

THE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE PROPOSAL FORM

This document is for those interested in proposing:

- 1. A new name for a currently unnamed geographic feature, or**
- 2. A change to an existing name, spelling, or where a name is applied.**

By submitting this form, the proponent acknowledges the [BGN Policies](#) and agrees to work with BGN staff regarding their proposal.



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Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Form

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible for standardizing the names of geographic features within the 50 States and in other areas under the sovereignty of the United States. The BGN retains the legal authority to promulgate all official names and locations of natural features (e.g. mountains, rivers, valleys), as well as canals, channels, reservoirs, and other select feature types.

This form is to propose a new name or name, spelling, or application change for a geographic feature for Federal use. A proponent should carefully review the proposal prior to submission to ensure that it is consistent with the [BGN policies](#). Please note all fields with a red outline are required prior to submitting this form.

The proponent should also be aware that the entire proposal—including personal identifying information and any associated correspondence—is in the public domain and may be made publicly available at any time.

Submit Proposal:

1. Email this form and supporting documentation to: BGNESEC@usgs.gov
 - i. Save PDF as 'ST_GeographicName' for example 'CO_BearCreek'
 - ii. Email Subject: ST_GeographicName

2. Send by mail to:

U.S. BGN Executive Secretary, Domestic Names
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-523
Reston, VA 20192

Contact Us:

BGNESEC@usgs.gov

Please note that anything submitted by mail may be delayed.

Naming Basics

Proposed Name:

Is this to change an existing name?

 Y N

What is the [Feature Type](#)?

Is this name in current local use?

 Y N

If yes, please state the official name and ID number below as it appears in the [Geographic Names Information System \(GNIS\)](#).

GNIS Name:

GNIS ID:

Location Basics

Where is the feature?

Latitude:

(38.948)

Longitude:

(-77.368)



Need Help? Search [The National Map](#)

General Location:

State:

County/City:

Zip code:

Start and end of linear feature (e.g. stream or valley):

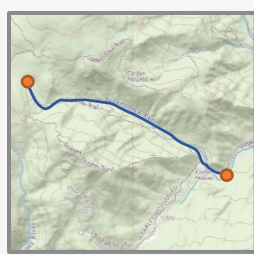
Mouth/ Confluence

Latitude:

(38.948)

Longitude:

(-77.368)



Public Land Survey System:

Section(s):

Township:

Range:

Meridian:

Source/Headwater

Latitude:

(38.948)

Longitude:

(-77.368)

Feature Description

Physical shape, length, width, etc.

Name Details

Name information:

Please provide relevant information about the proposed name, such as origin, meaning, how long it has been in current use, as well as current or historical significance. Also include why you believe the feature requires a name or name change and why the proposed name is appropriate.

Please provide a list of supporting documentation with details below:

Examples: Published sources showing the proposed name or letters of support (local government, historical society, etc.)

Document Title: Document Type: Reason for Inclusion:

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Is the name commemorative? Y N

If yes, please provide the following:

Honoree's Date of Birth:

Honoree's Date of Death:

Short Biography:

Significance or Association with the Geographic Feature:

Is the feature in a Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Area? Y N

If yes, please provide your justification for making an exception to [the Wilderness Policy](#):

Additional Information

Is there any local opposition or conflict with the proposed name?


Y N

If yes, please explain and describe any opposition:


For a proposed new name, please provide evidence that the feature is unnamed, such as a map that shows the feature but no name for it:

Document Title:

Proponent Information


 Proponent's Full Name:

Agency or Organization, if relevant:

 Email:

 Mailing Address:

 Phone:

 Are you filling this form out for someone else?

Y N

If yes, please fill out the following:

Submitted by:

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone: