

**Wald Bach**

*Chelan County - Name Change*

**Township:** 26N

**Range:** 16E

**Section:** 11

**USGS Quad:** Lake Wenatchee

**Location Description:** Stream; 0.1 mi. long; heads 1.9 mi. SSE of Round Mountain, flows SSW into Nason Creek 2 mi. SSE of Round Mountain.

**Proposal Summary:** Wald Bach: stream; 0.1 mi. long; heads 1.9 mi. SSE of Round Mountain at 47°46'15"N, 120°48'30"W, flows SSW into Nason Creek 2 mi. SSE of Round Mountain; the name is German for "forest" and "stream" and reflects the German theme of Leavenworth thirteen miles to the southsoutheast; Sec 11, T26N, R16E, Willamette Meridian; Chelan County, Washington; 47°46'09"N, 120°48'32"W; USGS map – Lake Wenatchee 1:24,000.

The new name Wald Bach is proposed for a 0.1-mile-long stream that flows into Nason Creek in Chelan County. The name is proposed along with Nason Bach. The stream is on the proponent's property.

According to the proponent, "wald" is German for "forest" and "bach" is German for "stream"; the name reflects the German theme of Leavenworth, located thirteen miles to the south-southeast.

**Proponent:**

Lee Dancy  
15802 NE 111th Court  
Redmond, WA 98052

**Proposal Received:** 4/21/2018

**Initial Consideration:** 5/30/2019

**Final Consideration:** 10/29/2019

**WA Committee Decision:**

**WA Board Decision:**

**US Board Decision:**

**Opinions:**

Chelan County Commissioners  
Chelan County Public Works  
Chelan County Search and Rescue  
City of Leavenworth  
City of Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Leavenworth Museum  
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation  
Snoqualmie Tribe  
Yakama Nation  
Curtiss Calhoun (Public Citizen) - IN FAVOR  
Rik Deskin (Public Citizen) - IN FAVOR

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

PROPOSE NEW OR CHANGE NAME

Name Proposal ID:  
9429

Date Created:  
21-APR-18

Date Submitted:  
24-APR-18

Proposed Name:  
Wald Bach

Action Requested:  
Change an existing name

Existing Name:  
Stream B

Unnamed Evidence:  
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Locally Used:  
No

Locally Used Years:  
-

Local Conflict:  
No

Local Conflict Detail:  
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Additional Details:  
-

FEATURE INFORMATION

GNIS Feature ID:  
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Feature class:  
STREAM

Descriptive information:  
Stream B flows directly south and connects with Nason Creek, with an outlet at the end of an additional 1-foot diameter steel culvert with a plastic flap gate.

Meaning or significance:  
Wald Bach in German means Forest Stream

**Commemorative:**

No

**Biographical information:**

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**Supporting materials:**

Yes

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

Filename	Comments
Stream Classification Letter.pdf	Wetland survey

**STATES AND COUNTIES**

State Name	County Name
Washington	Chelan

**GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES**

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec	Long Deg	Min	Sec	Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Map	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	located on Parcel # 261611120200

**ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS**

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
Town	-	Leavenworth WA

**MAPS AND DOCUMENTS WITH NAME**

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Map	Please see attached wetland survey map	2018

**OTHER (VARIANT) NAMES AND THEIR SOURCE**

Source Type	Other (Variant) Name	Details	Source Date
Map	N/A	N/A	2018

**AUTHORITIES**

No information entered.

**SUBMITTERS AND PREPARERS**

Role	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Company	Title
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DGNP Guest

**From** jrnyon@usgs.gov on behalf of BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC  
**To** lee@factorartgallery.com  
**Cc** Louis Yost; MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject** Fwd: BGN Proposal #: 9428 - Nason Bach, Washington

**Date** 4/25/2018 11:18:15 AM

Dear Mr. Dancy:

This acknowledges your proposals to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to apply the new names Nason Bach and Wald Bach to two unnamed streams in Chelan County. The Board is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the Federal Government, and its members must approve any name before it can appear on Federal maps and other products. Typically, we would begin by preparing a case brief for each of the names, but in this instance, we shall require some additional clarification before we can proceed; therefore, by a copy of this response, we are forwarding the applications to the Washington State Geographic Names Committee (WSGNC) for review and with a request that they contact you to discuss the proposals. Specifically, we have not been able to identify the streams in the National Hydrography Dataset, nor are they labeled on USGS topographic maps, and so we're hoping the WSGNC can help provide specific geographic coordinates (mouth and source) for both of the streams.

Local acceptance of any name is important to the U.S. Board, so before the WSGNC can provide its recommendations, they will also ask the Chelan County government and other interested parties to comment on the names.

We should note also that the generic term "Bach" is not found in the name of any other geographic feature in the U.S., and so we would like to know why it was selected in this case? Is there a significant German-speaking population in the area, and why is the word preferable to an English term, such as Creek (recognizing, of course, that there is already a Nason Creek nearby), or Branch, Fork, Run, etc.?

Depending on the upper extent of the streams, we may also need to seek the opinion of the U.S. Forest Service (as you know, the boundary of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is located just to the north of Highway 2). Finally, in accordance with Federal policies regarding Tribal consultation, the WSGNC will ask any American Indian Tribes with an interest in the area if they wish to comment on the names.

As soon as the WSGNC has completed its investigation and provided us with its recommendations, we will present the proposals to the U.S. Board for discussion and the final decision. The entire process typically takes several months (the WSGNC meets just twice a year), but we will notify you in writing as soon as the decision is rendered.

Thank you for your interest in the geographic names of Washington. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Runyon, research staff  
For Lou Yost, Executive Secretary  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey, Geographic Names Office  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 20192-0523  
Phone/fax: (703) 648-4550 / (703) 648-4549  
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## MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC  
**Cc:** Louis Yost; MAKI, CALEB (DNR); jrunyon@usgs.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: BGN Proposal #: 9428 - Nason Bach, Washington

**Importance:** High

Hello Ms. Runyon,

I tried to reach you by phone a little while ago.

I'm sending you a link to the town's website to give you some info on the the Town of Leavenworth, WA. (<http://www.leavenworth.com/>)

Leavenworth is known to the residents of Washington State as "German town"; not for the population of German descendants living there, but instead for the look of the Town. The Town is a copy of a southern German mountain village, so you can call it a town with a special theme, in which all things follow the southern German style, some of its streets are known as "Straesses" not "Streets" and commercial building code follows that theme.

If you take another look at the Wetland index (zoom in close) you will notice the two intermediate streams being discussed for name assignment are there; but the course of Stream "A" does not run directly into Nason Creek as the Wetland Index shows, but instead takes the course shown on the map, which shows it running into stream "B" which runs straight into Nason Creek as the study's map shows. This map was just done in the past week.

The vast majority of both streams are on land that will be developed under the name "Nason Hof". You are correct that there is already a "creek", so hence the German variation "Bach" is being used. FYI- the translation for "Wald Bach" is "Forest Stream", which fits the description of the property and the theme of the town. As a former expat business owner, who has an advance degree (GDS) from the Goethe Institute, and lived "in-country" for nearly 14 years, before coming home to Washington State I understand and support the efforts of the Town of Leavenworth to hold close to its theme.

Please feel free to reach to me if you have any further questions, you can reach me by my cell phone number which is 425-518-7121.

Best regards,

Lee Dancy

On 2018-04-25 14:18, BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC wrote:

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April 18, 2018

Lee Dancy  
Phone: 425.518.7121  
Via email: lee@czhed.biz

**Re: 18040 Sunland Drive, Stream Classification Report**  
The Watershed Company Reference Number: 180421

Dear Lee,

A site visit was conducted on April 12, 2018 on two parcels located at 18040 Sunland Drive in unincorporated Chelan County (parcel numbers 261611120100 and 261611120200) with the purpose of classifying a stream. A field sketch depicting the approximate stream location is enclosed with this letter. Consistent with our scope of work for this contract, the Ordinary High Water Mark was not delineated or flagged.

## Methods

Public-domain information on the subject properties was reviewed for this reconnaissance study and include the following:

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey (WSS) application
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory (NWI) maps
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife interactive mapping programs (PHS on the Web, SalmonScape)
- Washington Department of Natural Resources, Forest Practices Application Mapping Tool (FPARS)
- Washington Department of Natural Resources, Wetlands of High Conservation Value Map Viewer
- Chelan County GIS mapping website

The area immediately adjacent to the subject stream was evaluated for the presence of wetlands using methodology from the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region Version 2.0* (Regional Supplement) (US Army Corps of Engineers [Corps] May 2010). Areas west of

Columbia River (at this latitude) are required to use this manual. No wetland screening was conducted other than those associated with the mapped stream features.

The study area was evaluated for streams based on the presence or absence of an ordinary high water mark (OHWM) as defined by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.58.030 and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 220-660-030. The OHWM edge was located by examining the bed and bank physical characteristics and vegetation, using recent guidance from the Department of Ecology, *Determining the Ordinary High Water Mark for Shoreline Management Act Compliance in Washington State* (Publication no. 16-06-029).

Onsite streams were classified using the stream typing system established by Chelan County Code (CCC) 11.78.060 and 11.78.090.

## Findings

The study area is located within the Nason Creek sub-basin of the Wenatchee Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA 45); Township 26N, Range 16E, Section 11. Surrounding land use includes a mix of rural residential, transportation corridors, utility corridors, and undeveloped land.

The subject properties are within a black cottonwood, quaking aspen, and vine maple dominated forest abutting Nason Creek. Nason Creek flows from west to east along the southern property boundary. An east-west overhead utility corridor extends through the center of the property.

The stream feature, hereafter referred to as Stream A, is an intermittent stream that had both wet and dry locations during the site visit with no flowing water. A culvert crossing the utility corridor was found to be blocked with debris, causing water to back up the upslope side. Stream A angles east after crossing the utility corridor and drains into Stream B through an approximately 1-foot diameter plastic culvert. From this point, Stream B flows directly south and connects with Nason Creek, with an outlet at the end of an additional 1-foot diameter steel culvert with a plastic flap gate. The flap gate is intended to prevent Nason Creek floodwater from entering the culvert. Both Stream A and Stream B appear to have been modified by straightening and ditching.

Streams are regulated under CCC Chapter 11.78 – Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas Overlay District. Streams outside of State natural area preserves and natural resource conservation areas that do not have a primary association with an Endangered Species Act listed species are considered Class II Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas. Chelan County classifies streams according to the Washington State water typing system defined in WAC 222-16-030. Eastern Washington streams



with an OHWM less than three feet in width are assumed to be non-fish bearing. Since OHWM was not surveyed, exact measurements are not provided. However, the OHWM of both Stream A and B appear to be less than three feet in width on average. The width of ditching in both streams far exceeds three feet, however, OHWM indicators suggest that water is confined within a relatively narrow section in the bottom of the ditch. Some areas within the channel are inundated and have a width greater than three feet (particularly at backed up culverts), but are not representative of the stream.

Both Stream A and Stream B are classified as Type-Ns streams, as they are intermittent and less than three feet in width. A downstream culvert flap gate prevents the upstream migration of fish species from Nason Creek (photographed below). Type-Ns streams in Chelan County require a 50-foot buffer for both high and low intensity land uses (CCC 11.78.090)

Nason Creek is a mapped shoreline that was designated as Conservancy under the Chelan County Shoreline Master Program Map dated October 12, 2017. Conservancy designated shorelines require a 250-foot buffer for high intensity land uses and 200-foot buffer for low intensity land uses according to the current County code (CCC 11.78.090). However, the draft Shoreline Master Program lists the shoreline buffers of Conservancy as 100 feet.

Neither Stream A nor Stream B meet wetland criteria. Wetlands by definition are vegetated landscape features, however, Stream A and Stream B were primarily unvegetated during the site visit. Soils observed in wet areas of the stream channel contained dark brown or black loams (10YR 2/2 and 10YR 2/1), lacking hydric soil indicators. These features have defined channels and indicators of flowing water characteristic of streams rather than wetlands.

Please note: The information contained in this email is based on the application of technical guidelines currently accepted as the best available science and in conjunction with the manuals and criteria outlined in the methods section. All discussions, conclusions and recommendations reflect the best professional judgment of the author(s) and are based upon information available to us at the time the study was conducted. All work was completed in good faith, within the constraints of budget, scope, and timing. The findings of this report are subject to verification and agreement by the appropriate local, State and Federal regulatory authorities. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our findings, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Payne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sam Payne  
Ecologist

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh Mortensen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

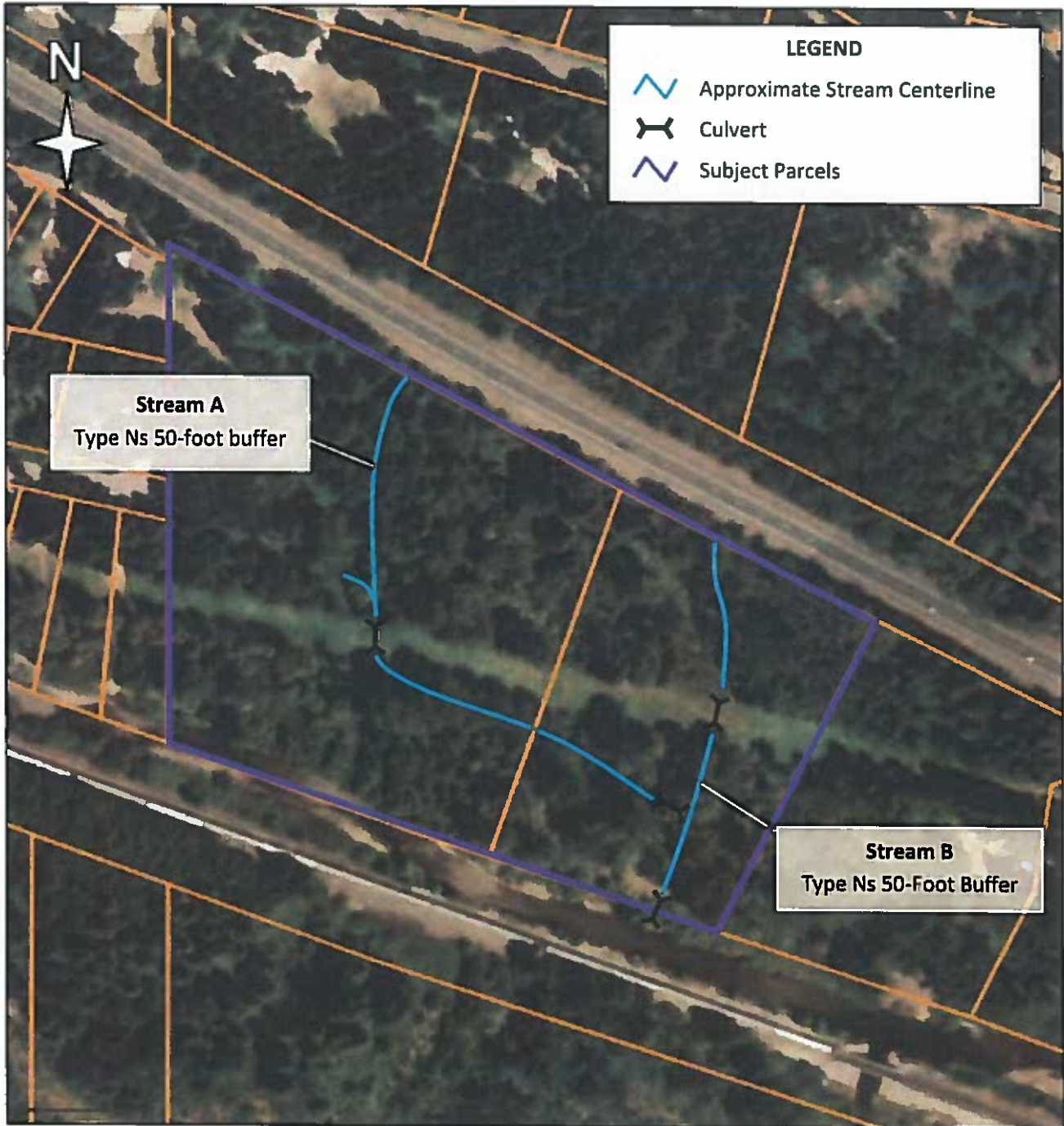
Hugh Mortensen, PWS  
Senior Ecologist / President

Enclosures

### Stream Classification Sketch

Site Address: 18040 Sunland Drive, Leavenworth, WA, 98226  
Parcel Number: 261611120100 and 261611120200  
Site Visit Date: April 12, 2018

Prepared for: Lee Dancy  
TWC Ref. No. 180421



Note: Field sketch only. Features depicted are approximate and not to scale.

Photos



Photo 1. Utility corridor



Photo 2. Stream A directly south of utility corridor.



Photo 3. Wet section of Stream A.



Photo 4. Dry section of Stream A.



Photo 5. Stream B crossing near the utility corridor.



Photo 6. Stream B outlet to Nason Creek, with culvert and flap gate.

**MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** Craig Larsen  
**Cc:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Having the Streams on my property named Wald Bach and Nason Bach-Update

Hi Craig, I hope you and your family had a great thanksgiving.

If you remember back to our first meeting, I spoke about trying to get the two intermediate streams ("A" & "B") on my land to be the very first "Bachs-Nason Bach & Wald Bach(German for creek or stream) in the US. I originally stated in my application to the Government, "Here Within the Leavenworth postal code we are part of; and in support of the German theme. The town of Leavenworth is the focal point; and a great generator of county revenues, because of that very theme; so the addition of German based geological names of Nason Bach and Wald Bach will fit the overall theme of our area of Chelan county."

Here is an update-I have heard back from the federal government, they have left the decision up to Washington State. Celab Maki the Executive Secretary of the Washington Committee on Geographic Names; wrote to inform me, they are looking for more local support submitted before their meeting on December 7th. Submissions can be made by email. I think an email from your in support of the German naming would help greatly.

Mr. Malki email address [iscaleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:iscaleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov) and his phone number is 360-902-1280.

Warm regards,

Lee

## MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 10:33 AM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Introductions

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:**Re: Introductions  
**Date:**2018-11-28 11:45  
**From:**lee@factorartgallery.com  
**To:**Nancy Smith <director@leavenworth.org>

Hi Nancy,

I hope you and the staff and their families had a great thanksgiving.

I spoke to you when we met about trying to get the two intermediate streams on my land to be the very first "Bachs -Nason Bach & Wald Bach(German for creek or stream) in the US. I originally stated in my application to the Government, "Here Within the Leavenworth postal code we are part of; and in support of the German theme in which the town of Leavenworth is the focal point, so the addition of German based geological names of Nason Bach and Wald Bach will fit that theme."

Here is an update-I have heard back from the federal government, they have left the decision up to Washington State. Celab Maki the Executive Secretary of the Washington Committee on Geographic Names; wrote to inform me, they are looking for more local support submitted before their meeting on December 7th. The deadline to submit that support is Dec 5th. Submissions can be made by email. I think an email from the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce in support of the German naming will put it over the top.

Mr. Malki email address [iscaleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:iscaleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov) and his phone number is 360-902-1280.

Warm regards,

Lee

PS I'll be stopping by the Chamber in a few weeks to say hi and to drop off some loafs of my German Christmas bread (I bake this time ever year). FYI- You might want to give a heads up to anybody that has have a problem with gluten or raisins not to eat the Christmas bread.



On 2018-10-31 13:15, lee@factorartgallery.com wrote:

I'll see you tomorrow at your office at 11 AM. Is there a contact number for you, that I could use give if I'm running late, getting back from filing some permit applications with Chelan County Community Development in Wenatchee?

Best regards,

Lee

On 2018-10-31 12:32, Nancy Smith wrote:

Tomorrow at 11 – how about in my office at the Visitor Center/Chamber – 940 Highway 2 - Nancy

**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com [mailto:lee@factorartgallery.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 9:30 AM

**To:** Nancy Smith

**Subject:** Re: Introductions

Hi Nancy,

Just following up on yesterday's email. Where did you want to meet tomorrow at 11AM?

Here is my new local cell number, 509-934-7092, please feel free to use it.

Best regards,

Lee

On 2018-10-29 11:08, Nancy Smith wrote:

Hi Lee - I'm in my office at the Visitor Center/Chamber - 940 Highway 2 - Nancy

**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com [mailto:lee@factorartgallery.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 27, 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** Nancy Smith  
**Subject:** Re: Introductions

Hi Nancy,

Sorry to just now be responding to you email, but it has been a very hectic week.

It looks like this coming Thursday is a rainy day(out on the land), so it would be a great day for me to meet up with you, if you have time.

Warm regards,

Lee

On 2018-10-22 13:30, Nancy Smith wrote:

Hey Lee! Thanks for the email. I'm happy to connect with you -let me know what works! Nancy

**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com [mailto:lee@factorartgallery.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:06 PM  
**To:** Nancy Smith  
**Cc:** Craig Larsen  
**Subject:** Introductions

Hi Nancy,

My name is Lee Dancy, I'm moving a couple of businesses to the Merritt-Leavenworth area, on about 14 acres; my firm purchased. The land will be used in part to house an Eco-friendly yurt and SIP based (portable buildings) resort. I had the pleasant occasion to meet with Craig Larson of the Port of Chelan. Our meeting was about finding new revenue streams for local apples crops; based on using authentic German methodologies. It was Craig who suggested that I reach-out and contact you.

I'm normally in the Leavenworth area each week from Tuesday through Thursday, if you would like to meet up. I'm also reachable by phone, while in the area at 206-212-0422; and at 425-518-7121 when I'm back in Seattle.

**Comments**

**Received**

**MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** Curtiss Calhoun <curtiss2987@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 8:35 AM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Cc:** Curtiss Calhoun  
**Subject:** A letter in support of the effort to have Streams "A" & "B" located in the Leavenworth Washington postal region of Chelan County; re-named Wald Bach and Nason Bach respectively

I Curtiss Calhoun support the effort to re-name the two intermediate streams now known as streams "A" & "B." These streams are located in "Merritt"; an unincorporated community in Chelan County. Merritt's assigned ZIP code is Leavenworth, 98826. If the name change is granted, -Nason Bach & Wald Bach (German for creek or stream) would be the first Bachs in the history of the United States

As a frequent visitor to the city of Leavenworth and the surrounding region, I'm in full support of any positive measure to help distinguish our state's German theme town/region "from other German themed area in the United States. The town of Leavenworth and its surrounding postal code are a tourism focal point in our State; with more than 1.5 million visitors annually. In addition to that, it is a great generator of county revenues.

The addition of German based geological names of "Nason Bach" and "Wald Bach" will fit the overall theme of this area." And it would distinguish our State's German theme area; "as the most unique of the German themed areas in the US".

Warmest regards,  
Curtiss Calhoun  
206-717-5109

## **MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** Rik Deskin <rikdeskin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** A letter in support of the effort to have Streams "A" & "B" located in the Leavenworth, Washington postal region of Chelan County; re-named "Wald Bach" and "Nason Bach" respectively.

Dear Caleb,

I, Rik Deskin,

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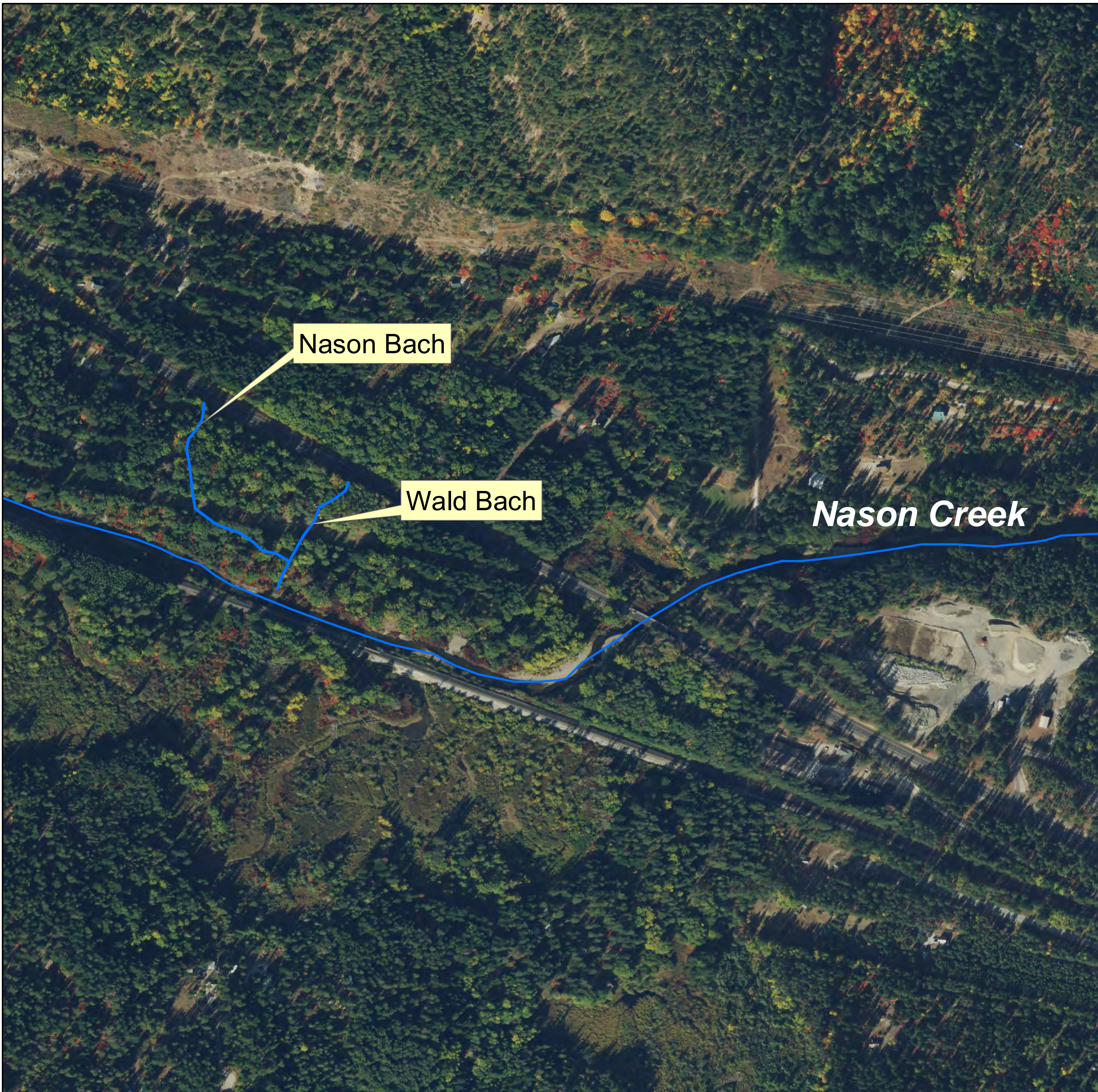
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Warmest regards,

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Rik Deskin  
Actor, Veteran, Vegan  
SAG-AFTRA, AEA  
SAG-AFTRA Seattle Local President  
<http://rikdeskin.wordpress.com/>

# WALD BACH - CHELAN COUNTY



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## **Nason Bach**

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**Section:** 11

**USGS Quad:** Lake Wenatchee

**Location Description:** Stream; 0.2 mi. long; heads 1.5 mi. SE of Merritt, flows S then E into an unnamed stream proposed to be named Wald Bach, 1.6 mi. SE of Merritt.

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A query of GNIS found no features with the generic "Bach." In addition to Nason Creek mentioned above, Nason Ridge, a community named Nason Creek, and a few related administrative features are nearby.

**Proponent:**

Lee Dancy  
15802 NE 111th Court  
Redmond, WA 98052

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**ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS**

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
Town	-	Leavenworth WA

**MAPS AND DOCUMENTS WITH NAME**

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Map	Wet land study	2018

**OTHER (VARIANT) NAMES AND THEIR SOURCE**

Source Type	Other (Variant) Name	Details	Source Date
Map	N/A	N/A	2018

**AUTHORITIES**

No information entered.

**SUBMITTERS AND PREPARERS**

Role	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Company	Title
SUBMITTER	Dancy	Lafayette	4256054529	lee@factorartgallery.com	15802 NE 111th Court	Redmond	Washington	98052	Factor Art & Gallery LLC	Managing Partner

DGNP Guest

**From** jrnyon@usgs.gov on behalf of BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC  
**To** lee@factorartgallery.com  
**Cc** Louis Yost; MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject** Fwd: BGN Proposal #: 9428 - Nason Bach, Washington

**Date** 4/25/2018 11:18:15 AM

Dear Mr. Dancy:

This acknowledges your proposals to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to apply the new names Nason Bach and Wald Bach to two unnamed streams in Chelan County. The Board is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the Federal Government, and its members must approve any name before it can appear on Federal maps and other products. Typically, we would begin by preparing a case brief for each of the names, but in this instance, we shall require some additional clarification before we can proceed; therefore, by a copy of this response, we are forwarding the applications to the Washington State Geographic Names Committee (WSGNC) for review and with a request that they contact you to discuss the proposals. Specifically, we have not been able to identify the streams in the National Hydrography Dataset, nor are they labeled on USGS topographic maps, and so we're hoping the WSGNC can help provide specific geographic coordinates (mouth and source) for both of the streams.

Local acceptance of any name is important to the U.S. Board, so before the WSGNC can provide its recommendations, they will also ask the Chelan County government and other interested parties to comment on the names.

We should note also that the generic term "Bach" is not found in the name of any other geographic feature in the U.S., and so we would like to know why it was selected in this case? Is there a significant German-speaking population in the area, and why is the word preferable to an English term, such as Creek (recognizing, of course, that there is already a Nason Creek nearby), or Branch, Fork, Run, etc.?

Depending on the upper extent of the streams, we may also need to seek the opinion of the U.S. Forest Service (as you know, the boundary of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is located just to the north of Highway 2). Finally, in accordance with Federal policies regarding Tribal consultation, the WSGNC will ask any American Indian Tribes with an interest in the area if they wish to comment on the names.

As soon as the WSGNC has completed its investigation and provided us with its recommendations, we will present the proposals to the U.S. Board for discussion and the final decision. The entire process typically takes several months (the WSGNC meets just twice a year), but we will notify you in writing as soon as the decision is rendered.

Thank you for your interest in the geographic names of Washington. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Runyon, research staff

For Lou Yost, Executive Secretary

U.S. Board on Geographic Names

U.S. Geological Survey, Geographic Names Office

523 National Center

Reston, VA 20192-0523

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## MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC  
**Cc:** Louis Yost; MAKI, CALEB (DNR); jrunyon@usgs.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: BGN Proposal #: 9428 - Nason Bach, Washington

**Importance:** High

Hello Ms. Runyon,

I tried to reach you by phone a little while ago.

I'm sending you a link to the town's website to give you some info on the the Town of Leavenworth, WA. (<http://www.leavenworth.com/>)

Leavenworth is known to the residents of Washington State as "German town"; not for the population of German descendants living there, but instead for the look of the Town. The Town is a copy of a southern German mountain village, so you can call it a town with a special theme, in which all things follow the southern German style, some of its streets are known as "Straesses" not "Streets" and commercial building code follows that theme.

If you take another look at the Wetland index (zoom in close) you will notice the two intermediate streams being discussed for name assignment are there; but the course of Stream "A" does not run directly into Nason Creek as the Wetland Index shows, but instead takes the course shown on the map, which shows it running into stream "B" which runs straight into Nason Creek as the study's map shows. This map was just done in the past week.

The vast majority of both streams are on land that will be developed under the name "Nason Hof". You are correct that there is already a "creek", so hence the German variation "Bach" is being used. FYI- the translation for "Wald Bach" is "Forest Stream", which fits the description of the property and the theme of the town. As a former expat business owner, who has an advance degree (GDS) from the Goethe Institute, and lived "in-country" for nearly 14 years, before coming home to Washington State I understand and support the efforts of the Town of Leavenworth to hold close to its theme.

Please feel free to reach to me if you have any further questions, you can reach me by my cell phone number which is 425-518-7121.

Best regards,

Lee Dancy

On 2018-04-25 14:18, BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC wrote:

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## MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** Craig Larsen  
**Cc:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Having the Streams on my property named Wald Bach and Nason Bach-Update

Hi Craig, I hope you and your family had a great thanksgiving.

If you remember back to our first meeting, I spoke about trying to get the two intermediate streams ("A" & "B") on my land to be the very first "Bachs-Nason Bach & Wald Bach(German for creek or stream) in the US. I originally stated in my application to the Government, "Here Within the Leavenworth postal code we are part of; and in support of the German theme. The town of Leavenworth is the focal point; and a great generator of county revenues, because of that very theme; so the addition of German based geological names of Nason Bach and Wald Bach will fit the overall theme of our area of Chelan county."

Here is an update-I have heard back from the federal government, they have left the decision up to Washington State. Celab Maki the Executive Secretary of the Washington Committee on Geographic Names; wrote to inform me, they are looking for more local support submitted before their meeting on December 7th. Submissions can be made by email. I think an email from your in support of the German naming would help greatly.

Mr. Malki email address [iscaleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:iscaleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov) and his phone number is 360-902-1280.

Warm regards,

Lee

## MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 10:33 AM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Introductions

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:**Re: Introductions  
**Date:**2018-11-28 11:45  
**From:**lee@factorartgallery.com  
**To:**Nancy Smith <director@leavenworth.org>

Hi Nancy,

I hope you and the staff and their families had a great thanksgiving.

I spoke to you when we met about trying to get the two intermediate streams on my land to be the very first "Bachs -Nason Bach & Wald Bach(German for creek or stream) in the US. I originally stated in my application to the Government, "Here Within the Leavenworth postal code we are part of; and in support of the German theme in which the town of Leavenworth is the focal point, so the addition of German based geological names of Nason Bach and Wald Bach will fit that theme."

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Mr. Malki email address [iscaleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:iscaleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov) and his phone number is 360-902-1280.

Warm regards,

Lee

PS I'll be stopping by the Chamber in a few weeks to say hi and to drop off some loafs of my German Christmas bread (I bake this time ever year). FYI- You might want to give a heads up to anybody that has have a problem with gluten or raisins not to eat the Christmas bread.

On 2018-10-31 13:15, lee@factorartgallery.com wrote:

I'll see you tomorrow at your office at 11 AM. Is there a contact number for you, that I could use give if I'm running late, getting back from filing some permit applications with Chelan County Community Development in Wenatchee?

Best regards,

Lee

On 2018-10-31 12:32, Nancy Smith wrote:

Tomorrow at 11 – how about in my office at the Visitor Center/Chamber – 940 Highway 2 - Nancy

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com [mailto:lee@factorartgallery.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** Nancy Smith  
**Subject:** Re: Introductions

Hi Nancy,

Just following up on yesterday's email. Where did you want to meet tomorrow at 11AM?

Here is my new local cell number, 509-934-7092, please feel free to use it.

Best regards,

Lee

On 2018-10-29 11:08, Nancy Smith wrote:

Hey Lee – I can meet at 11am or 3pm on Thursday. Which works for you! Nancy

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com [mailto:lee@factorartgallery.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 27, 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** Nancy Smith  
**Subject:** Re: Introductions

Hi Nancy,

Sorry to just now be responding to you email, but it has been a very hectic week.

It looks like this coming Thursday is a rainy day(out on the land), so it would be a great day for me to meet up with you, if you have time.

Warm regards,

Lee

On 2018-10-22 13:30, Nancy Smith wrote:

Hey Lee! Thanks for the email. I'm happy to connect with you -let me know what works! Nancy

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**From:** lee@factorartgallery.com [mailto:lee@factorartgallery.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:06 PM  
**To:** Nancy Smith  
**Cc:** Craig Larsen  
**Subject:** Introductions

Hi Nancy,

My name is Lee Dancy, I'm moving a couple of businesses to the Merritt-Leavenworth area, on about 14 acres; my firm purchased. The land will be used in part to house an Eco-friendly yurt and SIP based (portable buildings) resort. I had the pleasant occasion to meet with Craig Larson of the Port of Chelan. Our meeting was about finding new revenue streams for local apples crops; based on using authentic German methodologies. It was Craig who suggested that I reach-out and contact you.

I'm normally in the Leavenworth area each week from Tuesday through Thursday, if you would like to meet up. I'm also reachable by phone, while in the area at 206-212-0422; and at 425-518-7121 when I'm back in Seattle.



April 18, 2018

Lee Dancy  
Phone: 425.518.7121  
Via email: lee@czhed.biz

**Re: 18040 Sunland Drive, Stream Classification Report**  
The Watershed Company Reference Number: 180421

Dear Lee,

A site visit was conducted on April 12, 2018 on two parcels located at 18040 Sunland Drive in unincorporated Chelan County (parcel numbers 26161120100 and 26161120200) with the purpose of classifying a stream. A field sketch depicting the approximate stream location is enclosed with this letter. Consistent with our scope of work for this contract, the Ordinary High Water Mark was not delineated or flagged.

### Methods

Public-domain information on the subject properties was reviewed for this reconnaissance study and include the following:

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey (WSS) application
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory (NWI) maps
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife interactive mapping programs (PHS on the Web, SalmonScape)
- Washington Department of Natural Resources, Forest Practices Application Mapping Tool (FPARS)
- Washington Department of Natural Resources, Wetlands of High Conservation Value Map Viewer
- Chelan County GIS mapping website

The area immediately adjacent to the subject stream was evaluated for the presence of wetlands using methodology from the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region Version 2.0* (Regional Supplement) (US Army Corps of Engineers [Corps] May 2010). Areas west of

Columbia River (at this latitude) are required to use this manual. No wetland screening was conducted other than those associated with the mapped stream features.

The study area was evaluated for streams based on the presence or absence of an ordinary high water mark (OHWM) as defined by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.58.030 and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 220-660-030. The OHWM edge was located by examining the bed and bank physical characteristics and vegetation, using recent guidance from the Department of Ecology, *Determining the Ordinary High Water Mark for Shoreline Management Act Compliance in Washington State* (Publication no. 16-06-029).

Onsite streams were classified using the stream typing system established by Chelan County Code (CCC) 11.78.060 and 11.78.090.

## Findings

The study area is located within the Nason Creek sub-basin of the Wenatchee Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA 45); Township 26N, Range 16E, Section 11. Surrounding land use includes a mix of rural residential, transportation corridors, utility corridors, and undeveloped land.

The subject properties are within a black cottonwood, quaking aspen, and vine maple dominated forest abutting Nason Creek. Nason Creek flows from west to east along the southern property boundary. An east-west overhead utility corridor extends through the center of the property.

The stream feature, hereafter referred to as Stream A, is an intermittent stream that had both wet and dry locations during the site visit with no flowing water. A culvert crossing the utility corridor was found to be blocked with debris, causing water to back up the upslope side. Stream A angles east after crossing the utility corridor and drains into Stream B through an approximately 1-foot diameter plastic culvert. From this point, Stream B flows directly south and connects with Nason Creek, with an outlet at the end of an additional 1-foot diameter steel culvert with a plastic flap gate. The flap gate is intended to prevent Nason Creek floodwater from entering the culvert. Both Stream A and Stream B appear to have been modified by straightening and ditching.

Streams are regulated under CCC Chapter 11.78 – Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas Overlay District. Streams outside of State natural area preserves and natural resource conservation areas that do not have a primary association with an Endangered Species Act listed species are considered Class II Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas. Chelan County classifies streams according to the Washington State water typing system defined in WAC 222-16-030. Eastern Washington streams

with an OHWM less than three feet in width are assumed to be non-fish bearing. Since OHWM was not surveyed, exact measurements are not provided. However, the OHWM of both Stream A and B appear to be less than three feet in width on average. The width of ditching in both streams far exceeds three feet, however, OHWM indicators suggest that water is confined within a relatively narrow section in the bottom of the ditch. Some areas within the channel are inundated and have a width greater than three feet (particularly at backed up culverts), but are not representative of the stream.

Both Stream A and Stream B are classified as Type-Ns streams, as they are intermittent and less than three feet in width. A downstream culvert flap gate prevents the upstream migration of fish species from Nason Creek (photographed below). Type-Ns streams in Chelan County require a 50-foot buffer for both high and low intensity land uses (CCC 11.78.090)

Nason Creek is a mapped shoreline that was designated as Conservancy under the Chelan County Shoreline Master Program Map dated October 12, 2017. Conservancy designated shorelines require a 250-foot buffer for high intensity land uses and 200-foot buffer for low intensity land uses according to the current County code (CCC 11.78.090). However, the draft Shoreline Master Program lists the shoreline buffers of Conservancy as 100 feet.

Neither Stream A nor Stream B meet wetland criteria. Wetlands by definition are vegetated landscape features, however, Stream A and Stream B were primarily unvegetated during the site visit. Soils observed in wet areas of the stream channel contained dark brown or black loams (10YR 2/2 and 10YR 2/1), lacking hydric soil indicators. These features have defined channels and indicators of flowing water characteristic of streams rather than wetlands.

Please note: The information contained in this email is based on the application of technical guidelines currently accepted as the best available science and in conjunction with the manuals and criteria outlined in the methods section. All discussions, conclusions and recommendations reflect the best professional judgment of the author(s) and are based upon information available to us at the time the study was conducted. All work was completed in good faith, within the constraints of budget, scope, and timing. The findings of this report are subject to verification and agreement by the appropriate local, State and Federal regulatory authorities. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our findings, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Payne".

Sam Payne  
Ecologist

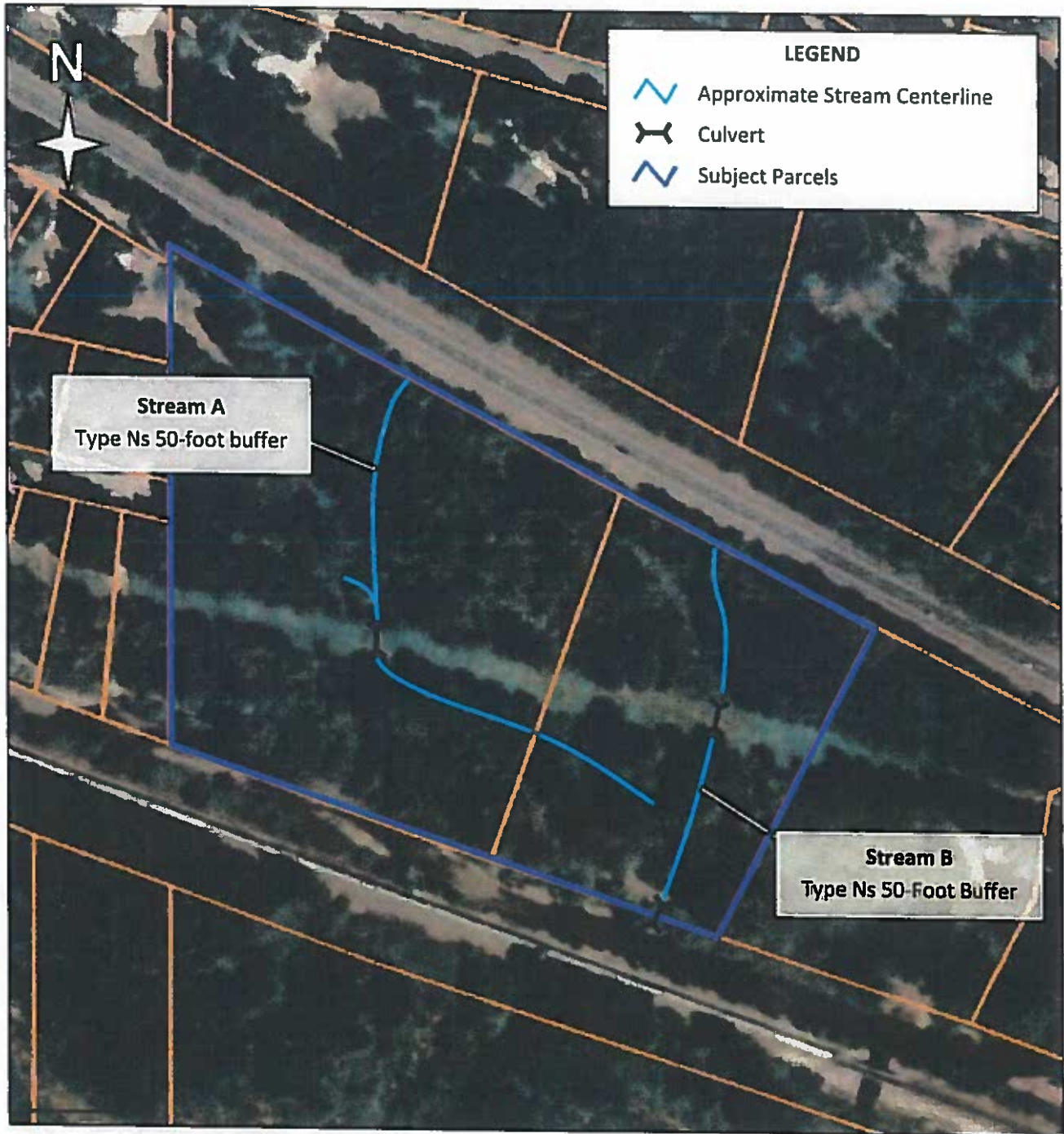
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh Mortensen".

Hugh Mortensen, PWS  
Senior Ecologist / President

Enclosures

### Stream Classification Sketch

Site Address: 18040 Sunland Drive, Leavenworth, WA, 98226 Prepared for: Lee Dancy  
Parcel Number: 261611120100 and 261611120200 TWC Ref. No. 180421  
Site Visit Date: April 12, 2018



Note: Field sketch only. Features depicted are approximate and not to scale.

Photos



Photo 1. Utility corridor



Photo 2. Stream A directly south of utility corridor.



Photo 3. Wet section of Stream A.



Photo 4. Dry section of Stream A.



Photo 5. Stream B crossing near the utility corridor.



Photo 6. Stream B outlet to Nason Creek, with culvert and flap gate.



**Comments**

**Received**

## **MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** Curtiss Calhoun <curtiss2987@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 8:35 AM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Cc:** Curtiss Calhoun  
**Subject:** A letter in support of the effort to have Streams "A" & "B" located in the Leavenworth Washington postal region of Chelan County; re-named Wald Bach and Nason Bach respectively

I Curtiss Calhoun support the effort to re-name the two intermediate streams now known as streams "A" & "B." These streams are located in "Merritt"; an unincorporated community in Chelan County. Merritt's assigned ZIP code is Leavenworth, 98826. If the name change is granted, -Nason Bach & Wald Bach (German for creek or stream) would be the first Bachs in the history of the United States

As a frequent visitor to the city of Leavenworth and the surrounding region, I'm in full support of any positive measure to help distinguish our state's German theme town/region "from other German themed area in the United States. The town of Leavenworth and its surrounding postal code are a tourism focal point in our State; with more than 1.5 million visitors annually. In addition to that, it is a great generator of county revenues.

The addition of German based geological names of "Nason Bach" and "Wald Bach" will fit the overall theme of this area." And it would distinguish our State's German theme area; "as the most unique of the German themed areas in the US".

Warmest regards,  
Curtiss Calhoun  
206-717-5109

## **MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** Rik Deskin <rikdeskin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** A letter in support of the effort to have Streams "A" & "B" located in the Leavenworth, Washington postal region of Chelan County; re-named "Wald Bach" and "Nason Bach" respectively.

Dear Caleb,

I, Rik Deskin,

Support the effort to re-name the two intermediate streams, now known as steams "A" & "B." These streams are located in "Merritt; an unincorporated community in Chelan County. Merritt's assigned ZIP code is Leavenworth, 98826. If the name change is granted, "Nason Bach" & "Wald Bach" (German for creek or stream) would be the first Bachs in the history of the United States.

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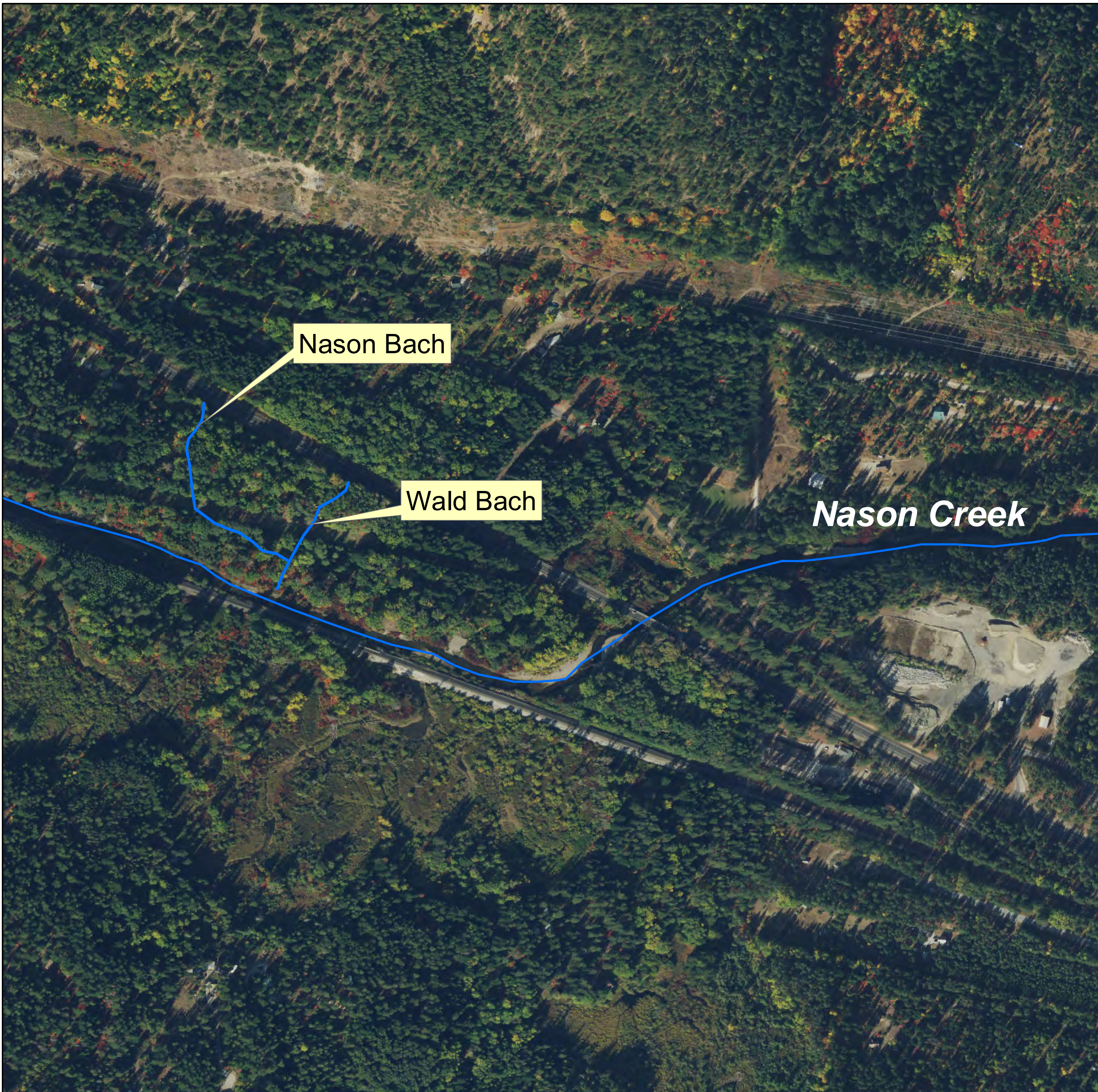
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Warmest regards,

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Rik Deskin  
Actor, Veteran, Vegan  
SAG-AFTRA, AEA  
SAG-AFTRA Seattle Local President  
<http://rikdeskin.wordpress.com/>

# NASON BACH - CHELAN COUNTY



Stream; 0.2 mi. long; heads 1.5 mi. SE of Merritt, flows S then E into an unnamed stream proposed to be named Wald Bach, 1.6 mi. SE of Merritt.

Proposed name is in association with Nason Creek; the word "bach" is German for brook or stream and reflects the German theme of Leavenworth, located thirteen miles to the south-southeast.



## **Misty Creek**

*Clallam County - New Name*

**Township:** 29N

**Range:** 2W

**Section:** 6

**USGS Quad:** Gardiner

**Location Description:** Stream; 3.2 mi. long; heads 3 miles E of Blyn at 48°1'14.982"N, 122°56'40.562"W, flows W into Sequim Bay at 48°1'44.08"N, 122°59'50.543"W.

**Proposal Summary:** Misty Creek: stream; stream; 3.2 mi. long; heads 3 miles E of Blyn at 48°1'14.982"N, 122°56'40.562"W, flows W into Sequim Bay at 48°1'44.08"N, 122°59'50.543"W.; name is descriptive as the surrounding area is often locked in mist from the nearby bay; Sec 6, T29N, R2W, Willamette Meridian; Clallam County, Washington; 48°1'44.08"N, 122°59'50.543"W; USGS map – Gardiner1:24,000.

The proposed name is descriptive, as the land that the creek flows through is often locked in mist. The feature is officially unnamed, but has been unofficially referred to as "Chicken Coop Creek" by WS DOT during a fish barrier removal.

The proponent owns property alongside the creek, and has contacted many of her neighbors to gather support for the proposed name.

**Proponent:**

Laura J. Beitz  
403 Deerhawk Drive  
Sequim, WA 98382

**Proposal Received:** 12/7/2017

**Initial Consideration:** 5/30/2019

**Final Consideration:** 10/29/2019

**WA Committee Decision:** Approved

**WA Board Decision:**

**US Board Decision:**

**Opinions:**

Clallam County Commissioners - NO RESPONSE

Jefferson County Commissioners - NO OBJECTION

Clallam County Emergency Management

City of Sequim

Clallam County Historical Society

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe - OPPOSED

Lower Elwah Klallam Tribe

Makah Indian Tribe

Port Gamble Sklallam Tribe

Letter signed by 17 local residents - IN FAVOR

WASHINGTON STATE  
Geographic Name Application



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Proposed Name: Misty Creek  
County: Clallam  
Township: 29 Range: 02 Section(s): 06  
Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ N, Long. \_\_\_\_\_ W (Begin)  
Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ N, Long. \_\_\_\_\_ W (End)

- New Name
- Controversial Name
- Name Change
- Location Clarification
- Spelling Clarification

**Description**

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): Creek  
Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: 12  
Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? No  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**History**

*Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods, fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.*  
Origin of name: see attachments  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If a commemorative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed feature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: see attachment  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What type of support is there for the proposed name?  
*List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:*  
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<b>Application submitted by:</b>			
Name:	<u>Laura J. Beitz</u>		
Address:	<u>403 Deerhawk Dr</u>	City: <u>Sequim</u>	State: <u>WA</u> Zip: <u>98382</u>
Phone #:	<u>206 3687524/206 4197126</u>	Email: <u>jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com</u>	Date of Application: _____
<b>I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.</b>			
Printed Name:	<u>Laura J. Beitz</u>		
Signature:	<u>Laura J. Beitz</u>	Date:	<u>12/07/2017</u>

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:  
**WA State Board on Geographic Names**  
**PO Box 47030**  
**Olympia, WA 98504-7030**  
(Phone: 360-902-1280 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)



## **MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** Jesse Beitz <jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 5, 2018 2:18 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Misty Neighbor Letter October 24, 2018  
**Attachments:** ENVELOPE 1.jpg

Good afternoon, Caleb.

I would like to ask that my application for the name of the creek and mountains I applied to the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names as Misty Mountains and Misty Creek be re-opened in Clallam County and mountains

I have sent letters to the neighbors that border the creek. Attached are copies of 4 signed letters that I have received thus far, and copies of 2 envelopes that have been returned to me because of No Mail Receptacle Unable To Forward. I expect more to follow and I will forward them on to you as I receive them.

Thank you for your help.

Laura Beitz

December 7, 2017

To whom it may concern:

We bought our property (parcel # 022906349050) to retire on in 2001, The creek on the north border is an unnamed creek which runs year round. We are interested in giving it a name as well as the mountain range and valley.

The mountains and surrounding area are often locked in mist that mingles and meanders through the hills, forests, valleys and creeks due to the atmospheric conditions, the geography of the area; the proximity to the Salish Sea, and more specifically Sequim Bay that characterizes our community. Because of this we would like to propose the name of **Misty Creek** for the creek in question and **Misty Mountains** for the surrounding hills from which the headwaters that feed our creek originate and where the mist comes from as well.

We received a letter recently from the Washington Department of Transportation informing us of a need to access our property, to get to the creek for their project to remove the existing culvert crossing and replacing it with a new fish passable structure. It is referenced as US 101/Chicken Coop-Remove Fish Barrier in their letter and will help restore fish habitat. If this creek had been named, this could have been referenced as the Misty Creek-Fish Barrier making it much more accurate and avoiding confusion or miscommunication.

We believe it is important to name geographical features to bring clarity and definition of an area when discussing different locations around the county, or state. Being mindful of issues of community involvement in location, restoration, funding, environmental or other needs that may arise in the future of our community and state; we believe naming the creek is responsible and prudent. On a personal level, naming this creek, gives our little homestead, and us, roots in the community, where we have chosen to settle and remain.

The end of the creek is easy. That is at 48.028775, -122.997505 which is where the creek empties into Sequim Bay, the beginning is more difficult to discern because there are a number of tributaries that feed into it. The nearest fork up creek from us is located at +48.031142, -122.981539

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As I come to the close of this story I reflect and would like to state, that the most important thing to me is name of the creek, however the mountains and the valley names are both inspired as well. I would like the creek that runs by our property to be named Misty Creek. Where it starts is where it starts and where it ends it ends and same with the Misty Mountains and Rivendell as well. *That* they are named is the most important thing for posterity. This is my story.

I am awed at the realization that, like my ancestors, I would like to name the area that I call home after, not only the geographic and atmospheric traits, but also after a literary work. I wonder how much the stories I heard growing up about the naming of Elma moved me to do the same, over a hundred years later to my home in Blyn. Also that there was no documentation so there is no clear story of why Elma was called Elma. The truth of that story is lost, however it did move me to write this, so in the event these places are named, this story won't be lost.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Beitz

## The Story of How I Conceived the Names of Misty and Rivendell 12/07/2017

My name is Laura Beitz and this is my story of how I conceived the names of **Misty Creek, Misty Mountains and Rivendell** to name the geographic area where I live in Blyn Washington.

I am fifth generation Washintonian. My ancestors came here from Virginia in about 1860. The Town of Elma was incorporated on March 22, 1888. Joseph Young and James Long Waldrip combined equal portions of the land, each of them had acquired, and laid out the original plat, which is now the center of the City. Young officially recorded the plat in 1875. Both Joseph Young and James Long Waldrip are my ancestors.

How did Elma get its name? It depends on who you ask.

One of many versions is that the town was named in honor of Elmer E. Elisworth, who was the first Union soldier killed in the Civil War. Postal authorities, so the story goes, didn't go for the name Elmer, so the "er" was dropped and "a" was added.

Another version holds that the town was named for Elmira Hunter, whom local folks called Elma.

Another version was that James Long Waldrip named the town to honor Elma Austin, daughter of an Elma pioneer.

Stories that have come down to me through the generations are that Elma was named for the heroine of the book that James Long Waldrip was keen on. We may never know for sure, there is no documentation. It has been lost.

My cousins are the Taylor family of Taylor Shellfish Company founded by my great uncle in 1890 in Shelton Washington. All to say, I feel very rooted in the NW and Washington specifically and a connection here and to those pioneering ancestors.

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## How It Started

My sisters suggested that I name our home and stop calling it "the property" since we have two properties that we own and it helped them differentiate which of our properties we were talking about and because we had put a home on it so it was no longer just property. We bantered about several names that did not appeal to me. I thought about what I loved about my stays there and I loved looking out my windows up into the hills and seeing the mist flowing through the trees and valleys. I finally settled on Misty Mountain Retreat, Misty for short.

My thoughts turned to the creek that flowed through our property. I wanted to know its name. I did research and found out that it was unnamed. That seemed like a shame to me and I set out to think of a name for it.

In researching the history of the property I have only come up with the name of the person that established the plats (Enges Short Plat) and there didn't seem to be much of a connection between the developer and the land other than they bought it for the purpose as an investment property. I really didn't like the sound of Enges Creek. Because of my founding NW ancestors, I toyed with the idea of naming it after one of them. However they were down in the Shelton area not up in Clallam County. I also considered local Native American names, however there are quite a few names represented from that community already.

Because I had already named the property Misty, and it fit the region so well, I thought it would be fitting to name the creek Misty Creek. In researching the headwaters of the creek, I noticed how many mountains around the area and that as I was looking out my windows that those were the very mountains that I was seeing the mist meander through. It then occurred to me that they should be called the Misty Mountains (pleural).

The name also appealed to me because it reminded me of a book I read many years ago by J.R.R. Tolkien called the Hobbit. In it were the Misty Mountains from where many rivers flowed and just at the foothills of those mountains was the realm of Rivendell named because many rivers ran

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The Young Family  
by Sarah Waldrip Butts

Grandfather Young was of French Huguenot descent. They were Protestant from up near the Swiss border and were persecuted by the Catholic majority and fled to America to obtain religious freedom. She had been previously married and had several boys named Barker.

Grandfather Young was Pennsylvania Dutch and they wed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin before the setting out for Oregon Territory and arriving in 1852. They took up residence in Milwaukee, Oregon. I don't know how many children were born in the East but do remember Uncle Enoch painted on the wagon "Milwaukee Boys on to Oregon".

Their children were Josiah, Sarah, William, Enoch, and Louisa. I do not know about Josiah's family but think they remained in Oregon all their life. Sarah was first married to a man named Weston and two girls were born to them. The older, Mary Ann, was born May 28, 1854 and the younger, was born at Grandfather Young's home in October 1855, and was named Eleanor Josephine.

The father could not cope with life on the frontier and mother became scared of him and went over to her folks. He died within a short while afterwards. He did help her with the baby and the luggage and at the gate he hugged Mary Ann and said it was for the best he thought.

So a few months later Aunt Nora was born and named Eleanor Josephine for Grandfather Young. Grandfather Waldrip arrived in 1854 and his wife died soon after they arrived so he was left with a family of motherless children, the oldest being Ann so when she said she was getting married he begged her to hold off until he could find a woman to marry and look after his family. There was a scarcity of women in those days so when he heard about a young widow he proposed marriage and so they were married in 1856. Their oldest child was our father who was also named Joseph Young for Grandfather Young. He was born April 12, 1857. They had other children namely Elizabeth Viola, Emma Theodosia, John Calvin, Susan Emmaline, James Lincoln, Charles Sherman, twins Ulysses Grant and Rosetta Carey, and Laura who was born a few months before mama in November, 1871.

These records were destroyed in the fire that destroyed Aunt Mary and Uncle Dec's house at the ranch at the head of Oyster Bay. So all I have to go by is what I remember from Aunt Jose and Addie Swan.

The next brother William was Addie's father and as I remember she had an older sister live. Their mother Nancy died and the older girl was taken in by the grandmother Young. I think Addie was passed around with several families whose names I can't recall. She married Jack Forbes and they had four children, a son I think named for this father, then Gladys, then Bill and Maggie. She finally got a divorce from Jack Forbes and married Tom Swan.

Enoch Young married Sarah Isabel Waldrip of Grandpa Waldrip's first family and they had two children Ulysses Grant and Carrie Isabel. Ulysses married late in life and had no children. Carrie married a man named Mimook and had four children, Edna, Alfred, and another daughter and a son Lawrence. Louisa young married a man named Smith and lived around Portland, Oregon, they had several children but I can't name them.

## OUR FAMILY TREE

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Mother

Joseph Young

Father

Sarah Young Weston Waldrip

- b. September 28, 1831 in Waterloo, Illinois
- m. Weston who died;
- m. March 11, 1856 to James Long Waldrip near Elma
- d. 1887

Sarah set out for Oregon in 1852, the same time that her future husband, James, set out. They travelled on different trains and had different spouses. Sarah arrived later due to trouble with their cattle.

Sarah's first husband could not cope with life on the frontier. Sarah became scared of him and moved back with her parents. As Sarah was leaving, Weston hugged Mary Ann at the gate and said it was for the best. Weston died a short time later. A few months later, Eleanora Josephine (Nora) was born at the Young's home and was given her name for Joseph Young.

After marrying James Long Waldrip, they continued to live on the Clackamas River where Joseph Young and Elizabeth Viola were born. They started for the Puget Sound area in 1858. They went down the river in canoes and the children were left camped by the riverside while James and Sarah went across to the little settlement of Portland and purchased supplies and alder furniture. The family came up the Cowlitz River and settled for about eighteen months on the Bois Fort in Eastern Lewis County.

In 1860, they came down to the blockhouse on the Black River where they joined with the Harrison, Taylor, and Beckwith families in a plan to go down the Chehalis River to a prairie on the present site of Elma and take up homes. The families went down the river on a float they built under the direction of James, and landed about a half mile below the present site of Elma. They landed one day in May at the edge of a beautiful green prairie carpeted with blue and yellow violets. The womenfolk were given the privilege of selecting the corner of the prairie each wanted to camp in until shelters could be made. Sarah chose a site under three large fir trees. They lived here for 15 years.

Sister: Louisa; Brothers: Josiah, William, and Enoch Young who married Sarah Isabel Waldrip (James Long Waldrip's daughter by Lucinda Armstrong).

### Children

By Weston: Mary Ann b.5-28-1854; Eleanora Josephine b.10-11-1855

By Waldrip:

Joseph Young b. 4-12-1857

Elizabeth Viola b. 9-24-1858

Emma Theodosha b. 3-18-1860

John Calvin b. 10-8-1861

Susan Emmaline b. 12-20-1863

James Lincoln b. 6-28-1865

Charles Sherman b. 12-3-1866

Ulysses Grant and Rosetta Colfax (twins) b. 2-23-1869

Lauraetta b. 11-15-1870



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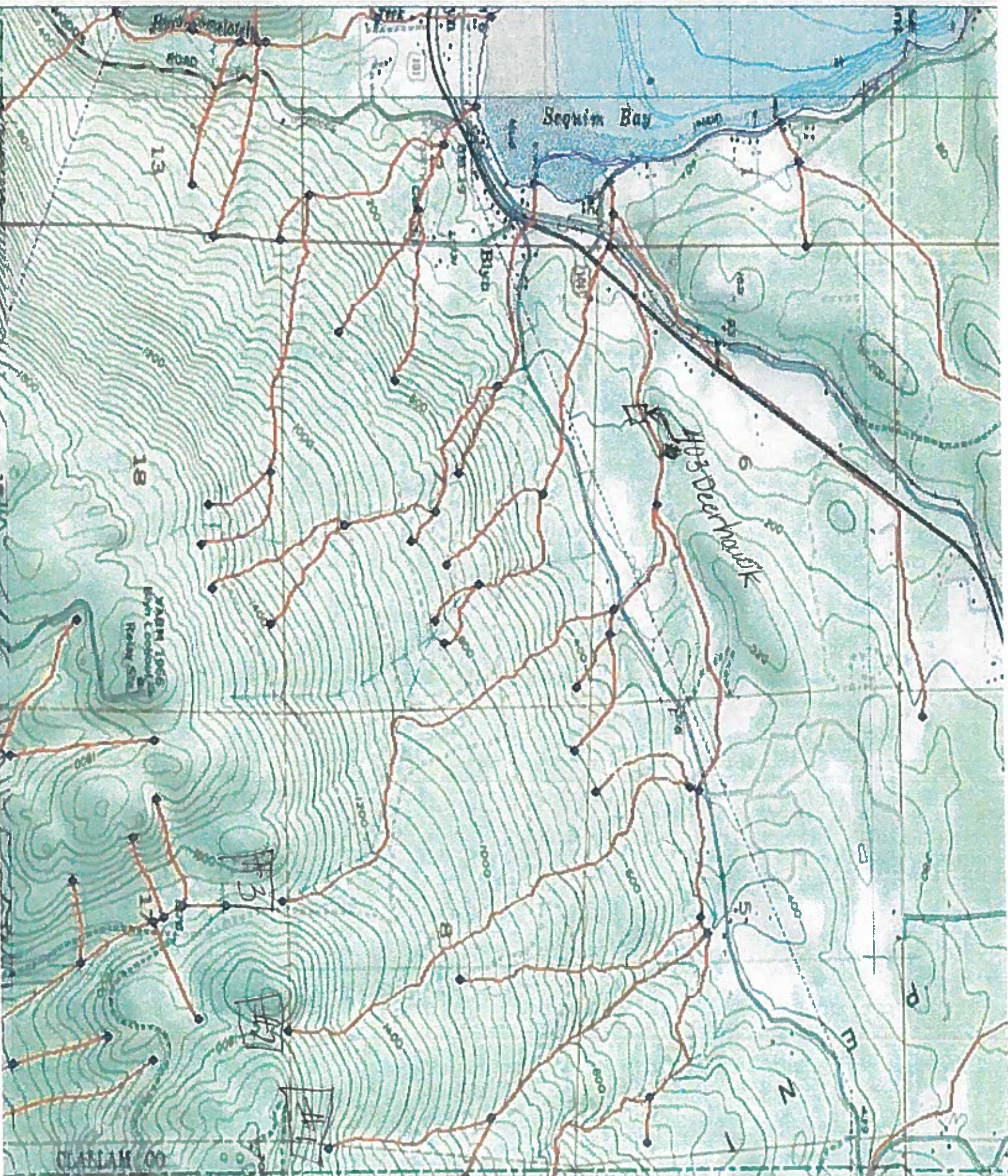
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## **MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** Jesse Beitz <jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 3:13 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Fw: Misty Mountains  
**Attachments:** 1105181611.jpg

Good afternoon, Caleb. I took some pictures and my neighbor took some video's from my property. The still photo is from 403 Deerhawk looking South West. The video at is above 403 Deerhawk doing a 360 over our property. The creek is in the middle of the forested area on the North part of our property. The mountains are South and West of 403 Deerhawk. Sequim Bay and Highway 101 is North of 403 Deerhawk. I will send other still photos in other emails. Thanks Laura Beitz

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**From:** "jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com" <jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "Jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com" <Jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 12:18 PM  
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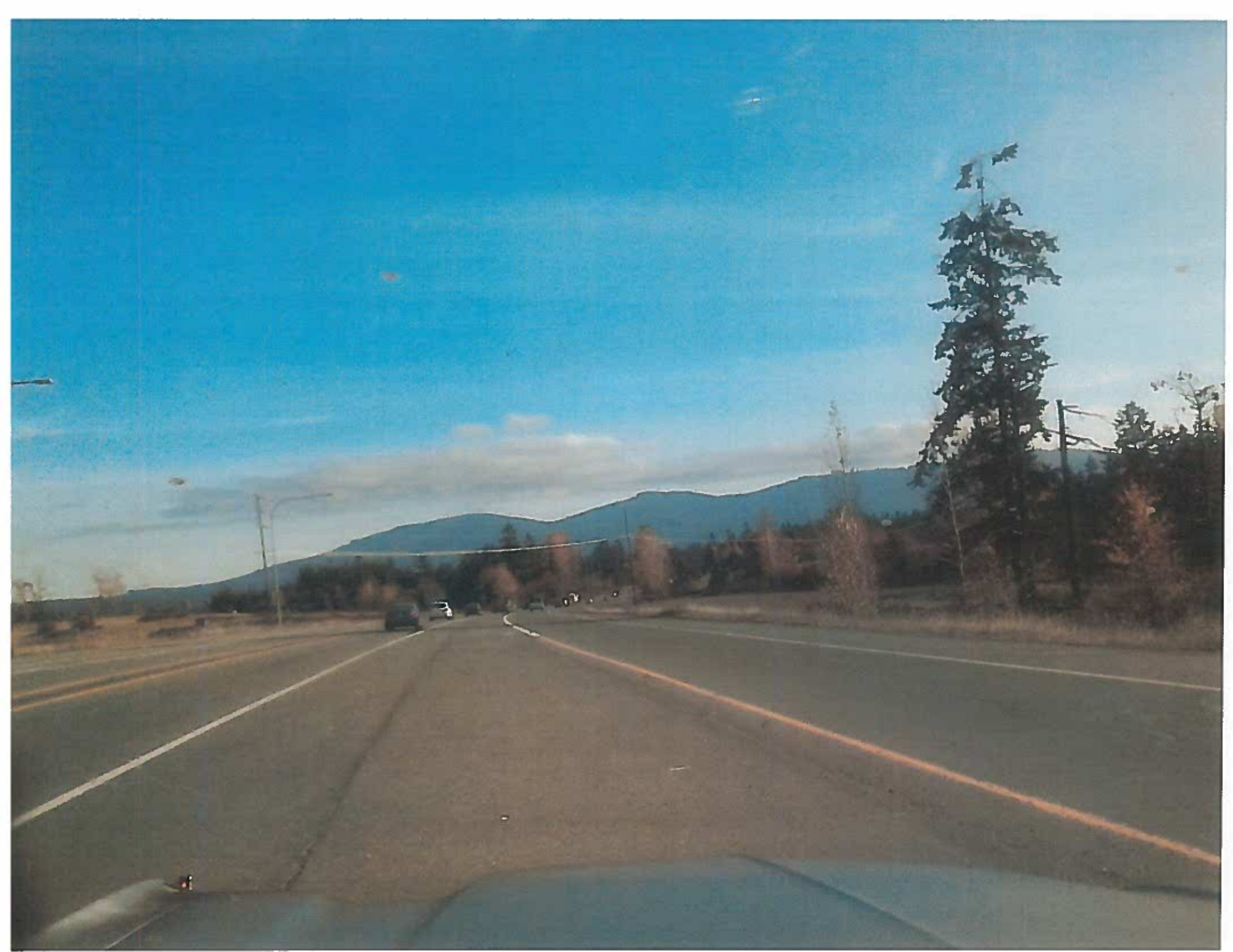










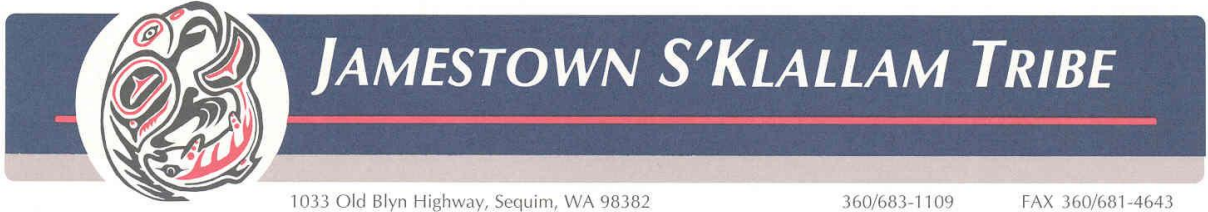






**Comments**

**Received**



ATTN: WA State Committee on Geographic Names  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Olympia, WA  
Re: Misty Creek and Misty Mountain Name Proposals

November 28, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe does not support the proposal for Misty Mountains and Misty Creek, on the grounds that the proposed name lacks any cultural or local significance. The Jamestown Tribe has inhabited the shores of Sequim Bay for thousands of years. Archaeological evidence recovered from a shell midden located less than 1,000 feet south of the mouth of the proposed "Misty Creek" clearly demonstrates the S'Klallam were processing shellfish, fish, and land mammals for over 1,100 years in this location. This creek also passes through Tribal Trust lands shortly before entering Sequim Bay. In addition, many ancestors of today's Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe settled in the historic Blyn community in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century including the Reyes, Hopkins, and Campbell families. The Tribe has maintained a strong connection to Blyn through the historic period into the modern era, when the Tribe established its reservation and administrative center here in the 1980s.

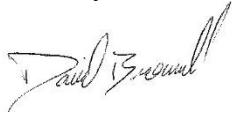
With regards to the Misty Mountain proposal, it is the Tribe's position that the proposal should be classified as a "Name Change" of Blyn Mountain and Mount Chatham, both of which are well documented names for this range of hills in historic documents and literature. Mount Chatham was named by the U.S. Coast Survey after one of George Vancouver's armed tenders; (*Report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey*, 1858; Meany, E. *Vancouver's Discovery of Puget Sound*, 1907). According to Meany, the mountain also has an Indian name, "O-oo-quah" meaning crying mountain; however, no Tribal sources could confirm this name, and this term is not found in the S'Klallam language. Documentation of the name "Blyn Mountain" is available in the form of Washington Forest Fire Association records (1933-1935) regarding the construction of a fire lookout tower by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The email statement regarding Jamestown S'Klallam tribal input provided to Mr. Maki by Ms. Beitz on January 24, 2019 contains many errors and does not constitute formal tribal consultation. Furthermore, the support letters provided by Ms. Beitz for both name proposals only contain mentions of the Misty Creek name proposal and should not be accepted as letters of support for the re-naming of Blyn Mountain.

While the Tribe agrees with Ms. Beitz's statement that it is important to name geographical features to bring clarity and definition to an area, the Tribe believes that there are many names more relevant to local Sequim/Blyn history that could be applied to the creek, rather than a name drawn from fictitious literature that has no cultural or historical tie to this region. While Ms.

Beitz has provided interesting material documenting the history of Elma, WA, she does not provide any materials documenting the rich history of the Blyn community, which she proposed to rename "Rivendell." Finally, the Tribe believes that Blyn Mountain and Chatham Peak have already been named, and that these names are well documented in historic sources. If you need any additional information, please contact me at 360-681-4638 or [dbrownell@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:dbrownell@jamestowntribe.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Brownell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David Brownell  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



## DNR RE BOGN

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**From:** Greg Brotherton <GBrotherton@co.jefferson.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019 8:38 AM  
**To:** DNR RE BOGN  
**Subject:** Misty Mountain and Misty Creek Name proposals

The Jefferson County Commissioners deliberated about this yesterday, and – assuming there are no objections raised by the Jamestown S'klallam or any other stakeholders – we have no objection to these names, and think that the naming of places is important and increases our connection to the land.

Greg Brotherton

Jefferson County Commissioner, District 3

1820 Jefferson Street

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**From:** Jesse Beitz <jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** S'Klallam Tribal Response

Good afternoon, Caleb!

I heard from Ann Sargent who is the Executive Assistant to the S'Klallam Tribal Elder who owns some of the property that is adjacent to "Misty Creek". She relayed that the tribe did not care what we called it, and that the tribe would refer to the creek by whatever name the tribe decided. End of story.

I wanted to keep you informed of the progress I am having regarding getting community support behind naming the creek as the committee requested.

Laura Beitz

October 24, 2018

Dear Neighbor:

The creek that runs through a portion of our properties in Blyn, around Chicken Coop Road, Highway 101, and on to Sequim Bay; is an unnamed creek. The creek is east of both Jimmy Come Lately Creek and No Name Creek. The creek has been referred to by some as "Chicken Coop Creek", however it has not been officially named by the State or USGS.

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If you would kindly support this option, add you name, signature, and address; and return the signed letter to me. One person per letter. Each household is encouraged to participate, however, I am only providing 2 letters to each address. If there are more than 2 people of legal voting age in your household (i.e.18), feel free to make copies.

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Laura Beitz  
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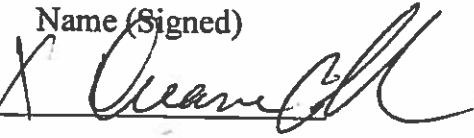


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Name (Printed)

Name (Signed)

Duane Cobb



Address 415 Chicken Coop Rd

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Mary Ann K. Wray      MARY ANN K WRAY  
Address 112 HOWARD HEIGHTS RD. SEQUIM, WA 98382

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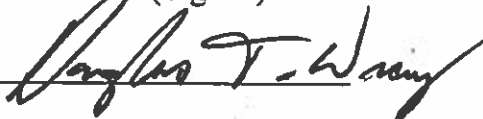


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DOUGLAS T. WRAY



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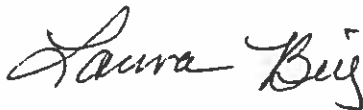
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Laura Beitz  
403 Deerhawk Drive  
Sequim, WA 98382-8670  
360 683 0767



I support naming the creek Misty Creek and the corresponding mountains The Misty Mountains.

Name (Printed)

Name (Signed)

Ken Hagan

[Signature]

Address 61 Chicken coop Hollow

I like Chicken coop Hollow creek

October 24, 2018

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Karen Charters

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Address 243 Bonnie Grace Rd.

*I would prefer Chicken Coop Hollow Creek.*



October 24, 2018

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MARC LASSEN



Address 1634 Chicken Coop Rd - Sequim WA 98382

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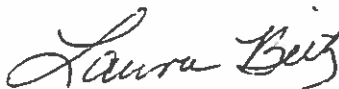
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Christie Lassen

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Pamela Thomas

Address 295 DEERHAWK DR SEQUIM WA 98382

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*Laura Beitz*

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Name (Printed)

*Linda Dennis*

oops!

Name (Signed)

*Linda Dennis*

Address

*1535 Old Blyn Hwy*

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Address 295 DEERHAWK DR, SEQUIM WA 98382

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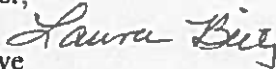
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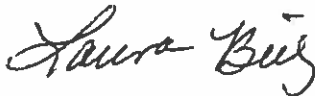
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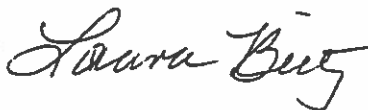
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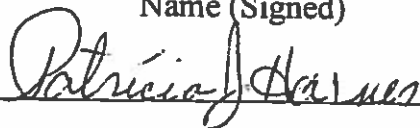


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Address 272172 Hwy 101 Sequim, WA 98382



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Anthony Hardesty



Address

272174 HWY-101 Sequim, WA 98382

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Marcie Horton



Address 272174 HWY 101

Sequim WA 98382

LAURA,

We think there is a  
great idea and applaud  
your energy and  
initiative in this venture.

Best of luck,

Jim + Mary Ann Wray

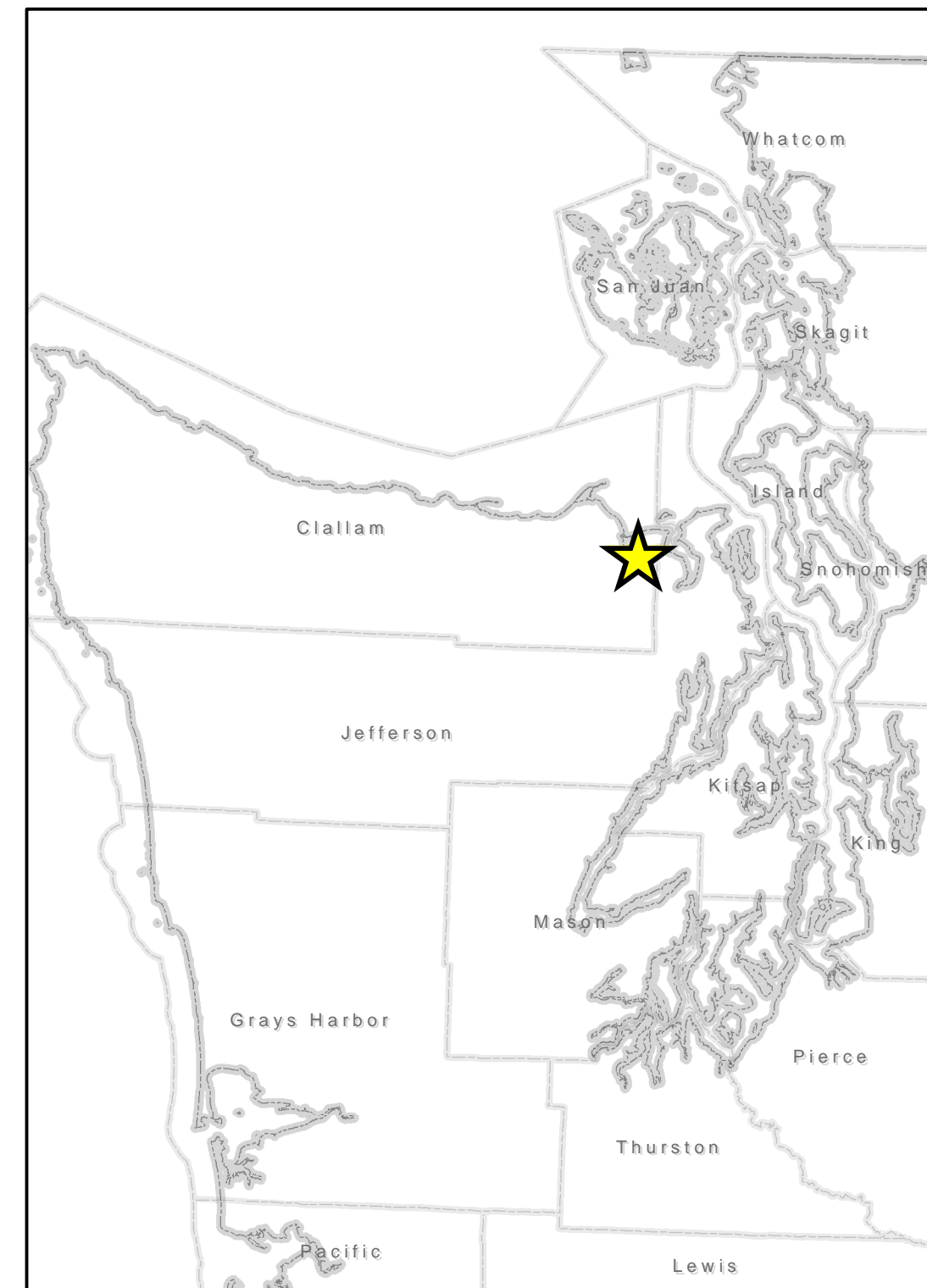
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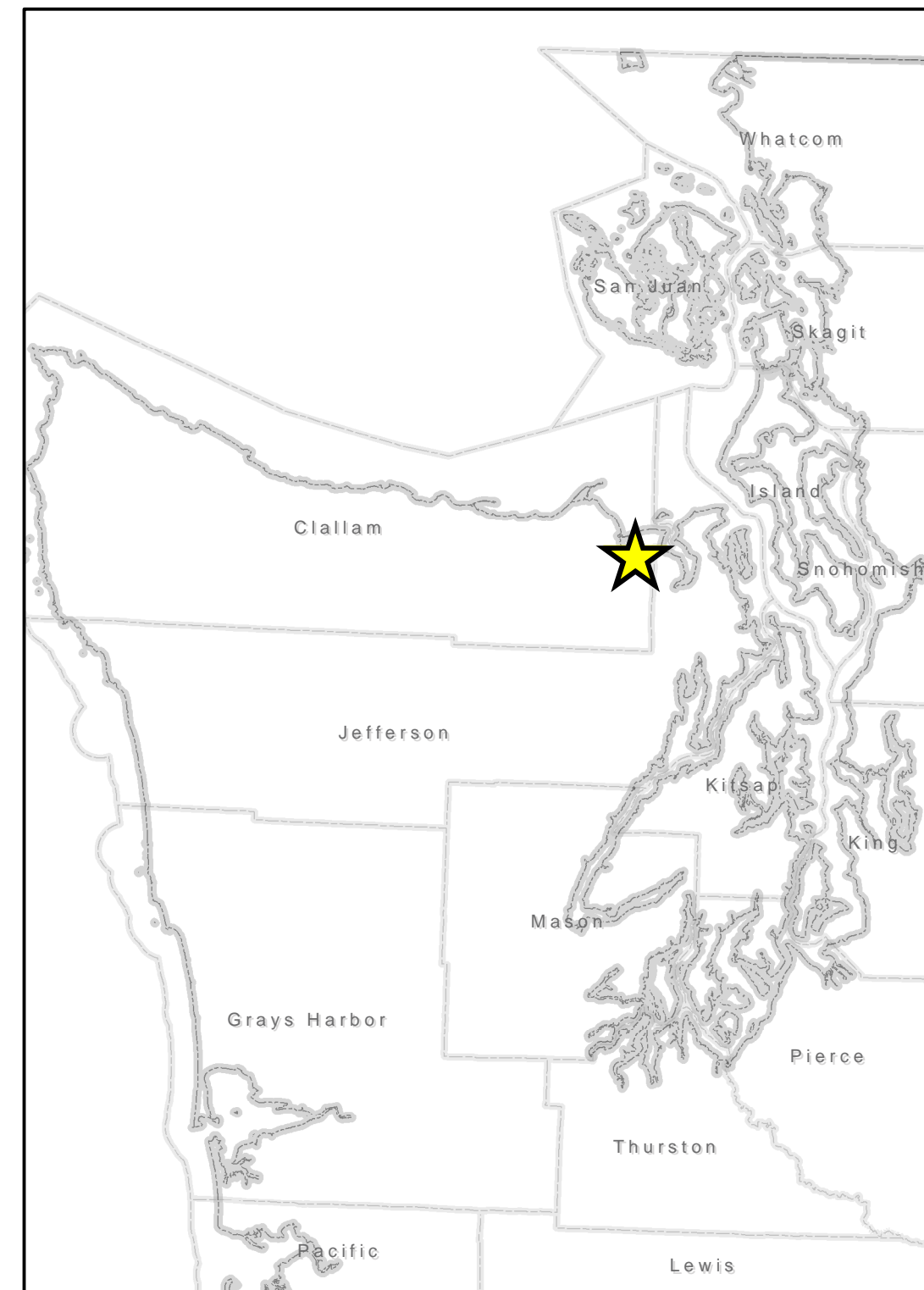
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## **Misty Mountains**

*Clallam & Jefferson County - New Name*

**Township:** 29N

**Range:** 2W

**Section:** 17

**USGS Quad:** Gardiner

**Location Description:** Range; range; elevation 1,998 ft, 4 mi. long; center of range is located 1.5 mi. SW of Blyn at 48°0'40.854"N, 122°57'0.229"W, partially located in the Olympic National Forest.

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The proposed name is descriptive, as the mountain range is often locked in mist from the nearby bay. The proponent is also proposing a name for a creek flowing from the mountain range into Sequim Bay.

The proponent owns property alongside the creek, and has contacted many of her neighbors to gather support for the proposed names.

**Proponent:**

Laura J. Beitz  
403 Deerhawk Drive  
Sequim, WA 98382

**Proposal Received:** 12/7/2017

**Initial Consideration:** 5/30/2019

**Final Consideration:** 10/29/2019

**WA Committee Decision:** Approved

**WA Board Decision:**

**US Board Decision:**

**Opinions:**

Clallam County Commissioners - NO RESPONSE  
Jefferson County Commissioners - NO OBJECTION  
Clallam County Emergency Management  
Jefferson County Search & Rescue  
City of Sequim  
Clallam County Historical Society  
Jefferson County Historical Society  
US Forest Service - DOES NOT SUPPORT  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe - OPPOSED  
Lower Elwah Klallam Tribe  
Makah Indian Tribe  
Port Gamble Sklallam Tribe  
Letter signed by 17 local residents - IN FAVOR

WASHINGTON STATE  
Geographic Name Application



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Proposed Name: Misty Mountains

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ N, Long. \_\_\_\_\_ W (Begin)

Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ N, Long. \_\_\_\_\_ W (End)

- New Name
- Controversial Name
- Name Change
- Location Clarification
- Spelling Clarification

**Description**

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): Mountain range

Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? No

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**History**

*Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods, fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.*

Origin of name: see attachments

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If a commemorative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed feature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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# Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: see attachments

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) \_\_\_\_\_

What type of support is there for the proposed name?  
*List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:*

## Application submitted by:

Name: Laura J. Beitz  
Address: 403 Deerhawk Dr. City: Sequim State: WA Zip: 98382  
Phone #: 206 3687524 Email: jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com Date of Application: 12/07/2017

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: Laura J. Beitz  
Signature: Laura J. Beitz Date: 12/07/2017

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

**WA State Board on Geographic Names**

**PO Box 47030**

**Olympia, WA 98504-7030**

Phone: 360-902-1780 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)

**MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** Jesse Beitz <jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 5, 2018 2:18 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Misty Neighbor Letter October 24, 2018  
**Attachments:** ENVELOPE 1.jpg

Good afternoon, Caleb.

I would like to ask that my application for the name of the creek and mountains I applied to the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names as Misty Mountains and Misty Creek be re-opened in Clallam County and mountains

I have sent letters to the neighbors that border the creek. Attached are copies of 4 signed letters that I have received thus far, and copies of 2 envelopes that have been returned to me because of No Mail Receptacle Unable To Forward. I expect more to follow and I will forward them on to you as I receive them.

Thank you for your help.

Laura Beitz

December 7, 2017

To whom it may concern:

We bought our property (parcel # 022906349050) to retire on in 2001, The creek on the north border is an unnamed creek which runs year round. We are interested in giving it a name as well as the mountain range and valley.

The mountains and surrounding area are often locked in mist that mingles and meanders through the hills, forests, valleys and creeks due to the atmospheric conditions, the geography of the area; the proximity to the Salish Sea, and more specifically Sequim Bay that characterizes our community. Because of this we would like to propose the name of **Misty Creek** for the creek in question and **Misty Mountains** for the surrounding hills from which the headwaters that feed our creek originate and where the mist comes from as well.

We received a letter recently from the Washington Department of Transportation informing us of a need to access our property, to get to the creek for their project to remove the existing culvert crossing and replacing it with a new fish passable structure. It is referenced as US 101/Chicken Coop-Remove Fish Barrier in their letter and will help restore fish habitat. If this creek had been named, this could have been referenced as the Misty Creek-Fish Barrier making it much more accurate and avoiding confusion or miscommunication.

We believe it is important to name geographical features to bring clarity and definition of an area when discussing different locations around the county, or state. Being mindful of issues of community involvement in location, restoration, funding, environmental or other needs that may arise in the future of our community and state; we believe naming the creek is responsible and prudent. On a personal level, naming this creek, gives our little homestead, and us, roots in the community, where we have chosen to settle and remain.

The end of the creek is easy. That is at 48.028775, -122.997505 which is where the creek empties into Sequim Bay, the beginning is more difficult to discern because there are a number of tributaries that feed into it. The nearest fork up creek from us is located at +48.031142, -122.981539

through that land. It was then that I thought that Rivendell would be a fitting name for the region at the foot of those mountains.

Our town (maybe future city) is Blyn, however I am proposing Rivendell as a community within Blyn. It would complement the mirror valley on the west side of the same mountain range as that of the community of Happy Valley in Sequim. And just like Tolkien's Rivendell, there are rivulets running all through this area. It just seemed logical to me. The definition of a dell: *a small valley, usually among trees* and since there are many rivers or creeks running through the area of our "Misty Mountains" as well as many, many trees, it just seemed fitting to call the area Rivendell. Creekdell just doesn't work.

With an eye toward the future of a population that is growing, expanding and the new development in our community from Sequim, it also made sense to name the valley in keeping with the features and theme of that area.

I thought Rivendell should include the east side of 101 from Chicken Coop road because the other side is considered Diamond Point already, to the reservation, which also has a name designation, to the foothills of the Misty Mountains.

As I come to the close of this story I reflect and would like to state, that the most important thing to me is name of the creek, however the mountains and the valley names are both inspired as well. I would like the creek that runs by our property to be named Misty Creek. Where it starts is where it starts and where it ends it ends and same with the Misty Mountains and Rivendell as well. *That* they are named is the most important thing for posterity. This is my story.

I am awed at the realization that, like my ancestors, I would like to name the area that I call home after, not only the geographic and atmospheric traits, but also after a literary work. I wonder how much the stories I heard growing up about the naming of Elma moved me to do the same, over a hundred years later to my home in Blyn. Also that there was no documentation so there is no clear story of why Elma was called Elma. The truth of that story is lost, however it did move me to write this, so in the event these places are named, this story won't be lost.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Beitz

## The Story of How I Conceived the Names of Misty and Rivendell 12/07/2017

My name is Laura Beitz and this is my story of how I conceived the names of **Misty Creek, Misty Mountains and Rivendell** to name the geographic area where I live in Blyn Washington.

I am fifth generation Washintonian. My ancestors came here from Virginia in about 1860. The Town of Elma was incorporated on March 22, 1888. Joseph Young and James Long Waldrip combined equal portions of the land, each of them had acquired, and laid out the original plat, which is now the center of the City. Young officially recorded the plat in 1875. Both Joseph Young and James Long Waldrip are my ancestors.

How did Elma get its name? It depends on who you ask.

One of many versions is that the town was named in honor of Elmer E. Elisworth, who was the first Union soldier killed in the Civil War. Postal authorities, so the story goes, didn't go for the name Elmer, so the "er" was dropped and "a" was added.

Another version holds that the town was named for Elmira Hunter, whom local folks called Elma.

Another version was that James Long Waldrip named the town to honor Elma Austin, daughter of an Elma pioneer.

Stories that have come down to me through the generations are that Elma was named for the heroine of the book that James Long Waldrip was keen on. We may never know for sure, there is no documentation. It has been lost.

My cousins are the Taylor family of Taylor Shellfish Company founded by my great uncle in 1890 in Shelton Washington. All to say, I feel very rooted in the NW and Washington specifically and a connection here and to those pioneering ancestors.

My husband and I bought our property (parcel # 022906349050) to retire on in 2001, The creek on the north border is an unnamed creek which runs all year round. We are interested in giving it a name.

The foothills and surrounding area are often locked in mist, that mingles and meanders mysteriously through the hills, forests, valleys and creeks in and around Blyn. This occurs due to the atmospheric conditions, the

geography of the area, the proximity to the mountains, the Salish Sea and more specifically Sequim Bay. The mist, wind, mountains characterizes our community. Because of this we wanted to propose the name of **Misty Creek** for the creek in question and **Misty Mountains** for the group of surrounding peaks from which the headwaters that feed our creek originate and where the mist comes from as well. And name the valley from these mountains as **Rivendell** because there are many rivulet in this valley.

## How It Started

My sisters suggested that I name our home and stop calling it "the property" since we have two properties that we own and it helped them differentiate which of our properties we were talking about and because we had put a home on it so it was no longer just property. We bantered about several names that did not appeal to me. I thought about what I loved about my stays there and I loved looking out my windows up into the hills and seeing the mist flowing through the trees and valleys. I finally settled on Misty Mountain Retreat, Misty for short.

My thoughts turned to the creek that flowed through our property. I wanted to know its name. I did research and found out that it was unnamed. That seemed like a shame to me and I set out to think of a name for it.

In researching the history of the property I have only come up with the name of the person that established the plats (Enges Short Plat) and there didn't seem to be much of a connection between the developer and the land other than they bought it for the purpose as an investment property. I really didn't like the sound of Enges Creek. Because of my founding NW ancestors, I toyed with the idea of naming it after one of them. However they were down in the Shelton area not up in Clallam County. I also considered local Native American names, however there are quite a few names represented from that community already.

Because I had already named the property Misty, and it fit the region so well, I thought it would be fitting to name the creek Misty Creek. In researching the headwaters of the creek, I noticed how many mountains around the area and that as I was looking out my windows that those were the very mountains that I was seeing the mist meander through. It then occurred to me that they should be called the Misty Mountains (plural).

The name also appealed to me because it reminded me of a book I read many years ago by J.R.R. Tolkien called the Hobbit. In it were the Misty Mountains from where many rivers flowed and just at the foothills of those mountains was the realm of Rivendell named because many rivers ran

through that land. It was then that I thought that Rivendell would be a fitting name for the region at the foot of those mountains.

Our town (maybe future city) is Blyn, however I am proposing Rivendell as a community within Blyn. It would complement the mirror valley on the west side of the same mountain range as that of the community of Happy Valley in Sequim. And just like Tolkien's Rivendell, there are rivulets running all through this area. It just seemed logical to me. The definition of a dell: *a small valley, usually among trees* and since there are many rivers or creeks running through the area of our "Misty Mountains" as well as many, many trees, it just seemed fitting to call the area Rivendell. Creekdell just doesn't work.

With an eye toward the future of a population that is growing, expanding and the new development in our community from Sequim, it also made sense to name the valley in keeping with the features and theme of that area.

I thought Rivendell should include the east side of 101 from Chicken Coop road because the other side is considered Diamond Point already, to the reservation, which also has a name designation, to the foothills of the Misty Mountains.

As I come to the close of this story I reflect and would like to state, that the most important thing to me is name of the creek, however the mountains and the valley names are both inspired as well. I would like the creek that runs by our property to be named Misty Creek. Where it starts is where it starts and where it ends it ends and same with the Misty Mountains and Rivendell as well. *That* they are named is the most important thing for posterity. This is my story.

I am awed at the realization that, like my ancestors, I would like to name the area that I call home after, not only the geographic and atmospheric traits, but also after a literary work. I wonder how much the stories I heard growing up about the naming of Elma moved me to do the same, over a hundred years later to my home in Blyn. Also that there was no documentation so there is no clear story of why Elma was called Elma. The truth of that story is lost, however it did move me to write this, so in the event these places are named, this story won't be lost.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Beitz

The Young Family  
by Sarah Waldrip Butts

Grandfather Young was of French Huguenot descent. They were Protestant from up near the Swiss border and were persecuted by the Catholic majority and fled to America to obtain religious freedom. She had been previously married and had several boys named Barker.

Grandfather Young was Pennsylvania Dutch and they wed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin before the setting out for Oregon Territory and arriving in 1852. They took up residence in Milwaukee, Oregon. I don't know how many children were born in the East but do remember Uncle Enoch painted on the wagon "Milwaukee Boys on to Oregon".

Their children were Josiah, Sarah, William, Enoch, and Louisa. I do not know about Josiah's family but think they remained in Oregon all their life. Sarah was first married to a man named Weston and two girls were born to them. The older, Mary Ann, was born May 28, 1854 and the younger, was born at Grandfather Young's home in October 1855, and was named Eleanor Josephine.

The father could not cope with life on the frontier and mother became scared of him and went home to her folks. He died within a short while afterwards. He did help her with the baby and the luggage and at the gate he hugged Mary Ann and said it was for the best he thought.

So a few months later Aunt Nora was born and named Eleanor Josephine for Grandfather Young. Grandfather Waldrip arrived in 1856 and his wife died soon after they arrived so he was left with a family of motherless children, the oldest being Ann so when she said she was getting married he begged her to hold off until he could find a woman to marry and look after his family. There was a scarcity of women in those days so when he heard about a young widow he proposed marriage and so they were married in 1856. Their oldest child was our father who was also named Joseph Young for Grandfather Young. He was born April 12, 1857. They had other children namely Elizabeth Viola, Emma Theodosia, John Calvin, Susan Emmaline, James Lincoln, Charles Sherman, twins Ulysses Grant and Rozetta Carey, and Laura who was born a few months before mama in November, 1871.

These records were destroyed in the fire that destroyed Aunt Mary and Uncle Dec's house at the ranch at the head of Cyster Bay. So all I have to go by is what I remember from Aunt Rose and Addie Swan.

The next brother William was Addie's father and as I remember she had an older sister live. Their mother Nancy died and the older girl was taken in by the grandmother Young. I think Addie was passed around with several families whose names I can't recall. She married Jack Forbes and they had four children, a son I think named for this father, then Gladys, then Bill and Maggie. She finally got a divorce from Jack Forbes and married Tom Swan.

Enoch Young married Sarah Isabel Waldrip of Grandpa Waldrip's first family and they had two children Ulysses Grant and Carrie Isabel. Ulysses married late in life and had no children. Carrie married a man named Dimmock and had four children, Edna, Alfred, and another daughter and a son Lawrence. Louisa Young married a man named Smith and lived around Portland, Oregon. They had several children but I can't name them.



## OUR FAMILY TREE

Mother

Joseph Young

Father

Sarah Young Weston Waldrip

- b. September 28, 1831 in Waterloo, Illinois
- m. Weston who died;
- m. March 11, 1856 to James Long Waldrip near Elma
- d. 1887

Sarah set out for Oregon in 1852, the same time that her future husband, James, set out. They travelled on different trains and had different spouses. Sarah arrived later due to trouble with their cattle.

Sarah's first husband could not cope with life on the frontier. Sarah became scared of him and moved back with her parents. As Sarah was leaving, Weston hugged Mary Ann at the gate and said it was for the best. Weston died a short time later. A few months later, Eleanora Josephine (Nora) was born at the Young's home and was given her name for Joseph Young.

After marrying James Long Waldrip, they continued to live on the Clackamas River where Joseph Young and Elizabeth Viola were born. They started for the Puget Sound area in 1858. They went down the river in canoes and the children were left camped by the riverside while James and Sarah went across to the little settlement of Portland and purchased supplies and alder furniture. The family came up the Cowlitz River and settled for about eighteen months on the Bois Fort in Eastern Lewis County.

In 1860, they came down to the blockhouse on the Black River where they joined with the Harrison, Taylor, and Beckwith families in a plan to go down the Chehalis River to a prairie on the present site of Elma and take up homes. The families went down the river on a float they built under the direction of James, and landed about a half mile below the present site of Elma. They landed one day in May at the edge of a beautiful green prairie carpeted with blue and yellow violets. The pioneers were given the privilege of selecting the corner of the prairie each wanted to camp in until shelters could be made. Sarah chose a site under three large fir trees. They lived here for 15 years.

Sister: Louise; Brothers: Josiah, William, and Enoch Young who married Sarah Isabel Waldrip (James Long Waldrip's daughter by Lucinda Armstrong).

### Children

By Weston: Mary Ann b.5-29-1854; Eleanora Josephine b.10-11-1855

By Waldrip:

Joseph Young b. 4-12-1857

Elizabeth Viola b. 9-24-1858

Emma Theodosia b. 3-18-1860

John Calvin b. 10-8-1861

Susan Emmaline b. 12-20-1863

James Lincoln b. 6-28-1865

Charles Sherman b. 12-5-1866

Ulysses Grant and Rosetta Colfax (twins) b. 2-23-1869

Lauraetta b. 11-16-1870

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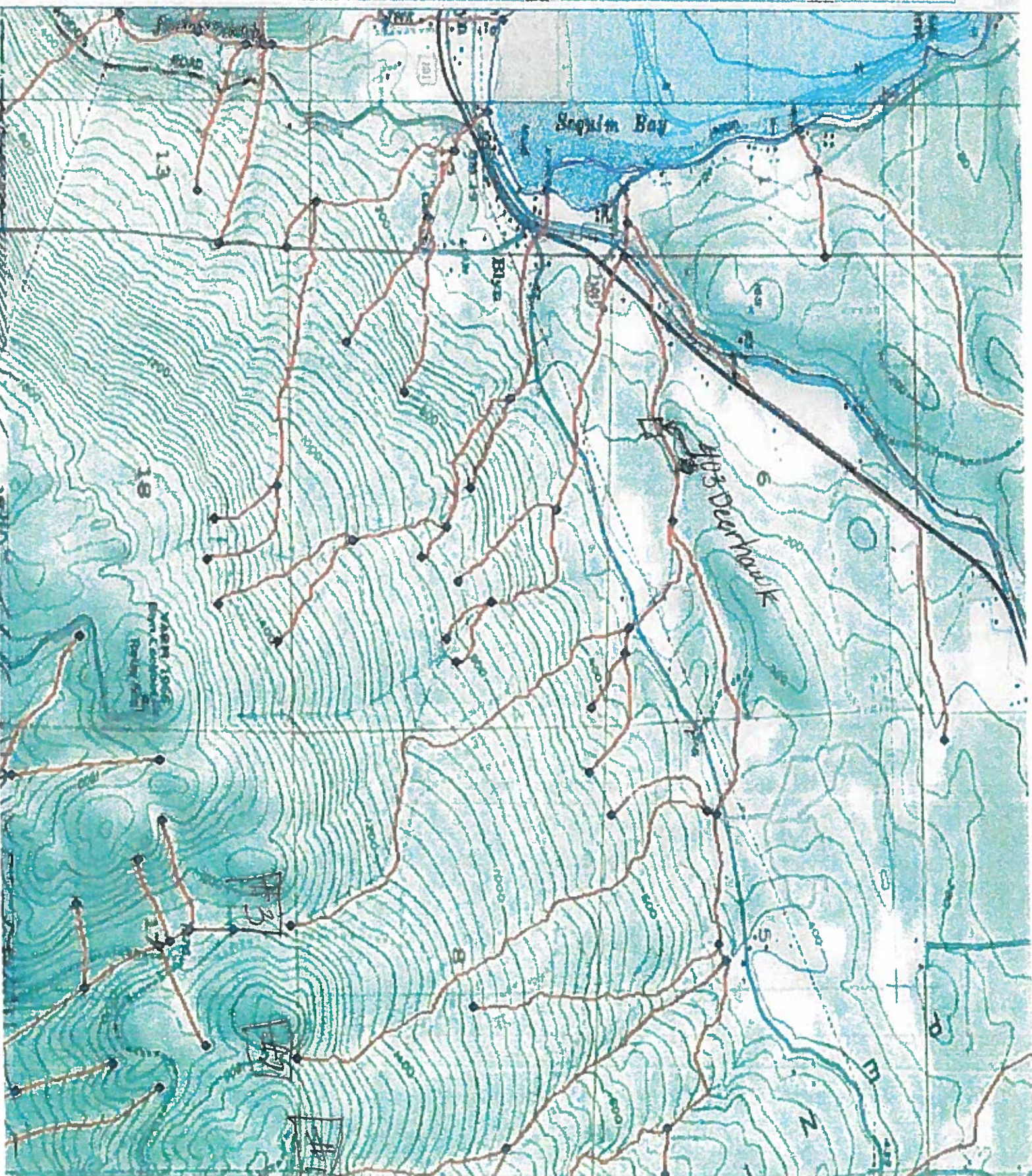
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## MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

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**From:** Jesse Beitz <jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 3:13 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Fw: Misty Mountains  
**Attachments:** 1105181611.jpg

Good afternoon, Caleb. I took some pictures and my neighbor took some video's from my property. The still photo is from 403 Deerhawk looking South West. The video at is above 403 Deerhawk doing a 360 over our property. The creek is in the middle of the forested area on the North part of our property. The mountains are South and West of 403 Deerhawk. Sequim Bay and Highway 101 is North of 403 Deerhawk. I will send other still photos in other emails. Thanks Laura Beitz

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**Subject:** Misty Mountains

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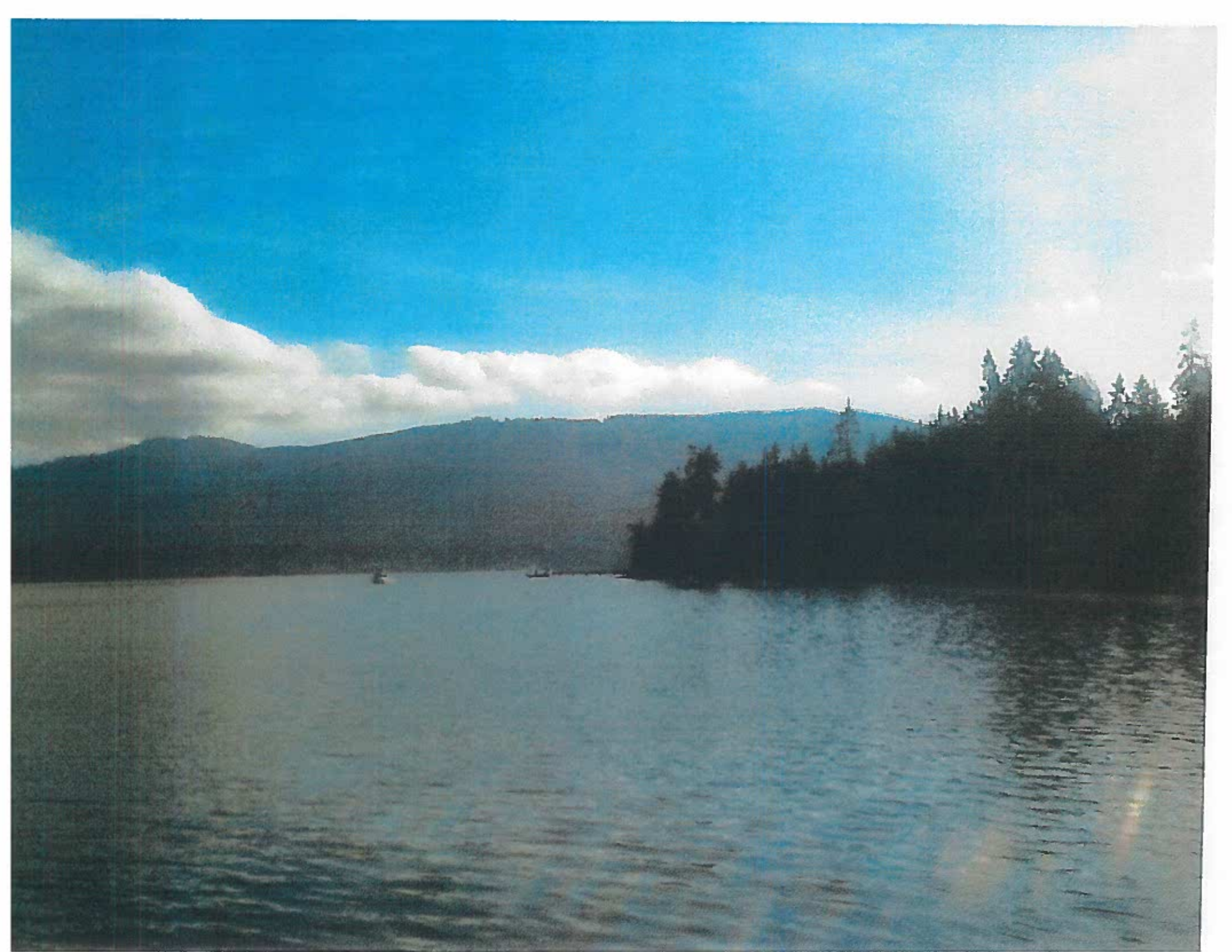














**Comments**

**Received**



ATTN: WA State Committee on Geographic Names  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Olympia, WA  
Re: Misty Creek and Misty Mountain Name Proposals

November 28, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe does not support the proposal for Misty Mountains and Misty Creek, on the grounds that the proposed name lacks any cultural or local significance. The Jamestown Tribe has inhabited the shores of Sequim Bay for thousands of years. Archaeological evidence recovered from a shell midden located less than 1,000 feet south of the mouth of the proposed "Misty Creek" clearly demonstrates the S'Klallam were processing shellfish, fish, and land mammals for over 1,100 years in this location. This creek also passes through Tribal Trust lands shortly before entering Sequim Bay. In addition, many ancestors of today's Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe settled in the historic Blyn community in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century including the Reyes, Hopkins, and Campbell families. The Tribe has maintained a strong connection to Blyn through the historic period into the modern era, when the Tribe established its reservation and administrative center here in the 1980s.

With regards to the Misty Mountain proposal, it is the Tribe's position that the proposal should be classified as a "Name Change" of Blyn Mountain and Mount Chatham, both of which are well documented names for this range of hills in historic documents and literature. Mount Chatham was named by the U.S. Coast Survey after one of George Vancouver's armed tenders; (*Report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey*, 1858; Meany, E. *Vancouver's Discovery of Puget Sound*, 1907). According to Meany, the mountain also has an Indian name, "O-oo-quah" meaning crying mountain; however, no Tribal sources could confirm this name, and this term is not found in the S'Klallam language. Documentation of the name "Blyn Mountain" is available in the form of Washington Forest Fire Association records (1933-1935) regarding the construction of a fire lookout tower by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

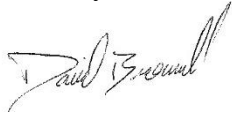
The email statement regarding Jamestown S'Klallam tribal input provided to Mr. Maki by Ms. Beitz on January 24, 2019 contains many errors and does not constitute formal tribal consultation. Furthermore, the support letters provided by Ms. Beitz for both name proposals only contain mentions of the Misty Creek name proposal and should not be accepted as letters of support for the re-naming of Blyn Mountain.

While the Tribe agrees with Ms. Beitz's statement that it is important to name geographical features to bring clarity and definition to an area, the Tribe believes that there are many names more relevant to local Sequim/Blyn history that could be applied to the creek, rather than a name drawn from fictitious literature that has no cultural or historical tie to this region. While Ms.



Beitz has provided interesting material documenting the history of Elma, WA, she does not provide any materials documenting the rich history of the Blyn community, which she proposed to rename "Rivendell." Finally, the Tribe believes that Blyn Mountain and Chatham Peak have already been named, and that these names are well documented in historic sources. If you need any additional information, please contact me at 360-681-4638 or [dbrownell@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:dbrownell@jamestowntribe.org) .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Brownell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David Brownell  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

## DNR RE BOGN

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**From:** Greg Brotherton <GBrotherton@co.jefferson.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019 8:38 AM  
**To:** DNR RE BOGN  
**Subject:** Misty Mountain and Misty Creek Name proposals

The Jefferson County Commissioners deliberated about this yesterday, and – assuming there are no objections raised by the Jamestown S'klallam or any other stakeholders – we have no objection to these names, and think that the naming of places is important and increases our connection to the land.

Greg Brotherton

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**From:** Nett, Jesse L -FS <jesse.nett@usda.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Cc:** Kline, Maxine M -FS; Hinkley, Sandra K -FS; Wettengel, William -FS; Miebach, Nora - FS  
**Subject:** GeoNames - Misty Mountains / Misty Creek - Opinion from the USDA Forest Service

Caleb –

I reached out to the Forest Supervisor and District Ranger from the Olympic National Forest as well as conferred with our contact at the Washington Office.

### The official agency opinion is below:

“The FS does not support the proposal for Misty Mountains and Misty Creek, citing a lack of cultural significance and uniqueness of the proposals.”



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**From:** Nett, Jesse L -FS  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2019 6:14 PM  
**To:** Kanalley, Betsy -FS <[betsy.kanalley@usda.gov](mailto:betsy.kanalley@usda.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hinkley, Sandra K -FS <[sandra.hinkley@usda.gov](mailto:sandra.hinkley@usda.gov)>; Kline, Maxine M -FS <[maxine.kline@usda.gov](mailto:maxine.kline@usda.gov)>; Wettengel, William -FS <[william.wettengel@usda.gov](mailto:william.wettengel@usda.gov)>; Miebach, Nora - FS <[nora.miebach@usda.gov](mailto:nora.miebach@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Non-concurrence -RE: Misty Mountains & Misty Creek– New Names - R6 Geographic Name Proposal - REPLY DUE

Betsy –

The Forest Supervisor responded with a “non-concurrence” due to the lack of cultural significance and uniqueness of the proposals. “Misty” could be used to describe a myriad of features on the Olympic Peninsula and does not have a tie to any historical and/or cultural significance to the area. She would be open to another more unique and culturally or historically significant name should it tie to the Olympic Peninsula.

Best,

jn



**Jesse Nett, MPA**  
**Cartographer**  
**Regional Geographic Names Adviser**

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## DNR RE BOGN

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**From:** Jesse Beitz <jess816andlaura515@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** S'Klallam Tribal Response

Good afternoon, Caleb!

I heard from Ann Sargent who is the Executive Assistant to the S'Klallam Tribal Elder who owns some of the property that is adjacent to "Misty Creek". She relayed that the tribe did not care what we called it, and that the tribe would refer to the creek by whatever name the tribe decided. End of story.

I wanted to keep you informed of the progress I am having regarding getting community support behind naming the creek as the committee requested.

Laura Beitz

October 24, 2018

Dear Neighbor:

The creek that runs through a portion of our properties in Blyn, around Chicken Coop Road, Highway 101, and on to Sequim Bay; is an unnamed creek. The creek is east of both Jimmy Come Lately Creek and No Name Creek. The creek has been referred to by some as "Chicken Coop Creek", however it has not been officially named by the State or USGS.

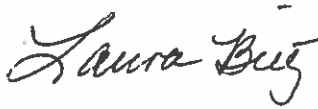
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If you would kindly support this option, add you name, signature, and address; and return the signed letter to me. One person per letter. Each household is encouraged to participate, however, I am only providing 2 letters to each address. If there are more than 2 people of legal voting age in your household (i.e.18), feel free to make copies.

When the Department of Natural Resources and the Naming Committee notify me, I will notify you. Thank you.

Your Blyn Neighbor,  
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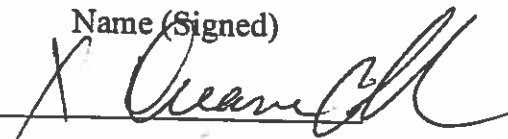


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Name (Printed)

Name (Signed)

Duane Cobb



Address 415 Chicken Coop Rd

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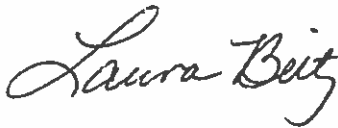
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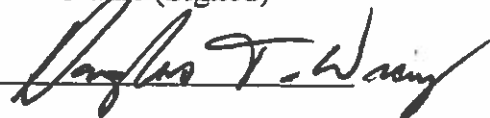


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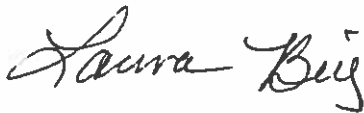
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Your Blyn Neighbor,  
Laura Beitz  
403 Deerhawk Drive  
Sequim, WA 98382-8670  
360 683 0767



I support naming the creek Misty Creek and the corresponding mountains The Misty Mountains.

Name (Printed)

Name (Signed)

Ken Hagan 

Address 61 Chicken coop Hollow

I like Chicken coop Hollow creek

October 24, 2018

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Name (Printed)

Name (Signed)

Karen Charters

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Address 243 Bonnie Grace Rd.

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October 24, 2018

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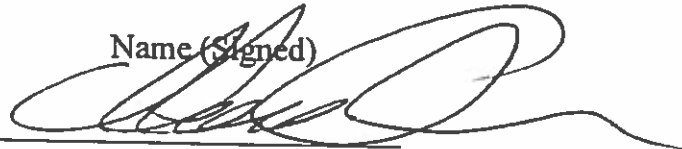


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Name (Signed)

MARC LASSEN



Address 1634 Chicken Coop Rd - Sequim WA 98382

October 24, 2018

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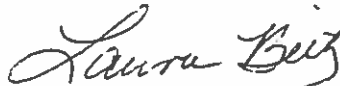
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Name (Printed)

Name (Signed)

Christie Lassen

Address 1634 Chicken Coop Rd Sequim, WA 98382

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Name (Printed)

Name (Signed)

PAMELA THOMAS

*Pamela Thomas*

Address 295 DEERHAWK DR SEQUIM WA 98382

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403 Deerhawk Drive

Sequim, WA 98382-8670

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*Laura Beitz*

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Name (Printed)

*Linda Dennis*

*oops!*

Name (Signed)

*Linda Dennis*

Address

*1535 Old Blyn Hwy*

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DAVE KATZ

Address 295 DEERHAWK DR, SEQUIM WA 98382



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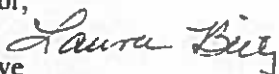
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TED DENNIS



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Deneé Cobb

DMC

Address

415 Chicken Coop Rd Sequim

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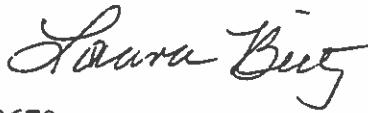
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Patricia J. Harner Patricia J. Harner

Address 272172 Hwy 101 Sequim, W. 98382

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Name (Printed)

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Anthony Hardesty [Signature]  
Address 272174 HWY-101 Sequim, WA 98382

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Marci Horton



Address 272174 HWY 101

Sequim WA 98382

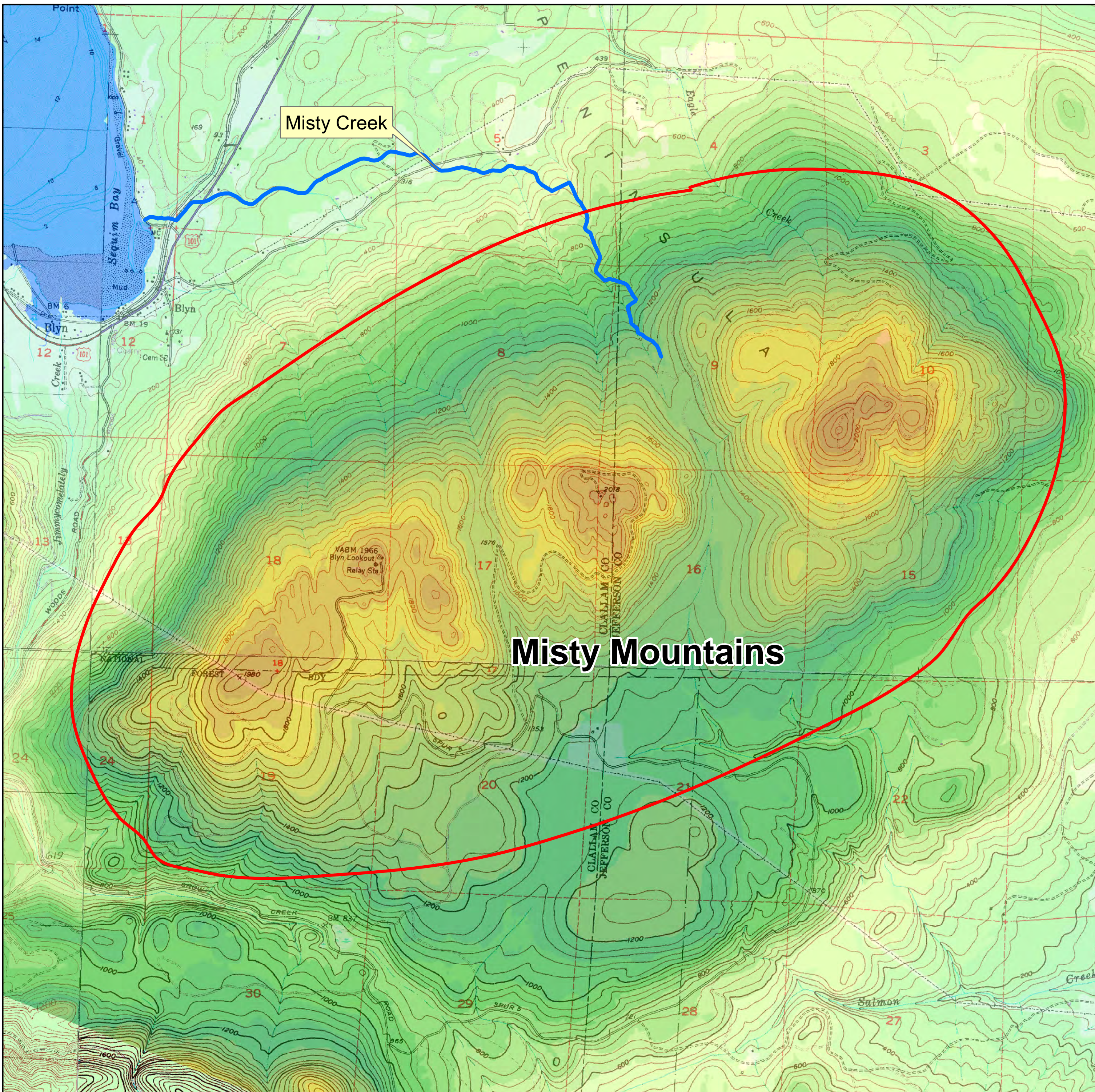
LAURA,

We think there is a  
great idea and applaud  
your energy and  
initiative in this venture.

Best of luck,

Tim & Mary Ann Wray

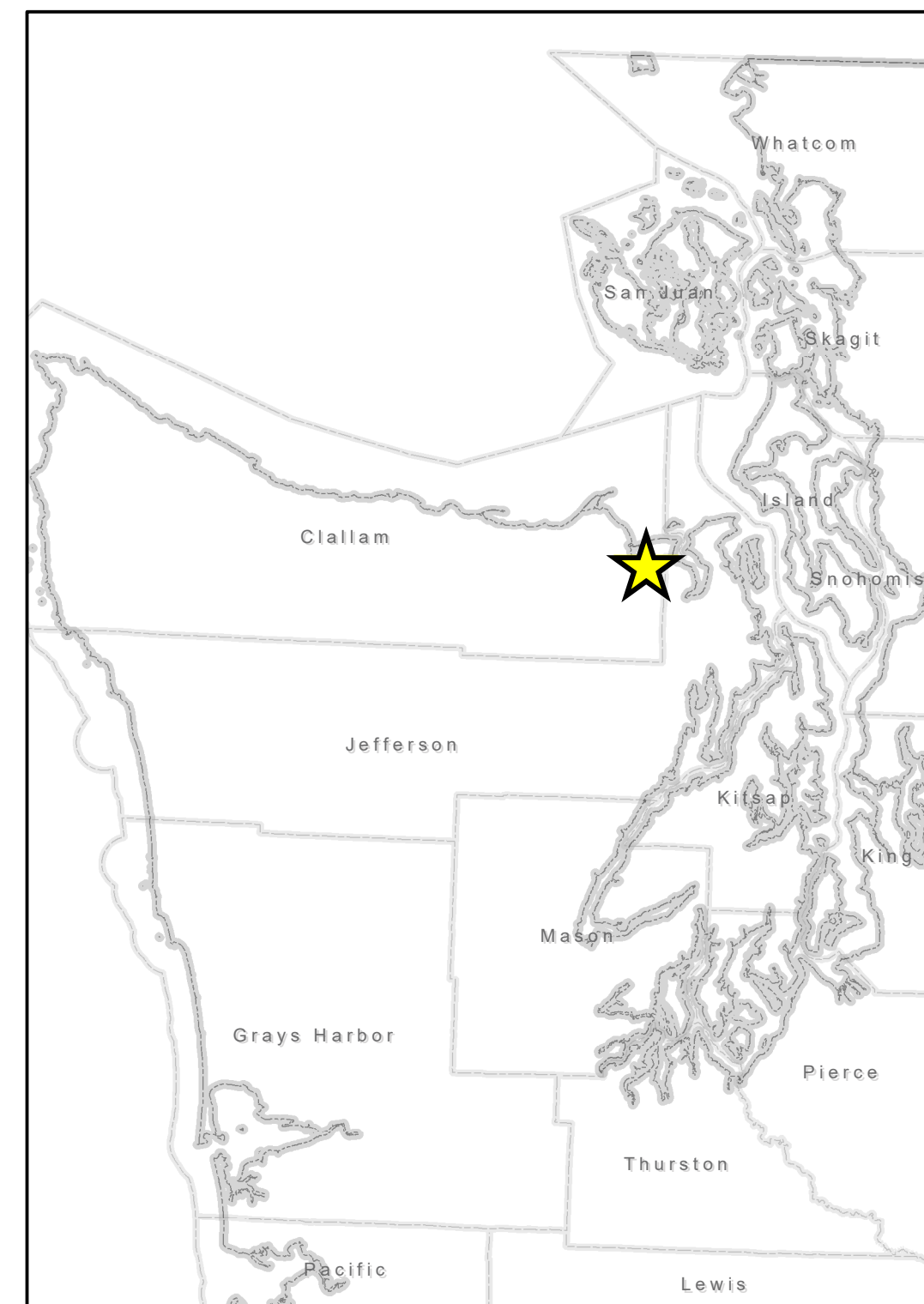
# MISTY MOUNTAINS - CLALLAM COUNTY



Range; range; elevation 1,998 ft, 4 mi. long; center of range is located 1.5 mi. SW of Blyn at 48°0'40.854"N, 122°57'0.229"W, partially located in the Olympic National Forest.

The proposed name is descriptive, as the mountain range is often locked in mist from the nearby bay. The proponent is also proposing a name for a creek flowing from the mountain range into Sequim Bay.

The proponent owns property alongside the creek, and has contacted many of her neighbors to gather support for the proposed names.



## **Páatstel Creek**

*Whatcom County - Name Change*

**Township:** 40N

**Range:** 3E & 4E

**Section:** 3E=2,11,12,13 4E=7,8,18

**USGS Quad:** Lynden & Sumas

**Location Description:** Stream; 4 mi. long; heads 2 mi. NE of Lynden at 48°58'52.415"N, 122°23'25.169"W, flows SE/E into Johnson Creek at 48°58'9.411"N, 122°19'45.22"W.

**Proposal Summary:** Páatstel Creek: stream; 4 mi. long; heads 2 mi. NE of Lynden at 48°58'52.415"N, 122°23'25.169"W, flows SE/E into Johnson Creek at 48°58'9.411"N, 122°19'45.22"W.; "Páatstel" is a the Nooksack name for this creek, which was associated with a historical Nooksack village located near the source of the creek; Whatcom County, Washington; Sec 2,11,12,13, T40N, R3E, Sec 7,8,18, T40N, R4E, Willamette Meridian; 48°58'9.411"N, 122°19'45.22"W USGS map - Lynden and Sumas 1:24,000.

The proposed name would replace the current name of Squaw Creek.

"Páatstel" is the Nooksack name for the creek, which was associated with a historical Nooksack village located near the source of the creek. The Cultural and Natural Resource Director of the Nooksack Indian Tribe submitted the proposal.

**Proponent:**

George Swanaset, Jr.

PO Box 157

Deming, WA 98244

**Proposal Received:** 5/23/2019

**Initial Consideration:** 5/30/2019

**Final Consideration:** 10/29/2019

**WA Committee Decision:**

**WA Board Decision:**

**US Board Decision:**

**Opinions:**

Whatcom County Council - IN FAVOR



Nooksack Indian Tribe - IN FAVOR

WACD - IN FAVOR

Whatcom Democrats - IN FAVOR

Rodney Visser (Local Citizen) - OPPOSED

Troy Lenssen (Local Citizen and Business Owner) - OPPOSED

Whatcom County Historical Society

City of Lynden

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Lummi Indian Nation

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

WASHINGTON STATE  
Geographic Name Application



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Proposed Name: Paatstel Creek

New Name

County: WHATCOM

Controversial Name

Township: 40 Range: 3E Section(s): 2, 11, 12, 13

Name Change

Lat. 485852 N, Long. 1222314 W (Begin)

Location Clarification

Lat. 485808 N, Long. 1221944 W (End)

Spelling Clarification

**Description**

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): STREAM

Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): LYNDEN WASHINGTON. APPROX. 4.3 MILES (DRAINS PADEBORN LAKE, AND EMPTIES INTO JOHNSON CREEK NEAR SUMAS)

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: 12

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names:

SQUAW CREEK

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when?

**History**

Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (flood fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

Origin of name: THE CREEK KNOWN AS "SQUAW CREEK", IS LOCATED IN NOOKSACK TERRITORY. THE NOOKSACK NAME FOR THIS CREEK WAS, Paatstel, WHICH WAS ASSOCIATED WITH A HISTORICAL NOOKSACK VILLAGE NEAR THE SOURCE.

AS TOLD BY NOOKSACK TRIBAL MEMBER DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH, PAUL FETZER. (1950)

If a commemorative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed feature:

# Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? \_\_\_\_\_

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: THE PROPER HISTORICAL NAME IS IMPORTANT TO BE USED AS RECOGNITION TO THE FIRST PEOPLE OF THIS TERRITORY, THE NOOKSACKS.

BESIDE THE FACT THAT THE WORD, "SQUAW" IS OFFENSIVE.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? By THE NOOKSACK, FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL, TO THE TIME THE FIRST SETTLERS CHANGED IT.

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) THE NOOKSACK ELDERS VERBAL TESTIMONY. FAMILY KNOWLEDGE, & FIRSTHAND HISTORY OF NOOKSACK PEOPLE.

(NOOKSACK PLACE NAMES: GEOGRAPHY, CULTURE & LANGUAGE - ALLEN RICHARDSON, BRENT GALLOWAY-2008) PAUL FETZER NOTES, INTERVIEW WITH NOOKSACK ELDERS.

What type of support is there for the proposed name?

List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE  
360-592-5176

GEORGE SWANASET, JR "Yel'qaynem"  
Cultural/Natural Resource Director  
george.swanasetjr@nooksack-nsn.gov

## Application submitted by:

Name: GEORGE SWANASET, JR

Address: PO BOX 157 City: DEMING State: WA Zip: 98244

Phone #: 360-592-5176 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: GEORGE SWANASET, JR

Signature:  Date: 5/23/19

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

WA State Board on Geographic Names

PO Box 47030

Olympia, WA 98504-7030

(Phone: 360-907-1280 - Fax: 360-907-1778 - Email: hnen@dnr.wa.gov)

**Comments**

**Received**

## DNR RE BOGN

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**From:** Carol Frazey <CFrazey@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 11:36 AM  
**To:** DNR RE BOGN  
**Cc:** rcline@nooksack-nsn.gov; george.swanasetjr@nooksack-nsn.gov  
**Subject:** Changing Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek in Whatcom County

Dear Committee Members on Geographic Names,

We would like to request to change the name of Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek in Whatcom County. This request is being made by Nooksack Tribal Council Chairman Ross Cline, Sr., Nooksack Tribal Director/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, George D. Swanaset, Jr., and myself as a Whatcom County Councilmember.

According to Nooksack Director/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, George D. Swanaset, Jr.:

"I am sending this email in regards to changing the name of "Squaw Creek" to its original Nooksack Name which is: "Páatstel Creek" which was the name "squaw creek" to not only the Nooksack people, but native people in general is viewed as a derogatory term. The Nooksack people have occupied this area long before any settlers have and have place names that pre-date USGS maps.

The name Páatstel was the name of a village where ancestral Nooksack, Jobe (Chúm) resided. The village was located somewhere north of the Jobe Cemetery, east of Northwood Road, and south of the Northwood store on East Badger road.

According to Paul Fetzer's interview with Louis George ( Jobe's grandson) in 1950, Páatstel Creek was the name that the families had used for this creek.

If you would like more information, you can find this in the "Nooksack Place Names, Geography, Culture, and Language" book: Allan Richardson & Brent Galloway, which was produced by gathering information from Nooksack elders."

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if there is anything else we need to do to make this name change official.

Thank you,

**Carol Frazey**  
Councilmember for At Large Position B

Whatcom County Council

311 Grand Ave. Suite 105

Bellingham, WA 98225

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL  
Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
311 Grand Avenue, Suite #105  
Bellingham, WA 98225-4038  
(360) 778-5010



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## WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

October 23, 2019

WA State Committee on Geographic Names  
PO Box 47030  
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

**RE: Páatstel Creek - Whatcom County**

To Whom It May Concern:

On October 22, 2019, the Whatcom County Council unanimously approved Resolution 2019-049 supporting the renaming of Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek. Enclosed is a copy of the approved resolution. Please include this resolution of support in your October 29, 2019 meeting materials and/or discussions regarding renaming Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Halka".

Cathy Halka, Legislative Analyst  
chalka@co.whatcom.wa.us

Encl: Resolution 2019-049

PROPOSED BY: BROWNE, FRAZEY AND  
DONOVAN  
INTRODUCTION DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-049

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENAMING OF SQUAW CREEK TO PÁATSTEL CREEK**

**WHEREAS**, the approximately 4.3 mile stream in Whatcom County near Lynden, Washington is known as "Squaw Creek"; and

**WHEREAS**, a Nooksack tribal member, Paul Fetzer, identified the original name of the creek in a 1950 interview with Louis George; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack name for this creek was Páatstel, which was associated with a historical Nooksack village near the source; and

**WHEREAS**, Nooksack Tribal Council Chairman Ross Cline, Sr. and Nooksack Tribal Director George Swanaset, Jr., submitted an application to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names requesting that Squaw Creek be renamed Páatstel Creek; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Whatcom County Council supports the renaming of Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek.

APPROVED this 22nd day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:  
  
Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Rud Browne, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

## **MAKI, CALEB (DNR)**

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**From:** Todd Donovan <TDonovan@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 3:38 PM  
**To:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR)  
**Subject:** Re: Geographic Name Opinion Request - Páatstel Creek

I support this name change. I respond as an individual Whatcom County Council member, not speaking on behalf of the Council as a whole.

Todd Donovan  
Whatcom County Council

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**From:** Council <Council@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019 4:28 PM  
**To:** Barbara Brenner <BBrenner@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Barry Buchanan <BBuchana@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Carol Frazey <CFrazey@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Rud Browne <RBrowne@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Satpal Sidhu <SSidhu@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Todd Donovan <TDonovan@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Tyler Byrd <TByrd@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Cc:** Cathy Halka <CHalka@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Dana Brown-Davis <DBrown@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Jill Nixon <JNixon@co.whatcom.wa.us>; Kristi Felbinger <KFelbing@co.whatcom.wa.us>; NaDean Hanson <NHanson@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Geographic Name Opinion Request - Páatstel Creek

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**From:** MAKI, CALEB (DNR) [mailto:CALEB.MAKI@dnr.wa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 3:50 PM  
**To:** Council; whatcomhistory@gmail.com; brownpa@lyndenwa.org  
**Subject:** Geographic Name Opinion Request - Páatstel Creek

To Whom It May Concern:

This is our official request regarding a proposal the WA State Committee on Geographic Names received to make official a name for a geographic feature located in Washington.

Because local opinion is very important to the committee, we would like your opinion regarding this proposal. We also ask that you share this request with the appropriate offices or members within your organization.

In summary, the proposed name of "Páatstel Creek" would replace the current name of Squaw Creek. "Páatstel" is a the Nooksack name for this creek, which was associated with a historical Nooksack village located near the source.

The WA State Committee on Geographic Names will be hearing this proposal on **October 29, 2019**. You may respond to this email with your official opinion, or fill out and return the attached opinion form.

For more detailed information regarding this name issue, please visit the committee's website at:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/board-natural-resources/committee-geographic-names>

A direct link to the PDF proposal can be found here:





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October 4, 2019

David Bergvall, Chairman  
Committee on Geographic Names  
P.O. Box 47030  
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

Dear Chairman Bergvall:

We are the co-chairs of the Tribal Relations Committee of the Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD). The purpose of this letter is to lend our voices in strong support of the request by the Nooksack Indian Tribe to rename Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek.

We are in complete agreement with the reasons for the name change and join with other individuals and groups that consider this proposal an appropriate, necessary and overdue change.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Williams, Co-Chair  
WACD Tribal Relations Committee  
The Tulalip Tribes of Washington

Larry Davis, Co-Chair  
WACD Tribal Relations Committee  
Member, Whatcom CD Board

Support for Nooksack proposal to rename Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek



From: Andrew Reding

Sent: 6/4/2019 9:36

To: DNR RE BOGN

Cc: Barbara Lewis; Brian Estes; Alex Del Rosario; Tina Podlodowski; Carol Frazey

Whatcom Democrats supports the Nooksack Tribe's request for a name change, and agree with Whatcom County Council Member Carol Frazey: "The word 'squaw' is racist and is a sexual slur toward Native American women. If we had a creek within our county with an English name that had equivalent meaning, it would have been changed years ago."

Under Tribal Relations, our Platform states that we support "The preservation, protection and restoration of sites and names with historic, cultural, and religious significance," in this case, "Páatstel, which was associated with a historical Nooksack village near the source."

Andrew Reding  
Chair, Whatcom Democrats

## Squaw creek name change



From: Rod Visser  
Sent: 6/17/2019 8:51  
To: DNR RE BOGN

Dear members, this name change is totally unnecessary. I, my father before me, the land owners before him, and all my neighbors and their families and passed on land owners have never found the name offensive. do we not have any rights? we have farmed the land along this creek for over a century! we as kids fished this creek . also Kam creek is a lot closer to this northwood village they talk about than Squaw is. do they have the wrong one? shouldn't land owners the creek runs thru have some say in this ? I oppose this action. also are the Nooksacks going to pay for all the water rights papers to be changed to the new name? I have some certificates that are from the 50's. what about all the legal descriptions on land deeds? CREP contracts? Drainage district fees on taxes? one can go on and on. it is not as simple as hanging a new sign. One could just as well argue the name should be brought up to date with a name that reflects current times (Pangborn creek, miss Kinley waterway etc). Lots of streets are renamed after modern day famous people. Modern day living moves forward not backward! I say put it to a vote to the land owners along the creek and it will be apparent.  
Rodney L Visser 9304 Kragt Rd. Lynden Wa. 98264

## DNR RE BOGN

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**From:** Troy Lenssen <troylenssen@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019 7:50 PM  
**To:** DNR RE BOGN  
**Subject:** Squaw creek

As a resident of the local where Squaw creek runs though I would like to comment.

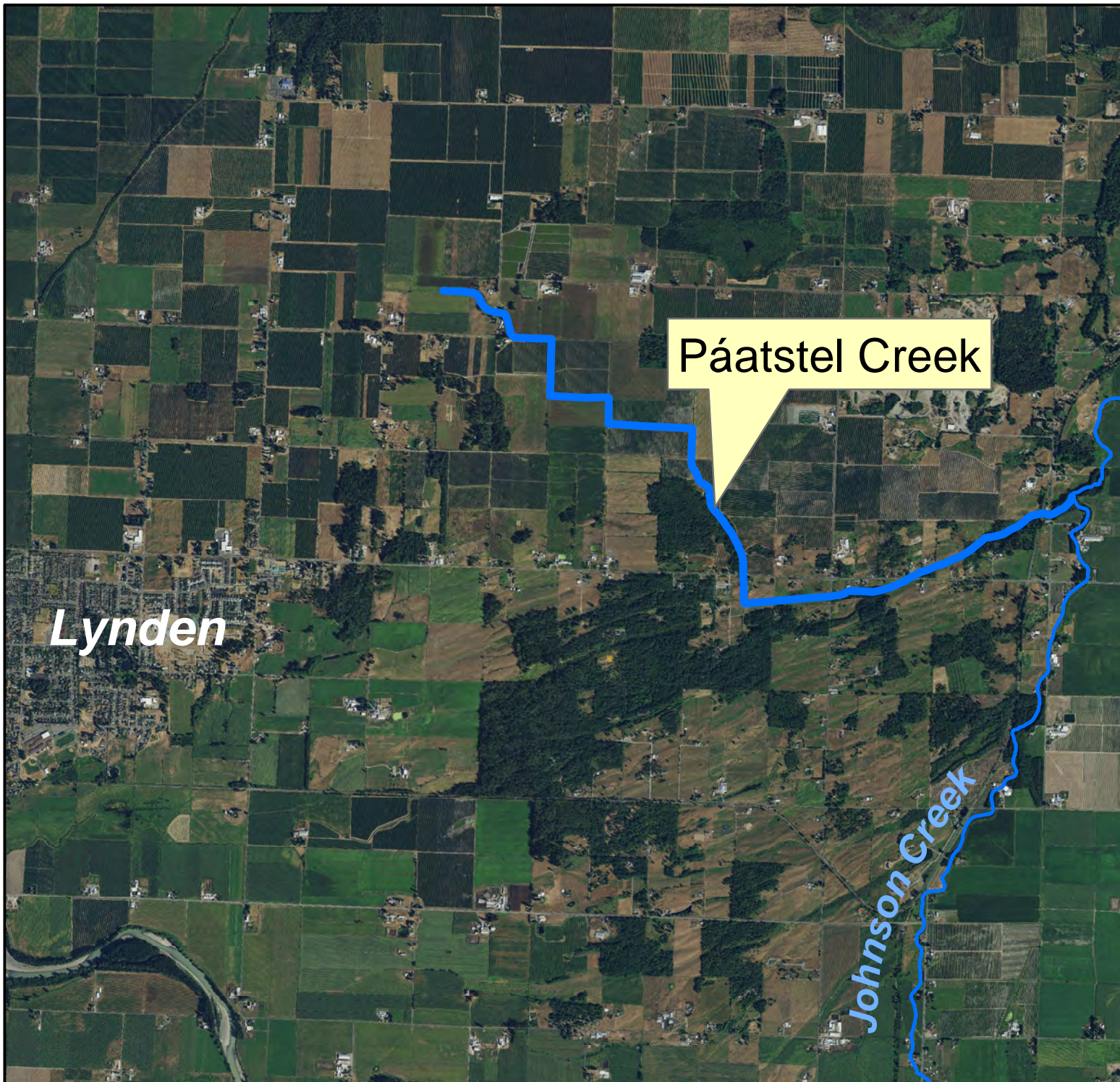
I would like to say to please leave the name. There is no proof of the Paatstel name. Squaw has been the name since maps were drawn. It is my land it runs through and I do not want the name changed. Squaw is NOT a derogatory name for a woman. After some reading it simply mean "woman". Its as if the original map writers would of named it "Lady".

So please keep the name.

Thank you

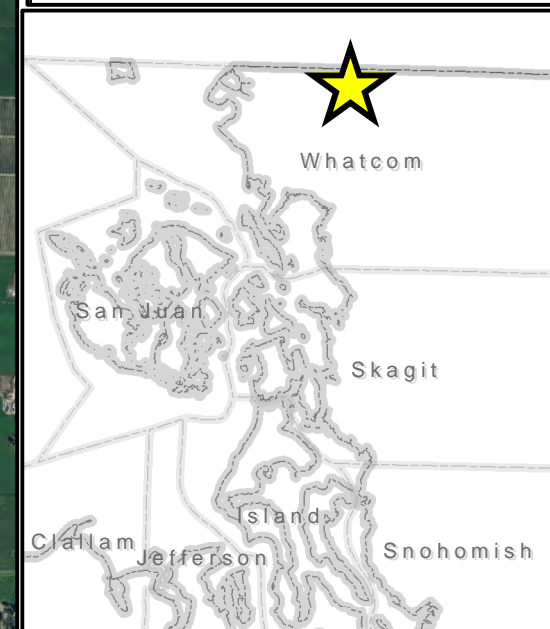
Troy Lenssen  
Lenssen Dairy LLC  
Lynden WA

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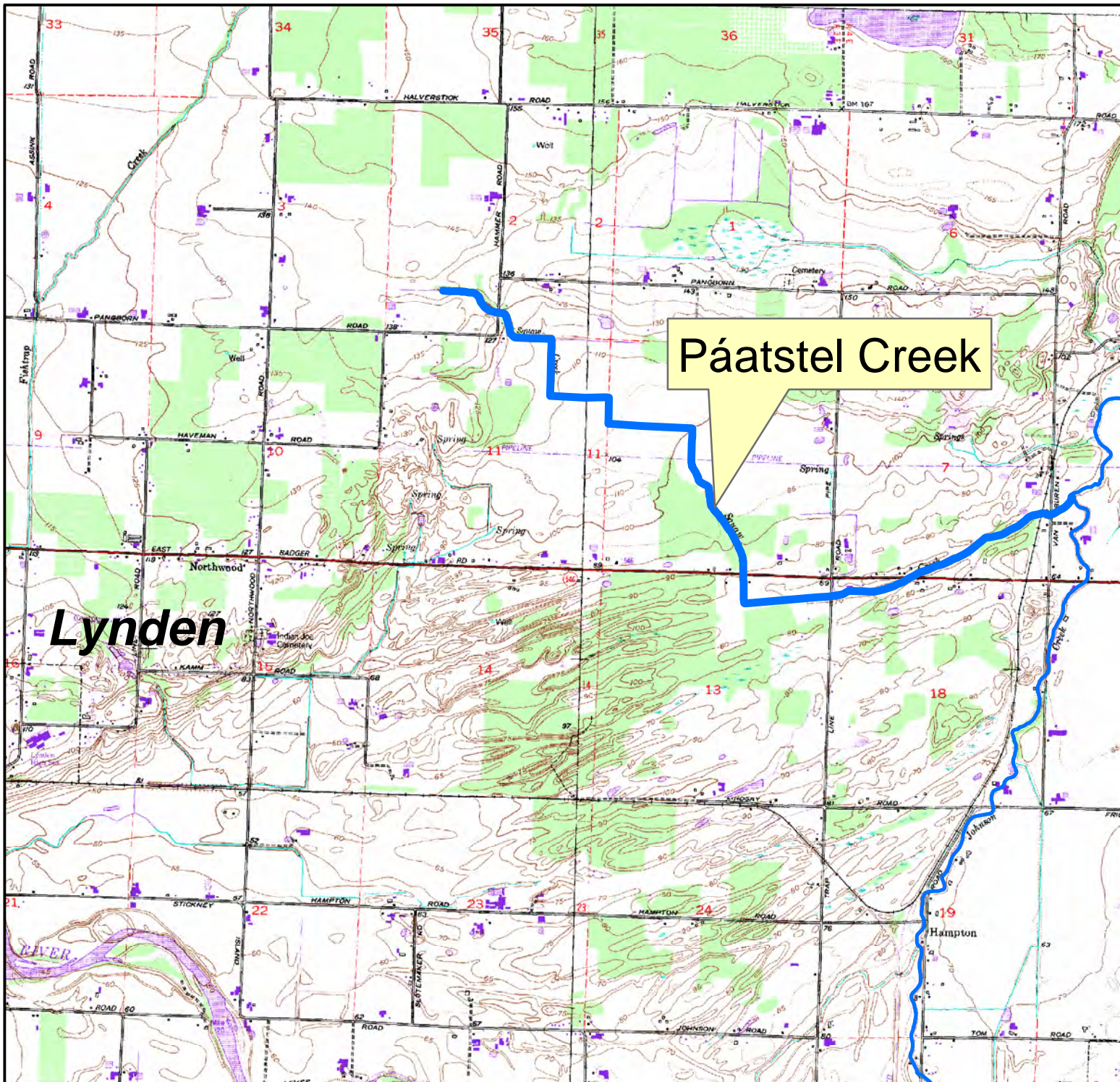


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