, not the State of Hawaii. The 1954 BGN decision for the name Hawaii was changed in GNIS in 2003 to Island of Hawai'i at the request of the HBGN as part of its revision of Hawaiian place names to have the most accurate current spellings and forms. The BGN DNC directed staff to process these HBGN updates without a formal BGN vote but to generally have these recorded as BGN decisions.
- *The Post and Courier* in Charleston, South Carolina reporter about why possessive apostrophes are generally not included in official names
- A contributing writer at both *Politico Magazine* and *Washingtonian* requested attendance at the December DNC meeting

State Name Authority/Advisor activity

- [Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board](#) meeting, 1/27/26
- BGN Office Hours with SNAs, 1/26/26
- [California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names](#), 12/12/25

Other items

- QRL 462 posted
 - [Tribal Geographic Names Policy](#) notice sent to all Tribes, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations, 1/15/26
 - Interested party outreach started and in progress
- DNC meeting scheduled for January 8, 2026 was cancelled

- Forest Service coordination process has changed after retirement of Betsy Kanalley and lack of USDA/FS member. DNC staff will work with a designated geographic names contact in each FS region or combined region who will get feedback from the region, forest, or district offices as appropriate. That contact will provide the FS recommendation to the DNC.
- DNC Executive Secretariat began conversation with a USGS geologist about distinctions between geographic names and geologic names and how that affects USGS authors' use of official names in publications

**U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE
DOCKET
February 2026**

Unless otherwise specified, in accordance with the BGN’s Policy 10: 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 Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Quapaw Nation Historic Preservation Office responded to the notice for Review List 456, stating that they had no opinion on any of the proposals. If no response(s) were received regarding a proposal, it is presumed to indicate a lack of opinion.

Please note that if an interested party’s recommendation is recorded as “no opinion,” that reflects the response of the interested party. If an interested party did not respond at all, the recommendation is recorded as “no response.”

Review List 456

New name **Paramount Hill**, California
(Marine Corps Air Station Miramar [partly])

[32.85029, -117.07504](#)

Local government	City of San Diego Council	No response
	San Diego County Board of Supervisors	No response
State Names Authority	California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names	Objection
Federal	United States Marine Corps / Department of War	No objection
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
	Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The new name *Paramount Hill* is proposed for an unnamed 790-foot summit located along State Highway 52 in the City of San Diego in San Diego County. The proposal was submitted by Archer Carr, a resident of San Diego, California. The summit lies just outside the boundary of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, while the northern slope appears to extend onto the

installation. A city map shows that the area south of the highway is part of Mission Trails Regional Park, though it is unclear whether the park boundary includes the summit itself.

The proponent describes the feature as “a small, rectangular hill with a flat top,” and stated, “Paramount means greatest. This name accurately represents the nature of this scenic hill.” She reported that the name has circulated locally for approximately one year and included a quote from a local resident:

Paramount hill is a great name for this lovely sight while driving down the highway. It is a fun little easter egg for locals and adds a wholesome element to the freeway environment.

There are four GNIS features with the name “Paramount,” the closest being the City of Paramount, located approximately 140 miles northwest in Los Angeles County.

The California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names recommended disapproval of the proposed name *Paramount Hill*, citing insufficient documentation of local use or local support.

Review List 457

New name **Mount George**, California
(Shasta-Trinity National Forest)

[40.4986922, -123.23568](#)

Local government	Trinity County Board of Supervisors	Support
State Names Authority	California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names	Support
Federal	U.S. Forest Service	No objection
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
	Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
X	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The new commemorative name *Mount George* is proposed for an unnamed 4,066-foot summit in Trinity County, within the Shasta–Trinity National Forest. The proposal originated with members of the honoree’s family and was submitted by Sonya Sebring Stylos, a resident of Hayfork, California.

The proposed name would commemorate George K. Sebring (1924–2005). According to the proponents, Sebring began working with the U.S. Forest Service in 1941, surveying government

land in the Hayfork area, including at the location of the proposed summit. From 1942 to 1945, he served as a Flight Officer, Bombardier, and navigation instructor with the U.S. Army Air Force.

In 1952, Sebring purchased approximately 50 acres on West Tule Creek, located north of the proposed summit, where he raised his family. He also owned Sebring's Hardware Store in Hayfork. The proponents report that over time, family members, friends, and Sebring himself referred to the summit as *Mount George*.

The proponents add that Sebring was active in the local community, including participation in civic organizations such as the Rotary Club and the Masons, and describe the summit as "an important landmark for our family."

The California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names recommended approval of the proposed name *Mount George*, finding that the proposal meets commemorative naming requirements, including a direct or long-term association with the feature and that the honoree has been deceased for more than five years.

Review List 458

New name **A and B Farms Branch**, Alabama

Mouth: [34.24126, -86.06297](#) / Source: [34.25392, -86.07507](#)

Local government	DeKalb County	No response
State Names Authority	Geological Survey of Alabama Geographic Names Committee	Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response
Other	City of Albertville	No objection

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
	Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
X	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	X Commercial
	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

This proposal is to apply the new name *A and B Farms Branch* to a 1.2-mile-long tributary of Cross Creek within DeKalb County, Alabama. The proposal was submitted by Heath Adams, a resident of Albertville, Alabama.

The proponent stated that the stream is located on land he reports owning, identified as A & B Farms. He explained that "A & B Farms has been the name of the property for as long as [I] can remember and [I'm] 50."

When asked to address the BGN’s policy regarding commercial names, the proponent stated that the farm is not trademarked. He further indicated that the farm was established in 1952 and that the name refers to its founders, the Adams and Bruce families, specifically J.C. Adams (1916–1989), Bertie C. Adams (1931–2017), Roy M. Bruce (1928–2002), and Ruth Bruce (1929–2016).

The proponent also described the farm’s current operations, stating, “We bale hay and raise cattle. We do take cattle to the local stockyard a couple of times a year.”

The Alabama Geographic Names Committee reviewed the proposal and stated that it supports the proposed name A and B Farms Branch, noting that it considered BGN policy related to commercial names during its review. They elaborated that if concerns arise regarding the use of “Farms,” the alternative names A and B Branch or Adams and Bruce Branch could be considered.

Change **General Creek** (BGN 1895) ([FID 260516](#)) to **dukMé?em wá?a**, California
(Eldorado National Forest [partly])

Mouth: [39.0551853, -120.113243](#) / Source: [38.98169, -120.16169](#)

Local government	El Dorado County Supervisors	*Support
State Names Authority	California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names	Support
Federal	U.S. Forest Service	Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response
	Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California	**Support
Other	California Department of Parks & Recreation	***Support

* contacted by SNA

**proponent

*** submitter

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
x	Name Change	Diacritics	x Tribal
X	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

This proposal is to change the name of **General Creek** (BGN 1895), a 9.5-mile-long stream in El Dorado County, to **dukMé?em wá?a**. The stream flows into Lake Tahoe and is in Ed Z’berg Sugar Pine Point State Park and the U.S. Forest Service’s Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

The proposal was submitted by the California Department of Parks & Recreation on behalf of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California. The Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California submitted the renaming request to the California Department of Parks & Recreation.

The proposal states:

The creek is located within Ed Z'Berg Sugar Pine Point State Park, in traditional Washoe territory. The stream is currently named for William Phipps, nicknamed "General," who received a land grant in 1869 including the mouth and much of the course of the stream. Little is known of Phipps' life prior to his arrival in California during the Gold Rush. It appears he was not a general and there is no record of his military service; the nickname appears to have derived from a drinking contest he won and a pun on the word "gin."

Phipps is remembered by the Tribe and in the historical record for his antagonism toward Native people, and may have committed serious crimes in the process of appropriating their ancestral lands. A history of the Tahoe area published in 1957 describes Phipps murdering a man called "One-Eyed John" (likely a Washoe ancestor), stealing his beaded footwear and leaving his body to be eaten by wolves. Tribal oral history confirms that Washoe people stayed away from Phipps' land during his lifetime, even though they visited and worked for his immediate neighbors to the north and south. He was quoted as saying "I saved this hyar [here] great country of ours from the clutches of the [derogatory term for Native people]."

The stream is known in the Washoe language as dukMéʔem wáʔa, meaning "Wave Creek." Archaeological evidence and traditional ecological knowledge held by the Tribe suggest that the traditional name commemorates a historical Seiche (lake tsunami) event. "General" is a spurious title attributed to a man whose behavior was likely abhorrent. California State Parks has enacted the change in our facilities names because it better reflects the natural and cultural history of the area and will provide visitors with better access to the park's natural and cultural resources.

Chairman Serrell Smokey, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California, submitted a letter with the proposal in which he wrote:

Washoe elders discussed this area has experienced large waves during the windy weather. One story is "a Wa-siw Man with wegeléyu had a vision of a Tidal wave generating from the North shore Tahoe going across the lake to the South. In his Vision, there is a large Boulder on a ledge under of the water a few hundred feet and there will be an earthquake that will make it fall and cause this to happen."

Again, thank you for your consideration to rename this creek to geographically name known to the Washoe Tribe.

In 1895, the U.S. Geological Survey asked the BGN to decide on the official name of the stream because there were two names found in published use: General Creek on USGSS topographic maps and Sugar Pine Creek on Wheeler Survey map. The BGN decided that General Creek

would be the official name; there is no evidence that they considered the origin of the name in their decision.

Four nearby features have names that include “Phipps” and are reportedly named for William Phipps: [Phipps Creek](#) (labeled on USGS maps since 1955), [Phipps Lake](#), [Phipps Pass](#), and [Phipps Peak](#). The peak was first labeled on USGS maps in 1889 and the others since 1955.

Several sources published information about the name [General Creek](#) and William Phipps. These are noted in chronological order.

The Lake of the Sky by George Wharton James (1915) reported that the stream was called [Phipps Creek](#), “named on the map [General Creek](#), from General [George] Phipps. At the mouth of the creek this pioneer located on 160 acres. . . .”

The July 23, 1944 *Oakland Tribune’s* “Knave” editorial column noted the stream as “General’s Creek” which was:

Named for Gen. William Phipps and in nearby country are Phipp’s Lake and Phipp’s Peak, 9300 elevation. General Phipps as he was known to everyone . . . came to Georgetown in 1854, a native of Kentucky, and a veteran of the Indian wars where he won his title of General. He was well known and highly esteemed. Noted for his marksmanship with a rifle he knew every nook and corner of the Sierras from Amador County to the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was 74 years of age when he died March 15, 1887 and was buried in the cemetery at Georgetown. . . .”

Tahoe Place Names by Barbara Lekisch (1988) reported that “the Washoes fished at the mouth of the creek, which they called *dukhmE’EmwO’tha*, but never camped there for long. [citing Freed, Stanley A. “Washo Habitation Sites In the Lake Tahoe Area,” *Reports of the University of California Archaeological Survey. Notes on Western Nevada Archaeology and Ethnology* 66, February 1966: 73-83.]” Lekisch reported that [Phipps Peak](#) and [Phipps Pass](#) were also named for William Phipps.

California Place Names (Erwin G. Gudde and William Bright, 1988) reported the basic information from the 1944 “Knave” column; the same information was provided in earlier editions of the book.

The El Dorado County Supervisors sent a letter to the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names stating:

The County recognizes that the current name, General Creek, carries connotations that are considered offensive and inconsistent with our shared values of respect, inclusion, and historical accuracy. The proposed name, *dukMe?em wafa*, reflects the region's Indigenous heritage and honors the original language and culture of the Native people who have stewarded this land for generations.

El Dorado County is committed to acknowledging and preserving the cultural and historical significance of the landscapes within our region. Supporting this name change aligns with our efforts to promote inclusivity, recognize Indigenous place names, and ensure that geographic identifiers reflect the diversity and history of the communities they represent.

To support public understanding and cultural education, the County also requests that the approved name include a phonetic pronunciation guide for dukMe?em wat'a in official records and mapping databases. Including pronunciation guidance will help residents and visitors unfamiliar with the Washoe language to correctly speak and appreciate the name, further honoring its linguistic and cultural significance.

In its recommendation in support of the name, the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names state that

The committee considered the documentation provided in regards to the history of the current name and historical significance of the proposed name and determined that there was sufficient and compelling information to change the name and the name met approved diacritics.

New name **Blends Run**, Pennsylvania

Mouth: [40.37142, -79.76286](#) / Source: [40.36742, -79.77342](#)

Local government	North Huntingdon Township Board of Commissioners	Support
	North Versailles Township Board of Commissioners	No response
	Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners	No opinion
	Allegheny County Executive and County Council	No response
State Names Authority	Pennsylvania Geographic Names Committee	No objection
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response
Other	Trafford Historical Society (proponent)	Support

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
	Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
X	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

This proposal, submitted by Andrew Capets, president of the Trafford Historical Society in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, seeks to make official the locally used name *Blends Run* for a 0.75-mile-long tributary of Brush Creek. The stream is located primarily in North Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, with a short reach extending into North Versailles Township, Allegheny County.

The proposed name would honor John Blend, Sr. (1844–1930), and Catherine Blend, who built their home near the stream around 1875. According to the proponent, John Blend worked as a night watchman for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the Blend family played a role in the early development of North Huntingdon and the nearby community of Trafford. The proposal states that the stream, “known colloquially as Blend Run, flows in front of the land where the Blends and their descendants have owned and worked for generations.”

In support of the proposal, the proponent submitted historical research, photographs, maps, and community publications documenting the family’s long association with the area. The proponent reported that use of the name *Blends Run* was confirmed by long-time residents and members of the Blend family, including a 93-year-old descendant who currently resides in the original Blend homestead.

The Pennsylvania Geographic Names Committee reviewed the proposal and reported no objection to the proposed name *Blends Run*, noting that it did not identify any other historical names associated with the stream in the maps, surveys, or documents reviewed.

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New name **Engagement Point**, California
(Shasta National Forest / Castle Crags Wilderness)

[41.17572, -122.33507](#)

Local government	Shasta County Board of Supervisors	No response
State Names Authority	California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names	Object
Federal	U.S. Forest Service	Object
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
	Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
X	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The new name *Engagement Point* is proposed for an officially unnamed 5,526-foot summit in Shasta County. The summit is in the Castle Crags Wilderness, Shasta National Forest. The proposal was submitted by Cameron Caldwell, a resident of Santa Rosa, California.

The proponent stated:

Engagement Point holds deep personal significance for me, as it is the place where I proposed to my fiancé. On January 18, 2025, we climbed this peak together.... The moment was both intimate and profound, forever connecting us to this remarkable place. I believe naming the peak "*Engagement Point*" would honor not only the memory of our engagement but also the spirit of love, adventure, and connection that the outdoors inspires. This name would celebrate the peak as a place of unity and significance, inviting others to reflect on their own milestones and meaningful experiences while exploring the beauty of this region. The views from the summit, overlooking iconic landmarks like Castle Crags and Mount Shasta, make this peak a special part of the landscape. By formally naming it *Engagement Point*, the peak could symbolize not only our personal story but also the enduring power of nature to bring people together and create cherished memories. It would be an honor to see this beautiful location recognized for its personal and symbolic importance.

In a follow-up email addressing the wilderness policy and overriding need, the proponent stated that the summit serves as an increasingly important landmark in an area where climbing and outdoor recreation continue to grow in popularity. He asserted that clearly named peaks provide essential reference points for navigation, route descriptions, and safety, and help support communication and documentation among climbers and backcountry users. The proponent noted that despite the feature's prominence, it remains unnamed, even as the surrounding Castle Crags area gains recognition for its climbing opportunities and rugged landscape.

The proponent further stated that while the summit holds personal significance as the site of his engagement, he believes the importance of naming the feature lies in its broader role as a destination for climbers and outdoor enthusiasts. He wrote that naming the feature would help establish a shared understanding among users of the area and ensure its recognition "for generations to come."

The California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names recommended disapproval of the proposed name *Engagement Point*, determining that the proponent did not demonstrate a compelling reason to apply a new name within a designated wilderness area.

The U.S. Forest Service stated that it does not support the proposed name *Engagement Point*, citing federal wilderness policy regarding place names in designated wilderness areas. The Forest Service indicated that naming features in wilderness areas may diminish the sense of discovery and that the proponent's justification did not demonstrate a compelling reason sufficient to override wilderness policy.

New name **Horseshoe Crab Island**, Florida[28.63046, -80.79906](#)

Local government	Brevard County Manager / Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department	No objection
State Names Authority	Florida State Board on Geographic Names	No objection
Federal	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Support
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	No objection
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response

Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The name *Horseshoe Crab Island* is proposed for an 8.3-acre spoiler island located in the Indian River within Brevard County, approximately 0.8 miles east-northeast of Sand Point. The proposal was submitted by Robert Wright, a resident of Sun Valley, Nevada. The proposed name references the presence of horseshoe crabs on the island.

According to the proponent, “The name has been in continuous use for six years. While the island is small, it gets visitors all year round and is an essential part of the community of Titusville.”

The island is referred to as Horseshoe Crab Island in many local boating references, including materials published by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails, related to the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail (Segment 22, Space Coast), as well as on Google Maps.

GNIS lists eight islands with “Horseshoe” in the name, the nearest of which is Horseshoe Island, about 70 miles to the southeast

The Brevard County Manager’s Office, Natural Resources Management Department, stated that the island is located just north of the Max Brewer Causeway, a known horseshoe crab spawning area. County staff indicated that spawning on the island is likely, based on proximity and local observations, and reported that the proposal was reviewed with management and local historians, with no objection to the proposed name.

New name **Sugar Camp Creek**, MarylandMouth: [39.292009, -79.467124](#) / Source: [39.299083, -79.441353](#)

Local government	Garrett County Commissioners	No objections
State Names Authority	Maryland Geographic Names Authority	Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response

Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The name *Sugar Camp Creek* is proposed for a 1.6-mile-long stream that originates in a gap of Little Mountain and flows west-southwest into the Youghiogheny River in Garrett County, Maryland. The proposal was submitted by Michael Beard, Esq., of the Law Office of Michael Beard, Oakland, Maryland on behalf of the landowner.

The proposal states that the Harsh Family Farm is identified on Map 95 as parcels 38, 53, and 55, just south of Redhouse, Maryland, on both sides of US-219. For the first 100 years, the farm had a maple sugar “camp” located on the property. The proposal lists approximate coordinates of 39.296, -79.462. Furthermore that:

Nothing remains of the sugar camp today, but the family would like to name the stream running through the property “*Sugar Camp Creek*” as a tribute to past family members who lived on the farm.

An excerpt of a 2024 article published by the Baltimore Magazine notes:

Maple sugaring has been a way of life for more than a century on farms in Western Maryland, once one of the centers of the maple syrup industry in the U.S. In the 1930s, there were an estimated 40 to 50 commercial tree-tapping operations in Garrett County alone, producing 200,000 gallons of maple sugar annually.

Review List 460

New names **Eagle Island** and **Little Loon Island**, Michigan

Local government	Krakow Township	*Support
	Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners	*Support
State Names Authority	Michigan Geographic Names Authority	Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response
	Grand Lake Association (GLA)	*Support
	Michigan Department of Natural Resources	*Support

	State Representative Cam Cavitt	*Support
	Grand Lake Sportsmen’s Club	*Support

*provided by the proponent

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
	Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The names *Eagle Island* and *Little Loon Island* are proposed for two previously unnamed islands in Black Bass Bay on Grand Lake, located in Presque Isle County, Michigan. The proposal originated with Nancy Stevens of the Grand Lake Association, Presque Isle, Michigan.

According to the proposal, the names were selected through a community-wide naming contest organized by the Grand Lake Association during the summer of 2024. The contest received more than 80 submissions from local residents and property owners. The proposal states that the community sought to name the islands because they are the only unnamed islands among the 19 islands on Grand Lake. No local opposition has been reported.

The selected names reference two species closely associated with the lake. The name *Eagle Island* reflects the presence and resurgence of bald eagles in the area; the proposal notes that the island is commonly used by eagles as a resting or lookout site. The name *Little Loon Island* recognizes the importance of loons to the Grand Lake ecosystem and community identity, noting that loons are frequently observed on the lake, particularly during nesting season. The proposal describes the naming effort as a unifying activity for the Grand Lake community.

Change **Trune Lake** ([FID 1615141](#)) to **Lake Taube**, Michigan
[43.1494809, -83.3325231](#)

Local government	Deerfield Township Supervisors	*No objection
	Lapeer County Board of Commissioners	*Support
State Names Authority	Michigan Geographic Names Authority [no formal name]	Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response

*Obtained by the proponent

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
x	Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
x	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

This proposal, submitted by Rick Taube, a resident of Columbiaville, Michigan, is to change the name of *Trune Lake*, a private lake in Deerfield Township, Lapeer County, Michigan, to *Lake Taube*. According to tax records submitted by the proponent, the lake is located entirely on land owned by the Taube family.

The proposed name would commemorate Gustave Arvid Taube (1915–1978), who purchased the property in early 1953. According to the proponent, Taube left his position as a lead carpenter at Ford Motor Company in Detroit to relocate his family to Columbiaville, Michigan, where they established a rural homestead. The proponent, Taube’s son, described the move as a personal and financial sacrifice, stating that his father lost employment benefits associated with his position at Ford and that the family relied in part on fishing from the lake for food.

The proponent further stated that he inherited the property following the death of his mother in 2003 and that the property is intended to remain in the family. He wrote that naming the lake *Lake Taube* would honor his father’s role in establishing and maintaining the homestead and the family’s long-term association with the property.

The proponent stated that the property has changed ownership multiple times since the Trune family’s ownership and has been privately owned by the Taube family for several decades. Letters submitted from the Deerfield Township Supervisor and the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners indicate that both entities do not object to the proposed name change. Both letters state that the lake is entirely located on the proponent’s property, and the County Commissioners noted that the proposed change would not affect surrounding property owners.

The proponent stated that the following factors were intended to address the Board’s “compelling reason” requirement for a name change:

- No members of the Trune family have had a connection to the property for over 100 years, and the property has changed ownership multiple times since that period.
- The lake is not visible from public roads and does not serve as a reference point for businesses or public facilities.
- The Taube family has owned and occupied the property since 1953, with multiple generations residing on the land and family memorials held at the lake.
- The proponent anticipates that the property may qualify as a Michigan Centennial Farm in 2053.

The name *Trune Lake* appears to have originated from 19th-century tax records, when the Trune family owned the property. Historical and genealogical sources indicate that members of the Trune family resided in Lapeer County into the 20th century, and several individuals with the surname Trune are buried at Stiles Cemetery near Columbiaville. The name *Trune Lake* has appeared on U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps since 1963.

The Michigan State Names Authority reviewed the proposal materials and stated that it supports the proposed name change from *Trune Lake* to *Lake Taube*, citing submitted letters of support and the absence of objections.

Review List 461

Change **Dago Spring** ([FID 1153217](#)) to **Rattlesnake Bluff Spring**, Oregon
[45.59512, -121.64547](#)

Local government	Hood River County Board of Commissioners	*Support
State Names Authority	Oregon Geographic Names Board	**Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response
Other	Farmers Irrigation District (proponent)	*Support
	Green Diamond Management Company	*No objection
	Twin Creeks Timber (landowner)	*No objection

* contacted by State Names Authority

** State Names Authority submitted

Established by Congress/President	X	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
Name Change		Diacritics	Tribal
Commemorative		Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
Wilderness Area		Variant	Animal

This proposal is to change the name of *Dago Spring*, a spring in Hood River County, Oregon, to *Rattlesnake Bluff Spring*. The proposal originated with Megan Saunders of the Farmers Irrigation District, Hood River, Oregon, and was transmitted to the BGN by the Oregon Geographic Names Board.

The proponent stated:

[The name] better reflects the local topography and avoids an outdated and offensive ethnic slur... The term 'Dago' is an insulting and contemptuous term for a person of Italian or Spanish birth or descent. The etymology of the word is it is an alteration of the Spanish word Diego... [The current name is] a racial slur that is offensive and not appropriate for continued use on Federal maps... [The proposed name] has been in use locally for several decades.

The spring lies on land owned by timber companies. According to the Oregon Geographic Names Board, "We've received email responses from both major timber companies who own the land; neither expressed any objection."

The name *Dago Spring* is referenced in a 1924 Public Waters of the State of Oregon permit and a County Certificate of Water Right permit, all of which the proponent submitted with the proposal.

New name **Sunrise Lake**, Minnesota

[45.56525, -94.56275](#)

Local government	Farming Township Board	*Support
	Stearns County Board of Commissioners	*Support
State Names Authority	Minnesota Geographic Names Authority / Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	**Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No Response
Other	Public Petition (23 signatures)	*Support

*Provided by the proponent

**State Name Authority submitted

Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
Wilderness Area	Variants	Animal

The name *Sunrise Lake* is proposed for a 25-acre lake managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources within Farming Township, Stearn County, Minnesota. The proposal originated with Kathryn and Eric Stangler, residents of Albany, Minnesota, and was transmitted to the BGN by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources acting in its role as the Minnesota Geographic Names Authority.

According to the proponents, the name *Sunrise Lake* was selected through a family-led effort that included outreach to neighboring property owners and local residents in support of the proposal. The proponents stated that the name was intended to reflect “a sense of renewal, hope, and the beauty of nature,” and to capture the character of the lake. The proposal was subsequently reviewed through Stearns County’s statutory lake-naming process and approved by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners. Following local approval, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reviewed the proposal and formally adopted the name Sunrise Lake by administrative order.

GNIS lists two lakes in Minnesota named “*Sunrise Lake*,” within Itasca County and Chisago County, approximately 150 miles and 80 miles from Farming Township, respectively.

New name **Beaver Creek**, Oregon

Mouth: [42.27679, -122.81592](#) / Source: [42.27279, -122.81313](#)

Local government	City of Phoenix	*Support
	Jackson County Commission	**No response
State Names Authority	Oregon Geographic Names Board	***Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response
Other	Oregon State Representative Pam Marsh	*Support
	Professor Emeritus of Biology, Southern Oregon University	*Support
	Save the Phoenix Wetlands (proponent group)	*Support
	Rogue River Watershed Council	*Support
	Rogue Riverkeeper	*Support
	The Freshwater Trust	*Support
	Watchable Wildlife Foundation	*Support
	Pollinator Project Rogue Valley	*Support
	Water League	*Support
	Rogue Flyfishers	*Support
	Blackberry Academy	*Support
	Katalyst Inc	*Support
	Indigo Creek Outfitters	*Support

*provided by the proponent

**contacted by State Name Authority

*** State Name Authority submitted

Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The name *Beaver Creek* is proposed for an approximately 0.3-mile-long tributary of Bear Creek in the City of Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon. The proposal originated with Pam Thornhill of Save The Phoenix Wetlands based in Phoenix, Oregon and was transmitted to the BGN by the Oregon Geographic Names Board.

According to the proponent, the name reflects the presence of beavers in a nearby spring-fed pond and is part of the organization’s broader effort to name small spring-fed streams in the area. The proponent states:

Naming this creek “*Beaver Creek*” creates an opportunity to acquaint residents with the existence of our state animal in our community.... Officially naming this creek will help to support sensitive native fish species and other wildlife by encouraging stewardship and conservation of water quality and riparian areas.

The group reports that these spring-fed streams serve as a cold-water refuge for juvenile salmonids.

The proposal included letters of support from the City of Phoenix, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Representative Pam Marsh, and multiple local environmental and educational organizations. In 2023, the BGN approved a proposal from Save The Phoenix Wetlands to name a nearby stream as *Blue Heron Creek*.

New name **Kari’s Bog**, Washington

[47.7072289, -122.0347407](https://www.washington.gov/government/land-use/planning-and-zoning/47.7072289,-122.0347407)

Local government	City of Redmond Mayor	*No objection
	King County Executive	**No response
State Names Authority	Washington Committee on Geographic Names	***Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response
Other	2 individuals (residents of Redmond and Olympia)	*Support
	King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks employee (writing in personal capacity)	*Support

- * Contacted by proponent
- ** Contacted by State Name Authority
- *** Submitter

	Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
	Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
X	Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
	Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The name *Kari’s Bog* is proposed for an approximately 80-acre swamp located within Redmond, King County, Washington. The feature overlaps land managed as part of the Redmond Watershed Preserve. The proposal originated with Marth Christensen, a resident of Redmond,

Washington, and transmitted to the BGN by the Washington Committee on Geographic Names/Washington Board of Natural Resources. The proposed name would commemorate Karin Osterhaug (1971–2003), who identified and documented the bog and worked for King County’s Department of Natural Resources.

The Washington Committee on Geographic Names approved the name with an apostrophe and noted that an apostrophe might be considered by the DNC if its absence would affect pronunciation, stating:

an apostrophe [in the name] might be considered [by the DNC] if it was explicitly noted that pronunciation would be affected, as it would be in this case between KAR-ys (Karis) and KAH-rees (Kari’s).

Materials compiled by the Washington Committee on Geographic Names indicate that *Kari’s Bog* has been used informally since 2004 in local signage, trail materials, and digital maps. Trilogy at Redmond Ridge constructed a trail, viewing platform, and interpretive signage with a memorial plaque honoring her contributions.

New name **Trillium Creek**, Washington

Mouth: [47.16411, -123.205](#)/ Source: [47.16857, -123.1873](#)

Local government	Mason County Board of Commissioners	*No response
State Names Authority	Washington Committee on Geographic Names / Washington Board of Natural Resources	**Support
Federally recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response

*contacted by State Name Authority

**Submitter

Established by Congress/President	Derogatory and Offensive	Long
Name Change	Diacritics	Tribal
Commemorative	Duplicate or Similar	Commercial
Wilderness Area	Variant	Animal

The name *Trillium Creek* is proposed for an approximately 1-mile-long stream in Mason County, Washington, flowing northeast into Rock Creek and ultimately into Lake Isabella. The proposal originated with Stephen A. Middleton, a resident of Shelton, Washington, and transmitted to the BGN by the Washington Committee on Geographic Names/Washington Board of Natural Resources.

According to the Washington Committee on Geographic Names (WCGN) submission, the name recognizes “the multitude of trilliums found and especially beautiful in spring.” The proponent

reports that the local community is already reported to refer to the stream by this name and has installed a sign marking it *Trillium Creek*.

The WCGN recommended Federal approval, noting that research showed no other streams with the same name in Mason County or elsewhere in Washington.