

U.S. Board on Geographic Names Domestic Names Committee Quarterly Review List 463

Introduction

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This Quarterly Review List includes geographic names proposed to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) for geographic features in the United States between mid-March and late June. The proposals will be considered by the BGN's Domestic Names Committee (DNC).

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Any organization, agency, or person may contact the BGN to share their support or opposition to any proposal included in this list.

The proposals may have been submitted for Federal consideration to

- name previously unnamed features
- recognize names in current local use
- resolve conflicts in name spellings, applications, and local usage
- change existing names

The proposed names are not official for Federal use until approved by the BGN. Only one name is official per geographic feature. Variant names and spellings discovered in researching a name are listed under Other Names. These may include names and spellings that formerly were official, historical names known to have been previously associated with the feature, names that conflict with current policies of the BGN, misspellings, and names misapplied to the subject of the proposal.

The BGN allows anyone to submit a proposal as long as it meets the minimum requirements for a complete proposal under the Principles, Policies, and Procedures. After the review process, which involves seeking recommendations from interested parties, BGN staff presents each case to the BGN for a vote. The BGN makes decisions on each proposal only after the full review process, and bases their decision on the following factors:

- the merits of the proposal
- recommendations and opinions from interested parties
- the DNC's [Domestic Geographic Names Policies](#)

The BGN has purview over the names of natural topographic and hydrographic features; reservoirs, canals, channels, crossings, and levees; and unincorporated populated places. The BGN does not have purview over the names of incorporated populated places, Census Designated Places, Civil divisions, ZIP Codes, or Tribal, Federal, State, local, and private administered land areas.

This Review List has also been posted on the [BGN's website](#).

Please send all comments on the proposals on this Review List to BGNEXEC@usgs.gov.

Arizona

New name June Crater

Proposal Information

Proposed name	June Crater
Proposal type	New name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Keaton Terry; Orem, Utah
Date proposed	3/14/2026
BGN case number	6670
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Feature Details

Primary coordinates	35.630282, -111.5956292
Feature class	crater
Feature size	6,073 ft.
Feature description	1 mi. NE of San Francisco Volcanic Field and 1.5 mi. SW of the mouth of the Campbell Francis Wash
Name history	
USGS primary topo map	Campbell Francis Wash 1: 24,000
State(s)	Arizona
County(s)	Coconino County
Local jurisdiction(s)	
PLSS	Sec.13, T26N, R7E, Gila-Salt River Meridian
Land ownership	Private (Babbitt Ranches, LLC) / State land

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

The new name *June Crater* is proposed for a 6,073 ft. crater in Coconino County, Arizona. The crater lies east of the San Francisco Volcanic Field in Arizona. The proposal was submitted on March 12, 2026 by Keaton Terry, with a mailing address in Orem, Utah. The crater is located on land owned by Babbitt Ranches, LLC and State land. It is identified as “V6713” in the 1987 [Miscellaneous Field Studies Map 1956](#).

The proponent states that the feature should be named because a “name would uniquely identify this volcanic crater for mapping, research, and educational reference.” He stated that the name

reflects the time of year associated with the landscape and evokes the warm seasonal light that illuminates the volcanic terrain of northern Arizona. The volcano has a soft red glow at sunset during the spring and summer months.

He wrote that the name is appropriate for this feature because it is short, easily pronounced, and consistent with naming conventions used throughout the San Francisco Volcanic Field, where many volcanic features have simple descriptive or commemorative names.

The proponent's stated interest in the name of the crater is
I am a volcanology student and photographer who documents volcanic features within the San Francisco Volcanic Field. I have visited and photographed this previously unnamed cinder cone and am proposing a name to aid identification and reference.

The proponent asked Babbitt Ranches to support his proposal. The President and General Manager asked the proponent

We received your geographic names submission notification. We are curious why you have chosen "June crater" as the name for the crater. We have been in this country for 140 years and have no knowledge of that referenced name.

The proponent responded

The name "June Crater" has not previously been used in literature or by locals for this specific feature. As you know, most vents in the San Francisco Volcanic Field were cataloged during early surveys and assigned identification numbers (V6713 in this case), and only a small number have been formally named.

While this particular vent is relatively small, its close proximity to SP Crater makes it a noticeable and accessible feature, and in my opinion, a good candidate for a simple, descriptive name.

I chose the name "June Crater" because the upper slopes are capped by an oxidized layer of welded agglutinate, whose red coloration closely mirrors the warm tones of a northern Arizona sunset during the month of June. I've attached a few photos that really show this similarity. The name is short, it's unique (no other place carries this name), and it's consistent with existing naming conventions in the volcanic field. . . .

If Babbitt Ranches has no objections to the proposed name, I would sincerely appreciate any acknowledgment or support you might be willing to provide. I understand the importance of local input in the naming process and I want to ensure that the name is appropriate and respectful to those most familiar with and connected to the land.

On a personal note, this location is particularly meaningful to me, which is part of what motivated me to propose a name for it.

The Babbitt Ranches President and General Manager responded

Thank you for reaching out and for the care and thoughtfulness behind your proposed name. On behalf of the Babbitt Ranches Community, I want to share our support for the name “June Crater.” It feels fitting for the place—simple, descriptive, and connected to what the land itself expresses. The way you’ve tied the coloration of the agglutinate to the warmth of a June sunset reflects an attentiveness to the land that we deeply respect.

Names carry meaning. They help people notice, connect, and remember. When done with care, they become part of how a place is experienced and carried forward. Your approach reflects that spirit.

We also appreciate the respect you’ve shown in seeking local input and recognizing the relationship people hold with this landscape. That awareness matters. It reflects an understanding that places are not just features on a map, but part of a living story—held by land, time, and those who walk it.

From our perspective, “June Crater” aligns well with the character of the San Francisco Volcanic Field and its naming traditions, while offering something distinct and meaningful in its own right.

Thank you again for your thoughtful work and for including us in the process. We appreciate the care you are bringing to this effort and wish you the very best as it moves forward.

With appreciation and on behalf of the Babbitt Ranches Community

A basic online search shows that the proponent may be associated with an individual who has “June” in their name. Staff asked the proponent if there was any commemorative intent to the proposal and to elaborate on why the crater is “particularly meaningful to” him. The proponent replied

The proposed name “June Crater” is not intended to commemorate any individual, and it is not associated with any person whose name includes “June.” It merely reflects the reddish coloration of the oxidized welded agglutinate that caps the upper slopes of the vent, which reminded me of the warm tones commonly seen in northern Arizona sunsets during the month of June.

My reference to the location being “particularly meaningful” was meant in a general sense related to my academic and fieldwork interests in the San Francisco Volcanic Field. As a volcanology student and photographer who documents geographic features in the region, I have spent many hours studying and visiting these vents, and this particular feature stood out to me as a notable but unnamed vent that could benefit from a simple descriptive name.

There is no additional personal or commemorative connection to the name beyond what was already described in the proposal.

GNIS contains records of 29 features of the class “Crater” or “Lava” in the San Francisco Volcanic Field area. 26 are craters, 25 of which were added to GNIS in Phase I between 1976 and 1981 based on names shown on USGS quadrangles at the time. The names are:

- Black Bottom Crater
- Campbell Crater
- Colton Crater (BGN 1971)
- Double Crater (BGN 1971)
- Francis Crater
- Halfmoon Crater (BGN 2024)
- Haywire Crater
- Junction Crater
- Lenox Crater
- Maroon Crater
- Merriam Crater (BGN 1931)
- Moon Crater
- North Sheba Crater
- O'Neill Crater
- Old Caves Crater
- Pinnacle Crater
- Rattlesnake Crater
- Robinson Crater (BGN 1931)
- Roden Crater
- S P Crater
- Saddle Crater
- South Sheba Crater
- Stewart Crater (BGN 1971)
- Strawberry Crater
- Sunset Crater (BGN 1933)
- The Sproul

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Coconino County Board of Supervisors	
State Names Authority	Arizona State Board on Geographic & Historic Names	
Federal Agency	n/a	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	
Other	Babbitt Ranches, LLC	Support*

* provided by the proponent

California

Change Talbot Creek (FID 268068) to Teamsters Creek

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Teamsters Creek
Proposal type	Change name
Current official name	Talbot Creek
GNIS ID	268068
Proponent	Alan Ahart; Tarzana, CA
Date proposed	12/23/2025
BGN case number	6650
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.1874051, -120.3729773
Secondary coordinates	39.2219444, -120.3580556
Feature class	Stream
Feature size	2.5 mi. long
Feature description	Heads on the NE ridge of Forest Hill Divide, flows ~SW into Middle Fork American River
Name history	Named for teamsters (wagon divers) who travelled over a nearby trail through the Sierra Nevada in the 1800s
USGS primary topo map	Granite Chief 1:24,000
State(s)	California
County(s)	Placer County
PLSS	Secs. 25,36,25, T16N, R14E, & Secs. 1,2, T15N, R14E, Mount Diablo Meridian
Land ownership	Granite Chief Wilderness; Tahoe National Forest

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - *Talbot Creek*: (USGS 1953, 1977, 2000, 2023)

Case Summary

This proposal is to change the name of *Talbot* Creek to *Teamsters* Creek within Placer County, California. The stream heads in Granite Chief Wilderness and flows south-west through Tahoe National Forest into Middle Fork American Creek. The proposal was submitted on December 23, 2025, by Alan Ahart, a resident of Tarzana, California.

The current name has been shown on USGS topographic maps since 1953.

Regarding the need for a name change, the proponent stated:

Because the name of the creek is not the correct historical name. The proposed name has been used by persons who have camped in the French Meadows region since at least 1922.

Regarding the meaning and significance of the proposed name:

The proposed name signifies the importance of persons who lead others, such as wagon trains, across the Sierra Nevada mountains both westward and eastward throughout the 1850s and 1860s.

Regarding the appropriateness of the proposed name:

Because it pertains to the teamsters who led persons on what is now called the Western States Trail and the Tevis Cup Trail. The creek is crossed by the Western States Trail; the path of the Tevis Cup Trail comes quite close to the source of the creek.

Regarding local use:

The evidence is that the Ahart family and descendants thereof have known the creek as Teamsters Creek for more than 100 years.

Regarding the proponent's interest:

My family has always referred to the creek as Teamsters Creek, starting with my father who was born in the year 1900 and started camping in the region between 1915 and 1922. I would like to correct the name before I die.

A 2024 document by Bob Crowley, Hal V. Hall, and Tim Twietmeyer posted on the [History Expeditions](#) website titled "[TEVIS: The Places We Ride Celebrating Seven Decades of American Endurance Riding History](#)" included details on the history of the Western States Trail referenced by the proponent, including:

Early travelers knew the present-day Western States Trail (WST) as part of the Washoe Trail that had been well established and used for thousands of years by Native American tribes from both sides of the Sierra Nevada. It was a seasonal route used for hunting, gathering, trading, and perhaps spiritual purposes. . . .

In 1955, Wendell T. Robie, an Auburn businessman of pioneer stock, a horseman and leader in many efforts to preserve Placer County history, conceived of the name "Western States Trail." [He] organized the world's first "100 Miles in One Day" equestrian endurance ride from Tahoe City to Auburn [under the name] Western States Trail Ride. . . . [He] began a campaign to obtain government recognition of the naming the Western States Trail by linking Carson City, Nevada with Sacramento, California. The trail, in concept, followed the Tevis Cup 100-mile route. . . .

GNIS does not record any features in California that include "Teamster" or "Teamsters" in their names.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Placer County Board of Supervisors	
State Names Authority	California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN)	
Federal Agency	U.S. Forest Service	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	

Colorado

New name Timberline Peak

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Timberline Peak
Proposal type	New name for an unnamed feature
Proponent	Joseph Kramarsic, Dillon Colorado
Date proposed	12/19/2025
BGN case number	6649
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	39.30592, -106.46764
Feature class	summit
Feature size	Elevation ~12,495 ft.
Feature description	2 mi. WSW of Galena Mountain, 0.5 SSE of Lonesome Lake
Name history	Named for proximity near or above the “timberline” or tree line.
USGS primary topo map	Homestake Reservoir 1:24,000
State(s)	Colorado
County(s)	Lake County, Pitkin County
PLSS	UP. 32, T8S, R81W, Sixth Meridian
Land ownership	Holy Cross Wilderness, San Isabel National Forest / White River National Forest

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names:
 - *Timberline P[ea]k*: American Alpine Club application, 1944 (reported by proponent)
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

The new name *Timberline Peak* is proposed for a summit in the Holy Cross Wilderness. The majority of the summit is in San Isabel National Forest in Lake County; the northwest edge of the summit is in White River National Forest in Pitkin County. The proposal was submitted on December 19, 2025, by Joseph Kramarsic, with a mailing address in Dillon, Colorado.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent stated:

The name *Timberline Peak* would give significance to this mountain that was climbed by 10th Mountain Division Troops at Camp Hale, Co. in 1943. It is located approximately 0.6 miles northeast of Timberline Lake.

Regarding the meaning and significance of the proposed name:

The only known record of this peak name is found in 2nd Lt. William Lowell Putnam's application for membership to the American Alpine Club on December 28, 1944. He called it “*Timberline Pk.*”

Regarding the appropriateness of the proposed name:

The Mountain Troops climbed many peaks while at Camp Hale, but this is a major peak of 12,494 feet that has not been named. Naming the peak would recognize the name use in 1943.

Regarding their personal interest in the name of the feature:

I have researched many mountain climbs by the Mountain Troops at Camp Hale, 1942-1944. The proposed peak name would continue the use of the name *Timberline Peak* from 1943.

In follow-up correspondence, the proponent addressed Wilderness Policy considerations and stated:

Despite its apparent absence in other published sources, the proposed Timberline Peak name has historical precedent being a named peak in use among the Camp Hale Mountain Troops of 1943. It is unlikely that the name gained local usage after the Mountain Troops were reassigned to Camp Swift, Texas in mid 1944. But this is not reason enough to disregard the name in military use nor is the creation of the Holy Cross Wilderness boundaries in 1980 reason to prohibit an historical name from the Mountain Troops of 1943 being applied to current maps. The name Timberline Peak should be formally carried forward honoring its use by those Mountain Troops of 1943 and becoming again a part of the history of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument created in October of 2022. It would be a justifiable tribute to those soldiers of the Tenth Mountain Division who trained at Camp Hale and served in World War II.

GNIS records six features located in Colorado that include “Timberline” in their name, none of which are summit- or ridge-type features. The closest of which is the aforementioned “Timberline Lake.”

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Lake County Board of Commissioners	
	Pitkin County Board of Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Colorado Geographic Names Advisory Board	
Federal Agency	U.S. Forest Service	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	

Georgia

New name Lake Deutschler

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Lake Deutschler
Proposal type	New commemorative name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Phillip Deutschler; Suwanee, GA
Date proposed	2/26/2026
BGN case number	6667
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	34.0321943, -84.0762019
Feature class	Reservoir
Feature size	1 acre
Feature description	1.2 mi. NNE of Lake Louella, 0.5 mi. SW of Barry Lake
Name history	Honors Karl Deutschler (1922–1994), who resided in the Suwanee area.
USGS primary topo map	Suwanee 1:24,000
State(s)	Georgia
County(s)	Gwinnett County
Local jurisdiction(s)	Suwanee City
Land ownership	Private (proponent)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

The name *Lake Deutschler* is proposed by Phillip Deutschler, a resident of Suwanee, Georgia, for an approximately 1-acre reservoir located on Suwanee Creek in the City of Suwanee, Gwinnett County, Georgia. The proposal was submitted on February 2, 2026. The feature is located on private land; the proponent reports ownership.

The reservoir is not recorded in current USGS hydrography data.

The name is proposed to commemorate Karl Deutschler (1922–1994), who the proponent describes as follows:

Karl Deutschler was born in Germany in 1922. He fought in World War 2, and then emigrated to the USA. He lived in Suwanee where he pursued the American Dream and built his beloved lake. He passed away in his homeland of Germany September 23, 1994. . . . [He] was active in the local community for many years.

The proponent indicates that members of the Deutschler family remain in the area, and that the proposed name could be construed to refer to living persons.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent states:

It is a substantial element on a flood plain along Suwanee Creek and must be uniquely identifiable for preservation with substantial nearby development that will impact the floodplain. It is a major feature of a public dog park and must be identifiable for emergency services.

The proponent states that the proposed name is in current local, unpublished use, reporting that neighbors have referred to the feature as “*Lake Deutschler*” and that it is used as a reference point within the community and along a nearby greenway. As evidence of published use, the proponent references a [Sniffspot listing](#) associated with the property. According to the Sniffspot [website](#): “Sniffspot is Airbnb for dog parks. We enable anyone to rent land by-the-hour as a safe and private dog park.” The listing the proponent provided with the proposal references the reservoir as “*Lake Deutschler*,” but this is not the name of the listing or the property.

Google Maps has a location marker near the reservoir for “Deutschler Farms,” listed as a garden.

Staff asked the proponent to address the Commercial Names Policy in light of the Sniffspot listing and the Google Maps location. He replied

[T]here are no products sold by Deutschler Farms. It isn’t any kind of business or anything of that nature. . . . [It’s] just a fun name we tagged on our home on Google Maps after we learned our family and friends were colloquially referring to it that way amongst themselves. I think the nickname came about because we have seven chickens and I send my friends home with a free basket of eggs whenever they visit. The Google tag helps them find our property more easily when they visit to barbecue or enjoy leisure time with us. . . . [T]here’s no farming activity.

I only mention “Lake Deutschler” in the Sniffspot posting because I need a way to refer to the fact that the lake exists and is available to enjoy, and “Lake Deutschler” is the only name for the lake I’ve ever heard my neighbors or anybody in the area use to refer to it.

GNIS does not record any features that include "Deutschler" in their names.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Suwanee City Council	
	Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Georgia Geographic Names Authority	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	

Iowa

Change Sun Valley Creek (FID 461937) to Kew Creek

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Kew Creek
Proposal type	change name to reflect local preference
Current official name	Sun Valley Creek
GNIS ID	461937
Proponent	Zach Gunsolley; Diagonal, IA
Date proposed	3/9/2026
BGN case number	6668
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	40.8208239, -94.3296789
Secondary coordinates	40.8663806, -94.2132866
Feature class	stream
Feature size	9 mi. long
Feature description	Heads 8 mi. WNW of Sun Valley Lake, flows WSW into Grand River
Name history	Named for the former community of Kew, a railroad stop along the CB&Q Railroad located in the creek valley.
USGS primary topo map	Diagonal 1:24,000
State(s)	Iowa
County(s)	Ringgold County
Local jurisdiction(s)	Jefferson Township; Tingley Township
PLSS	Secs. 24,26,27,28&32, T70N, R29W; Secs.17&19, T70N, R29W
Land ownership	Private (residential/farmland)

BGN decisions

- *Sun Valley Creek*: (Secretary's Order / BGN 2022)

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - *Sun Valley Creek*: Secretary's Order 3404 Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force name changes announcement and media coverage, 2022
 - *Sq__ Creek*: USGS 1981, 1985, 2010

Case Summary

This proposal is to change the name *Sun Valley Creek*, within the Townships of Tingley and Jefferson, Ringgold County, Iowa, to *Kew Creek*. The proposal was submitted on March 9, 2026, by Zach Gunsolley, a resident of Diagonal, Iowa, and Vice President of the Diagonal Lions Club. The proposal includes a letter of support from the Lions Club President as well as a photocopy of Diagonal Centennial Book, page 14, which is referenced below.

The current name, *Sun Valley Creek*, was recommended by the Secretary’s Order 3404 Task Force, and accepted by the BGN Domestic Names Committee on September 8, 2022, replacing the previous name *Sq__ Creek*.

USGS hydrographic data maps the stream above the source coordinates currently recorded in GNIS.

Regarding the need for a name change, the proponent stated:

Sun Valley Lake is 15 miles east of this creek and this creek does not drain into Sun Valley Lake. This causes confusion and is not an appropriate name.

Regarding the meaning and significance of the proposed name, the proponent stated:

The Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad's K&W line was responsible for the creation of the local towns of Kew, Diagonal, and Tingley. Kew stood for the Q in Quincy but was spelled KEW and was located in the valley of this creek. (Diagonal Centennial Book, page 14).

Regarding the appropriateness of the proposed name, the proponent stated:

It is a tribute to the history of the local area. It is significantly more appropriate than naming it after a lake that this creek doesn't even flow into.

The community of Kew existed in the late 1800s until it was absorbed into the nearby community of Diagonal.

In a letter of support, the Diagonal Lions Club stated that they are proposing the change “[o]n behalf of the Diagonal Community and local area residents and farmers.”

GNIS does not record any features in Iowa that include "Kew" in their names.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Tingley Township	
	Jefferson Township	
	Ringgold County Board of Supervisors	
State Names Authority	Iowa Geographic Names Authority	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	
Other	Diagonal Lions Club	*Support

*Provided by proponent

Michigan

New name Lake Esther

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Lake Esther
Proposal type	New commemorative name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Nicole Schulak; Portland, Oregon
Date proposed	12/31/2025
BGN case number	6652
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Feature Details

Primary coordinates	42.54096, -83.41487
Feature class	Lake
Feature size	1.48 acres
Feature description	~ 1 mi. S of Pleasant Lake and 3.5 mi. NE of Walled Lake
Name history	Named for Esther Schulak (1930-1997) a long-time resident who lived adjacent to the lake from 1963–1997
USGS primary topo map	Walled Lake 1:24,000
State(s)	Michigan
County(s)	Oakland County
Local jurisdiction(s)	West Bloomfield Township
PLSS	Sec. 32, T2N, R9E, Michigan Meridian
Land ownership	Private. The property, identified as Schulak Farm, is company-owned by Planterra.

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to apply the new commemorative name *Lake Esther* to a 1.45-acre lake located on a privately owned parcel in West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan. The proposal was submitted on December 31, 2026 by Nicole Schulak, a resident of Portland, Oregon.

Regarding the meaning and significance of the proposed name, the name would commemorate Esther Schulak (April 18, 1930 – January 25, 1997). The proponent, the daughter of the honoree, stated: “Esther” is an inspirational name associated with courage, strength, beauty, and justice, and also refers to an actual woman who lived in a house adjacent to the unnamed body of water; she lived a courageous life as an artist, a wife and mother, a community volunteer, and a breast-cancer survivor.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent stated:

This unnamed lake is located next to a busy, main road in West Bloomfield Township, and is viewed annually by thousands of people. Providing it with a name will allow it to be used as a

landmark, helping people to navigate: “Go past Lake Esther, then turn right into the hospital’s parking lot.”

In supporting biographical information, the proponent reports that Esther Schulak was born in Toledo, Ohio; managed her husband’s architectural practice while raising four children; served as President of Temple Kol Ami; volunteered in immigrant communities in Detroit; and worked as a fabric artist and photographer. The proponent states that she resided on the property adjacent to the lake from 1963 to 1997, where she farmed, gardened, planted trees that remain on the land, and photographed plants and animals inhabiting the lake.

The proponent provided a letter from the CEO of Planterra, identifying as the landowner of the parcel on which the lake is located, indicating no objection to the proposed name.

GNIS does not record any features in Michigan that include "Esther" in their names.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	West Bloomfield Township Board	
	Oakland County Board of Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Michigan Geographic Names Authority	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	
Other	CEO of Planterra	No Objection*

*provided by proponent

New York

New name Corn Hill Creek

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Corn Hill Creek
Proposal type	New name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Holly Hargrave; Oxford, New York
Date proposed	2/9/2026
BGN case number	6658
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	42.436683, -75.604309
Secondary coordinates	42.451228, -75.606548
Feature class	Stream
Feature size	1.25 mi. long
Feature description	Heads 0.4 mi. E of Gamble Roof Hill, flows S to enter Chenango River
Name history	Named for the historic Corn Hill Farm
USGS primary topo map	Oxford 1:24,000
State(s)	New York
County(s)	Chenango County
Local jurisdiction(s)	Village of Oxford; Town of Oxford
Land ownership	Private (residential); Oxford Central School District (partly)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to apply the name *Corn Hill Creek* to a tributary of the Chenango River within Chenango County, New York. The proposal was submitted on February 9, 2026 by Holly Hargrave, a resident of Chenango County, New York. The stream heads in the Town of Oxford, where a short segment flows before it enters the Village of Oxford. It partially flows through residential and public areas, including the grounds of Oxford High School, which are owned by the Oxford Central School District.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent stated that the name would help “identify for village residents reference” and would also honor “the historically prominent Corn Hill Farm on State St in Oxford Village – this area is where the creek begins.”

Regarding the meaning and significance of the proposed name, the proponent wrote that Corn Hill Farm was “one of the oldest Oxford farms on record,” located on State Street. The proponent noted that Benjamin Butler, “one of the founders of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church,” was born in 1764 and raised sheep on the farm.

Regarding the appropriateness of the proposed name, the proponent stated that the “unnamed creek was within the fields of Corn Hill Farms.” Although the farm “is no longer in existence,” the proponent wrote that the name of the farm and its owner remain “a part of Oxford NY historic pride.”

GNIS records one feature in New York with “Corn Hill” in its name: a summit feature within Saratoga County, approximately one hundred miles northeast. GNIS records three features within 30 miles with “Hill Creek” in their names: Sand Hill Creek, 17 miles to the east in Otsego County; Morgan Hill Creek 28 miles to the northwest in Cortland County; and Bunn Hill Creek 30 miles to the southwest in Broome County.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Town of Oxford Government	
	Village of Oxford Government	
	Chenango County Board of Supervisors	
State Names Authority	New York State Committee on Geographic Names	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	
Other	Oxford Central School District	

North Carolina

New name A. B. Fisher Creek

Proposal Information

Proposed name	A. B. Fisher Creek
Proposal type	New commemorative name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Rich Dums; Mount Pleasant, NC
Date proposed	1/30/2026
BGN case number	6619
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	35.414682, -80.452176
Secondary coordinates	35.422350, -80.443771
Feature class	Stream
Feature size	0.7 mi. long
Feature description	5 mi. NE of the City of Concord and 3 mi. N of Oak Cliff Lake
Name history	Commemorates A. B. Fisher, a former mayor that owned the farm through which the creek flows
USGS primary topo map	Mount Pleasant 1:24,000
State(s)	North Carolina
County(s)	Cabarrus County
Land ownership	Private

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

The name A.B. Fisher Creek is proposed for an unnamed stream located in Mount Pleasant Township, Cabarrus County, North Carolina. The proposal was submitted on January 30, 2026 by Richard A. Dumas a resident of Mount Pleasant, North Carolina.

The feature lies within a rural area north of the incorporated Town of Mount Pleasant and crosses Fisher Road.

The proposed name would commemorate A.B. Fisher (1909–1994). The proponent reports that Fisher “was born and lived on Fisher Road which is named for his family,” and that he “purchased the farm in the 1940s,” through which the creek flows. The proponent states that the farm remains in the Fisher family.

According to an obituary provided by the proponent, Fisher was a former mayor of Mount Pleasant and was involved in several local civic and business organizations. The obituary states that he was a director of the First Union National Bank, served on the Board of Trustees of Cabarrus Memorial Hospital, and

was a member of the board of directors of the Cabarrus County Fair. He was also a recipient of the Jaycees Senior Man of the Year Award and was active in local civic and church organizations.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent wrote that the stream “drains 100 acres and affects surrounding lands,” and that it “is within 1 mile of Mount Pleasant city limits.” The proponent indicated that the area is experiencing growth and that naming the creek would assist with identification of the feature.

Regarding the appropriateness of the proposed name, the proponent stated that “the creek crosses Fisher Road,” that “many first-state families still live in the creek area,” and that the name reflects the Fisher family’s longstanding association with the land.

The proponent stated that the private landowners are aware of the proposal and provided written evidence that “the owners texted their approval.”

GNIS records two features in Cabarrus County that contain “Fisher” in their names: a Reservoir-class feature, Fisher Lake, 9 miles to the northwest; and a Populated Place-class feature (unincorporated), Fisher Town, 13 miles to the northwest.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners	
State Names Authority	North Carolina Board on Geographic Names/NC Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	

Oregon

Change Coon Point (FID 1119242) to Raccoon Point

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Raccoon Point
Proposal type	change name proponent considers offensive
Current official name	Coon Point
GNIS ID	1119242
Proponent	Bruce Fisher, Oregon Geographic Names Board President; Portland, OR
Date proposed	3/14/26
BGN case number	6671
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	45.7065042, -122.7981566
Feature class	cape
Feature size	approx. 30 acres
Feature description	point in the S end of Sturgeon Lake
Name history	Named for the presence of raccoons
USGS primary topo map	Sauvie Island 1:24,000
State(s)	Oregon
County(s)	Multnomah County
Local jurisdiction(s)	n/a
PLSS	not surveyed
Land ownership	Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: none
- Published names:
 - Coon Point (USGS 1961, 1990; older Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife use)
 - Raccoon Point (local state agency sign; current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife use)

Case Summary

This proposal is to change the name of Coon Point in Multnomah County to Raccoon Point. It was submitted on March 14, 2026 by Bruce Fisher, the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB) President. The OGNB is based in Portland, Oregon.

The point is fully within the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area managed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The proponent provided the following answers:

- Why should the name be changed for Federal use?

- “Because the word "Coon" is considered a derogatory term.” [note, the BGN Domestic Names Committee does not consider this term derogatory but recognizes that many people may find the term offensive or derogatory]
- What is the meaning and significance of this name?
 - “Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) are found in abundance on Sauvie Island where this feature is located.” [italics added]
- Why is the name you are proposing appropriate as a name change for this officially named feature?
 - “The word Coon is also a contraction of the word Raccoon.”

The proponent’s stated interest in the name of this feature is because “[t]he State agency has already changed the offensive name internally.”

In response to the Name Changes Policy, the proponent gave the following reason for why the name should be changed: “Oregon Bill 3532 was passed in June, 2025 to remove all offensive or derogatory names in Oregon.”

Oregon House Bill 3532 ([HB3532](#)) Section 1(2) reads

The executive secretary of the Oregon Geographic Names Board shall:

- (a) Compile a list of geographic features including, but not limited to, mountains, buttes, gulleys, gulches, rivers and creeks in Oregon that bear offensive names; and
- (b) Begin a process of determining new names for the geographic features.

The bill defines “offensive” as “insulting and derogatory to any of Oregon’s nine federally recognized Indian tribes or to any race, nationality or ethnicity.” The bill states that the OGNB Executive Secretary shall submit proposals to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names recommending names that are not offensive for all geographic features on the list compiled under subsection (2)(a) of this section no later than the date that is three years following the effective date of this 2025 Act.

The name was shown on USGS maps published in 1961 and 1990. The origin of the name is unknown and was likely a name found in local use at the time.

The proponent reported that “[i]n 2017 the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife internally renamed the feature Raccoon Point and erected signs that identified the feature as Raccoon Point.” The proponent provided a letter from Mark Nebeker, the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Manager, to the OGNB stating that “[t]he Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sauvie Island Wildlife Area would like to inform you that the location name ‘Coon Point’ was renamed ‘Raccoon Point’ in February 2018.”

The OGNB is removing this name from their HB3532 list.

GNIS does not record any features in Oregon that include “Raccoon” in their names. GNIS records 34 other features in Oregon that include “Coon” in their names as a single word; all of these are on the OGNB’s HB3532 list.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Multnomah County	
State Names Authority	Oregon Geographic Names Board	

Federal	n/a	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	
Other	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Support

Tennessee

New name Duvall Springs Creek

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Duvall Springs Creek
Proposal type	new name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Whitney Nash; Knoxville, TN
Date proposed	2/20/2026
BGN case number	6662
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	35.937, -83.73527
Secondary coordinates	35.920874, -83.735326
Feature class	stream
Feature size	1.3 mi. long
Feature description	heads on the NW slope of Bays Mountain 0.5 mi. E of Porterfield Gap, flows generally N into the French Broad River
Name history	named in reference to its source at a spring and its location in the valley of the French Broad River; Duvall means “of the valley” in French
USGS primary topo map	Boyds Creek 1:24,000
State(s)	Tennessee
County(s)	Knox County
Local jurisdiction(s)	n/a
Land ownership	private

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

This proposal is to apply the new name Duvall Springs Creek to an unnamed tributary of the French Broad River in Knox County. The stream flows through private lands. The proposal was submitted on February 20, 2026 by Whitney Nash who lives along the stream and resident of a Knoxville ZIP Code.

The proponent states that the feature should be named because

[a] low-level hazard freshwater impoundment/dam actively inundates this unnamed perennial stream. If this impoundment failed, identification of the location of the impoundment/dam and failure would be paramount to alert the community of flooding/potential loss of livestock.

She stated that

Duvall is French for, “of the valley” or “from the valley”. Multiple springs in this valley contribute to the flow of this perennial stream. Duvall Springs Creek is an original name and is not currently utilized in the state of Tennessee or the USA.

She wrote that the name is appropriate for this feature because Duvall Springs Creek (Duvall, French in origin) harmonizes with the name of the river this stream flows into, The French Broad River.

She noted that her interest in the name of the feature is I reside at the end Trundle Road and drive past the impoundment daily. Naming the stream would help to locate the impoundment and stream if a hazardous condition arose.

Staff asked the proponent

- to confirm that the proposal was not commemorative in any way (“Duvall” is a common last name and not the way that “of the valley” would commonly be written in French, which would be de la vallée or du vallée
- if she had asked the more than 10 landowners along the stream if they supported her proposal and
- why “Duvall Valley Creek” would be the most appropriate name for this stream given that many streams in the valley of the French Broad River flow out of springs.

The proponent replied

No, I have not contacted any property owners about the potential name. . . .

My rationale for naming the stream centers on the definition of the word French Duvall, “of the valley”. “Duval”, which literally translates from French to English as “of the valley[”] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duvall_\(surname\)#cite_note-Hanks_2003-1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duvall_(surname)#cite_note-Hanks_2003-1).

According to your website GNIS, there is precedent for the use as “Duvall” for the naming of streams. I did not realize it could be viewed [or] used as a surname because of the use of the word for 3 different streams in the USA [named Duvall Creek]. My interpretation of the name is French for, “Valley Springs” or “springs of the valley”. I thought it would be nice to have a French word utilized because this stream flows into the French Broad River. The name, “Duvall Springs Creek” would be unique in the USA instead of calling the stream Duvall Creek. . . .

The reason why this came to my attention is because there is a freshwater impoundment located on this stream. An [Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement] engineer, whom I work with, was looking for a dam to test new FEMA dam failure software. . . . I told him about the dam but he could not locate the stream name during his analysis. . . . Honestly, I became curious and went down a rabbit hole investigating if this stream could be named to aid in reference to this dam. I simply thought it would be important to have name attached to this stream due to this dam.

GNIS does not record any features in Tennessee that include “Duvall” in their names. GNIS contains records of two streams named “Spring Creek” in Tennessee: one 11 miles to the west in Knox County and one 23 miles to the northeast in Jefferson County.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Knox County Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Tennessee Committee on Geographic Names	
Federal	n/a	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	

New name Parris Island

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Parris Island
Proposal type	New commemorative name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Geeta W. McMillan; Sparta, TN
Date proposed	12/18/2025
BGN case number	6651
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	36.538333, -85.179722
Feature class	Island
Feature size	7.1 acres
Feature description	3.7 mi. SW of Huddleston Knob and 4.3 mi. ESE of Barnes Ridge, within Dale Hollow Lake
Name history	Named for Joel Parris (1776-1834), a Veteran of the War of 1812 and served on the Overton County Court
USGS primary topo map	Byrdstown 1:24,000
State(s)	Tennessee
County(s)	Pickett County
Land ownership	Dale Hollow Recreation Area, USACE Nashville District

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

The name *Parris Island* is proposed for an unnamed island on Dale Hollow Lake in Pickett County, Tennessee. The proposal was submitted on December 18, 2025, by Geeta W. McMillan, a resident of Sparta, Tennessee.

Dale Hollow Lake is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-managed reservoir impounded in 1943. The island was formed following impoundment and represents a remnant portion of former Parris family land along the Obey River.

The name would commemorate Joel Parris, born circa 1776, whom the proponent reports moved to Overton County, Tennessee where he acquired property along the Obey River with his wife Dianah. The property remained in the Parris family until it was sold to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1942, prior to the impoundment of Dale Hollow Lake. Joel Parris served on the Overton County Court from 1825 until his death in 1833. Furthermore, the proponent reports that members of the Parris family served Overton County in elected and appointed positions for over a century.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent stated:

This island on Dale Hollow Lake is a prominent feature on the lake. It is one of the few distinguishing features that can be viewed from the major highway that runs through the area. The

naming of this island would provide visitors a context to the history of the area before the dam's impoundment.

Regarding the meaning and significance of the proposed name, the proponent stated:

The Parris family moved to the area in 1795 and descendants remain in the area. It recognizes the family who lived on the property for over 130 years. Joel Parris, owner in 1812, was a veteran of the War of 1812.

Regarding the proponent's interest, she states that she is a descendant of Joel Parris and his heirs. In support of the proposal, she provided an 1851 War Pension application filed by Dianah Parris, widow of Joel Parris, documenting his War of 1812 service and death in 1833.

GNIS records a feature in Tennessee that includes "Parris" in its name: Parris Branch, 98 miles to the southwest in Polk County.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Pickett County Commission / Mayor	
State Names Authority	Tennessee Committee on Geographic Names	
Federal Agency	US Army Corps of Engineers	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	

Texas

Change Hells Hollow (FID 1359013) to Wren Hollow

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Wren Hollow
Proposal type	Change name considered offensive
Current official name	Hells Hollow
GNIS ID	1359013
Proponent	Eric and Alissa Copley; Real County, TX
Date proposed	1/15/2026
BGN case number	6657
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	29.8413493, -99.9313866
Secondary coordinates	29.8545702, -99.9328085
Feature class	Valley
Feature size	.9 mi. long
Feature description	1.5 mi. SW of Pecan Springs Hollow, .85 mi. E of Flynn Springs
Name history	Named for the presence of wrens
USGS primary topo map	Jo Jan Van Camp 1:24,000
State(s)	Texas
County(s)	Real County
Land ownership	Private

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
 - *Hells Hollow*: USGS 1971, 2010

Case Summary

This proposal is to change the name *Hells Hollow*, a 0.9-mile-long valley in Real County, Texas, to *Wren Hollow*. The proposal was submitted on January 15, 2026 by the landowners, Eric and Alissa Copley, through Cedar and Oak Land Holdings, LLC.

The current name has been shown on USGS topographic maps since 1971.

Regarding the need for a name change for Federal use, the proponent stated:

Hell is used as a profanity, also as a serious religious concept its casual use can be offensive.

Regarding the meaning and significance of the existing name, the proponent stated:

A place or state of misery, torment, wickedness. Or a curse word used to express anger/frustration.

Regarding the appropriateness of the proposed replacement name, the proponent stated:

It is a neutral, inoffensive name representing a local species of bird that frequents the area.

GNIS lists one feature within Texas with “wren” in its name: Wren Branch, 250 miles to the northeast.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Real County Commissioners Court	
State Names Authority	Texas Geographic Names Committee	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	

Wisconsin

New name Pamperin Creek

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Pamperin Creek
Proposal type	New commemorative name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Mark Pamperin; Cumming, GA
Date proposed	2/16/2026
BGN case number	6659
Quarterly Review List	463

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	44.586573, -88.133071
Secondary coordinates	44.58553, -88.16319
Feature class	Stream
Feature size	2 mi. long
Feature description	Heads .2 mi. SSW of Mill Center, flows E into an unnamed tributary of Duck Creek
Name history	Named for the Pamperin family, who owned and farmed the surrounding land for multiple generations.
USGS primary topo map	Oneida North 1:24,000
State(s)	Wisconsin
County(s)	Brown County
Local jurisdiction(s)	Village of Howard
PLSS	Secs. 1&2, T24N, R19E, Extended Fourth Meridian
Land ownership	Private (residential); Village of Howard (Mill Center Park)

BGN decisions

- None

Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

Case Summary

The name *Pamperin Creek* is proposed for an unnamed stream located in the Village of Howard, Brown County, Wisconsin. The proposal was submitted on 2/16/2026 by Mark Pamperin, a resident of Cumming, Georgia.

The proposal references “Lancaster Creek” as the receiving stream; however, no feature with that name is currently recorded in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). USGS mapping indicates that the unnamed stream flows into another unnamed tributary that ultimately joins Duck Creek.

Historical plat records and a death certificate provided by the proponent indicate land ownership in the area by members of the Pamperin family. The proponent reports:

W.J. Pamperin was the son of W.C. Pamperin and both were upstanding farmer citizens who contributed to the development of the Village of Howard in the late 1800's/early1900's. W.J. Pamperin died on Oct 14, 1956 aged 76 years. Per the 1934 plat map, Pamperin relatives Robert & Anna, Earl & Clara and Albert & Henrieta also farmed in the local area.

According to the proposal, the unnamed tributary originates on farmland purchased by W.J. Pamperin in 1924 and farmed by descendants for several generations. The creek flows through Mills Center Park, a public access area owned by the Village of Howard.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent states:

The stream is labeled as "Unnamed Tributary of Lancaster Creek" on BrownDog, the Official GIS Map of Brown County, WI. Naming the stream *Pamperin Creek* will reduce confusion in maps, GIS datasets, environmental monitoring, and regulatory work by supplying an official label for this tributary.

Regarding the meaning of the proposed name, the proponent states:

Pamperin Creek honors a locally significant surname with established historical presence in the Howard area. The Pamperin name appears in local land records and historical references associated with properties in the vicinity, indicating strong local usage and cultural relevance.

The proponent stated their interest in the name of the feature:

The currently unnamed tributary originates on and flows through farmland that has been in families with the surname Pamperin for 3 generations. As the farmland transitions to residential development, the current generation prefers the creek be named Pamperin Creek to preserve it's [sic] legacy.

The proposal also notes that Jerome Pamperin, son of W.J. Pamperin, later sold land to the Village of Howard with the condition that it be developed into a park, which became Mills Center Park.

Staff noted that the name Pamperin appears on several nearby placemarks, including Pamperin Park, the Pamperin Park Gazebo, and the Pamperin Park Footbridge, located approximately 3.5 miles southeast of the unnamed stream.

GNIS does not record any features that include "Pamperin" in their names and no similar names in Wisconsin.

Stakeholder Input

Local government	Brown County Board of Supervisors	
	Village of Howard Board of Trustees	
State Names Authority	Wisconsin Geographic Names Council (WGNC)	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X (10)	