Holland Marsh  
*Snohomish County - New Name*

**Township:** 30N  
**Range:** 7E  
**Section:** 33

**USGS Quad:** Granite Falls

**Location Description:** Swamp; 8 acres; located 3.8 mi SW of Granite Falls at 48°2’21.966”N, 121°54’49.484”W.

**Proposal Summary:** Holland Marsh: swamp; 8 acres; located 3.8 mi SW of Granite Falls at 48°2’21.966”N, 121°54’49.484”W; Name commemorates Andy Holland (d. 2008). Mr. Holland was an Everett Community College Forestry and Mathematics Professor, and community leader; Snohomish County, Washington; Sec 33, T30N, R7E, Willamette Meridian; 48°2’21.966”N, 121°54’49.484”W USGS map - Granite Falls 1:24,000.

Proposed name commemorates Andy Holland (d. 2008). Mr. Holland was an Everett Community College Forestry and Mathematics Professor and a community leader, and was a wild fire lookout for the USFS. Mr. Holland was active in the teaching community, and encouraged generations of students to pursue Forestry.

**Proponent:**  
Chuck Holland  
PO Box 66  
Port Gamble, WA  98364

**Proposal Received:**  10/1/2019  
**Initial Consideration:**  10/29/2019  
**Final Consideration:**  4/26/2022

**WA Committee Decision:**  Deferred  
**WA Board Decision:**  
**US Board Decision:**

**Opinions:**  
Snohomish County Council - WAITING FOR RESPONSE  
Snohomish County Public Works - WAITING FOR RESPONSE  
Snohomish County Emergency Management - WAITING FOR RESPONSE
Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission - WAITING FOR RESPONSE
Granite Falls Historical Society - IN FAVOR
WA State Historical Society - WAITING ON RESPONSE
WA Farm Forestry - Upper Puget Sound Chapter - IN FAVOR
Russ Dalton - Private Citizen - IN FAVOR
Richard Atkins - Private Citizen - IN FAVOR
Ken Rose - Private Citizen - IN FAVOR
Gary Rose - Private Citizen - IN FAVOR
Jill Youde - Private Citizen - IN FAVOR
WASHINGTON STATE
Geographic Name Application

Proposed Name: **Holland Marsh**

County: **Snohomish**

PORTION of SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section: 33

Lat. N, Long. W (Begin)

Lat. N, Long. W (End)

SEE FRED EASEMENT #5B-086575

Description

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): **MARSH (TYPE A WETLAND)**

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

**APPROXIMATELY 8 ACRES SURROUNDED BY EITHER SKOGEN LLC FOREST LAND OR DNR FOREST LAND. (SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS AND FRED MAP)**

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

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: **NO**

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: **NO KNOWN NATIVE AMERICAN OR FIRST SETTLER USE. THE LAND HAS BEEN ONLY FOREST LAND WITH SIGNS OF PAST FIRE. SINCE 2008, THE SKOGEN LLC FOREST LAND HAS BEEN AN APPROVED AMERICAN TREE FARM SYSTEM FOREST LAND & WA-4110**

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: **SINCE 1978. PLEASE ATTACHED OBITUARIES ON ANDY HOLLAND AND SEPTEMBER 28, 2019, A FEATURING HIM IN THE 1930S AS A FOREST SERVICE FIRE LOOKOUT (NEW YORK TIMES)**
Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? TREE FARM MARSH ON THREE SIDES. FOURTH SIDE IS OUR LAND.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: IT WOULD RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PAST EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FORESTRY AND MATHEMATICS PROFESSOR, COMMUNITY LEADER AND PUBLISHED AUTHOR, ANDY HOLLAND.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? THE PROPOSED NAME IS NOT IN USE, DUE TO SKIDGEN LLC SURROUNDING FOREST LANDS.

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) EXISTING SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND USGS MAPS.

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:

ANDY HOLLAND LIVED HIS PEERS AND FAMILY. I AM THE LAST HOLLAND ALIVE AND BELIEVE ANDY HOLLAND SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WA STATE FORESTLANDS AND LOROZ ISLAND.

Application submitted by:

Name: chuck hollands
Address: PO BOX 106
City: PORT GAMBLE State: WA Zip: 98364
Phone #: 206.849.3417 Email: Ch Holland@JonesStovall.com
Date of Application: 10/1/19

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

Printed Name: chuck hollands
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 10/1/19

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: 360-902-1280 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)
Caleb,

Yes, please do change the application to Holland Marsh. Thank you for your help last year. I look forward to working further with you on the application in 2022. Please feel free to also use the above CC'd email address.

Best Regards,
Chuck

From: MAKI, CALEB (DNR) <CALEB.MAKI@dnr.wa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Chuck Holland <cholland@jonesstevedoring.com>
Subject: Andy Holland Marsh

At the October 26, 2021 meeting of the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names, the Committee voted to defer until the next meeting your application to name Andy Holland Marsh located in Snohomish County.

The Committee asked if you would be open to amending your proposal to “Holland Marsh”. If you agree, please send me an email stating this and I will update your proposal.

The Committee also mentioned that they would like to see more local support from residents before approving your proposed name.

The next Committee meeting will be held in May of 2021, and when a date is selected, I will contact you.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 902-1280 or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in geographic names.

Sincerely,

Caleb A. Maki
Photogrammetry Supervisor – Engineering Division
Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
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www.dnr.wa.gov
Caleb,
Here are the two obituaries. Please see the San Juan Islands obituary for the New York Times 9/28/19 article link.
Looking forward to being any further assistance if needed.
Chuck
Andy Holland fostered a passion for forestry in others

- By Justin Arnold Herald Writer
- Saturday, March 29, 2008 10:05pm
- LOCAL NEWS

EVERETT — A son of the Evergreen State, Andy Holland encouraged generations of students to embrace the forests as their own.

Born to Norwegian immigrant parents on Vashon Island, Holland grew up on a chicken farm. When he was a young teen, he lost both his parents and brother in a matter of years.

“Self-sufficiency was a must. He went to school, and with his two remaining siblings, sold eggs from the 1,000 chickens they had on the farm,” nephew Chuck Holland said.

Andy Holland was an athlete, and after graduating high school he went to Washington State University on a scholarship to study forestry. He eventually transferred to the University of Washington where he made friends with Everett’s Henry M. “Scoop” Jackson.

While at the University of Washington, Holland played baseball as a starting pitcher for the Huskies under coach Tubby Graves.

During the summers, Holland worked for the state forestry service, manning a lonely fire lookout station. He eventually wrote a book on his experiences called “Switchbacks.”

Jackson would often visit Holland on his lookout vigils, both looking forward to the “Slush Cup,” a yearly tradition at Mount Baker where people would try and ski across a slushy pond of snow and water.

Despite his passion for forestry, the Depression yielded few jobs in that field. It was then that Holland discovered his passion for teaching. Holland began teaching and coaching baseball at Tieton High School, south of Ellensburg, in 1938. He eventually moved and began teaching at Everett High School.

Holland and his wife Dolly joined the staff of Everett Junior College in 1941 where he taught mathematics, botany and forestry.
“He was amazing, had a real knack for nurturing passion in his students,” Chuck Holland said. “The impact that he had on his students still resounds today.”

Chuck Holland remembers making a business phone call when someone recognized his last name and asked if he and Andy were related.

“She told me that because of Andy, one of his students was now the head of the U.S. Forest Service for Mount Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest.”

Other students of Holland went on to careers that reflected the passion for Washington forests that they learned from their teacher. Student Dale Cole went on to become a professor of forestry at the University of Washington. Student Dale Atkins became an executive with the Plum Creek Timber.

After his retirement from education, Andy Holland and his wife moved to Lopez Island in the San Juans.

“When they moved there, Andy saw that the island had no community center, no hospice program … so just like Andy, he did something about it,” Chuck Holland said.

Andy Holland provided the seed money for the Lopez Center for Community and the Arts. Dolly Holland died in 1993.

“Andy had so many experiences that were difficult, and I would ask him how he got through them,” Chuck Holland said. “He would tell me ‘Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone. The earth has it’s own dearth and troubles enough of it’s own.’”
San Juan Islands Newspaper Obituary •

Andy Holland

- Tue Mar 4th, 2008 6:50pm

Andy Holland

Andrew “Andy” Holland passed away peacefully. He was 97 years old.

Andy was born to Norwegian immigrant parents on Vashon Island. He was orphaned at age 13, graduated from Vashon High School and earned a degree from the University of Washington’s education department with a major in botany and a minor in mathematics. He was a starting pitcher for the University of Washington’s baseball team.

Andy first taught school and coached at Tieton, near Yakima, WA. Summers, Andy worked as a lookout for the U.S. Forest Service. His adventures as a lookout are chronicled in his book, *Switchbacks*, published by the Mountaineers in 1980. In the book, he wrote, “I hope the guests of wilderness will continue to become the advocates for its survival, dedicated to preserving part of the earth in its original form so that humanity can always have access to the basic virtues and values of nature.”

Andy married Dolly (nee Helberg) in Aberdeen, WA in 1938. They made their first home in Everett where Andy was on the staff of Everett High School, teaching biology and coaching baseball. The Hollands loved spending time in nature and traveling. In his memoirs, Andy wrote, “… my wife and I had the yen to travel.” They enjoyed seeing the world together and their motto was “Live until we die.”

Both of the Hollands joined the faculty of Everett Junior College (now Everett Community College). Andy taught mathematics, botany and forestry. Many of his forestry students became professional foresters.

Upon retiring from the College, the Hollands moved to their home on Mud Bay, Lopez Island. Lopez was the Hollands’ Eden and they enjoyed entertaining friends and family, golfing, the bounty of the beach, an abundant garden and orchard and volunteering in the community.

Andy is credited with helping start the Lopez Center for Community and the Arts. He and Dolly are honored annually with the island’s Community Spirit Award and the baseball field adjacent to Lopez High is named in memory of Andy Holland.

Good Morning Caleb,

I was contacted by this Everett Herald journalist Zachariah Bryan on the Holland Marsh naming. Please read the emails below for how he found out about the naming from a colleague.

I spoke to Zachariah this morning. He will be writing an article that will appear in the Herald sometime in April.

I wanted you to be aware of this in advance. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help throughout this application process.

Chuck

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From: Zachariah Bryan <zbryan@heraldnet.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Chuck Holland <cholland@jonesstevedoring.com>
Subject: Re: Everett Herald story on Holland Marsh

Sure, I'll plan to call at 10. Thank you.

On Thu, Mar 31, 2022 at 11:33 AM Chuck Holland <cholland@jonesstevedoring.com> wrote:

Zachariah,

Would you like to call me at your convenience before your 11 AM meeting? That would be the most convenient for me.

My phone numbers are:
home: 360.297.0011
cell: 206.849.3417

Thank you so much for your interest in the marsh naming and my uncle. There are some people in our lives who live on despite no longer being alive. Andy is one of them.

Chuck

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From: Zachariah Bryan <zbryan@heraldnet.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 11:27 AM
To: Chuck Holland <cholland@jonesstevedoring.com>
Subject: Re: Everett Herald story on Holland Marsh

Yes, I did read that article, as well as the application for the name change. He sounds like a great guy. Would you have time tomorrow to talk? I'm pretty free outside of an 11 a.m. meeting. I am also curious if there's any particular reason for naming this specific marsh.
(Maybe there isn't much of a reason, and that's fine too.)

On Thu, Mar 31, 2022 at 11:02 AM Chuck Holland <cholland@jonesstevedoring.com> wrote:

Good Morning Zachariah,
Perhaps this article will help you understand why I am seeking to have the marsh named after my uncle.
If the Committee agrees, the marsh will be named Holland Marsh after Andy.
When is a good time for us to chat?
Thank you so much for contacting me and for your and the Herald's interest.
Chuck

From: Zachariah Bryan <zryan@heraldnet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 3:28 PM
To: Chuck Holland <cholland@jonesstevedoring.com>
Subject: Everett Herald story on Holland Marsh

Hi Chuck,

I'm the environment reporter with The Daily Herald newspaper, in Everett. A colleague of mine came across your proposal to name a marsh after your uncle, Andy Holland, and I thought I would write a short story about it, maybe for the weekend.

Would you have time to chat about why you want to name the marsh this week?

Thank you. Hope you're well.

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Zachariah Bryan
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Granite Falls marsh may be named for Everett college teacher

Andy Holland inspired generations of students to pursue forestry. Now his nephew wants to honor his legacy.

By Zachariah Bryan
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 1:30am  

GRANITE FALLS — A no-name marsh somewhere near Granite Falls could soon have a tie-in to a local legend.

If approved, the eight-acre marsh would be named after Andy Holland, an Everett Community College teacher and fire lookout who taught generations of people to pursue forestry.

His nephew, Chuck Holland, had the idea to name the wetland Holland Marsh. He inherited some of the surrounding forest from his uncle and maintains it to this day as a tree farm, a few miles south of Granite Falls.
“This is part of my idea to a legacy,” he said. “A legacy to Andy, and all he’s done for others.”

The proposal is before the state Department of Natural Resources Committee on Geographic Names. At a meeting April 26, the committee will decide whether to recommend the name to the department’s Board on Geographic Names. Then, if all goes well, the board will transmit the proposed name to the feds.

One might view the quest to name this marsh as peculiar. There’s no easy public access, and no way to see it, unless perhaps you are a bird or have a drone.

That doesn’t diminish its importance, Chuck Holland argued. It’s “so vital to the Pilchuck River watershed,” he said. It’s part of the Natural Resources forest riparian easement program, he said, meaning he can’t do anything with the wetlands without state approval, and vice versa.

“As often happens with tree farms, there’s special places like this marsh, which have no public access or visibility,” Chuck Holland said.

During visits, Chuck Holland said, he has had to bushwhack his way to the marsh with a machete. The pond is framed by a “forest cathedral” of old growth, he said. A stream runs through and dumps into a nearby lake. Salmon use the marsh, as do beavers.

As the marsh has risen and fallen, trees have died, fallen, and become snags that provide yet more habitat.

Chuck Holland said the marsh — and all the creatures that take advantage of it — should be left undisturbed.

Andy Holland led a storied life. Born in 1910 to Norwegian immigrants, he grew up on a chicken farm on Vashon Island. He lost his parents and his brother early in life, leaving him and his two remaining siblings to fend for themselves — going to school and selling eggs from about a thousand chickens.

He studied forestry at both Washington State University and the University of Washington. He was a starting pitcher for the Huskies baseball team and
befriended local legend Henry M. “Scoop” Jackson.

Andy Holland spent his summers working as a fire lookout, eventually writing a memoir titled, “Switchbacks.”

In 1938, he taught and coached baseball at Tieton High School, south of Ellensburg. A few years later, he and his wife, Dolly, joined the staff of Everett Junior College, where he taught math, botany and forestry. There he inspired countless students.

When they retired, he and his wife moved to Lopez Island. She died in 1993.

Andy Holland spent his final days in senior housing in Anacortes. Friends, family and folks from the island often stopped to see him, his nephew said.

“He was like a filling station,” Chuck Holland said. “He was a very astute listener. ... He could live his life like he did before through people’s experiences, by listening.”

“In turn, those people became nurtured,” he continued. “You always went away feeling better than when you arrived.”

Andy Holland died in February 2008 at the age of 97.

One of the people he inspired was his nephew.

“I’ve always had an interest in forestry,” Chuck Holland said. “... Some people like to take down trees, I like to plant them. He saw that in me, and said why don’t you have the tree farm?”

Talking about his uncle, Chuck Holland still gets choked up.

“People like that, you never get over,” he said. “They’re always with you.”

Zachariah Bryan: 425-339-3431; zbryan@heraldnet.com. Twitter: @zachariahtb.

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Received
I am writing in support of the proposal to name Holland Marsh in Snohomish County.

The factors that are considered by the committee per WAC 332-160-040 include two that are very relevant to this proposal. The first is that names "...strongly supported by local residents will be favored." As a resident of Snohomish County I strongly support this proposal, and to date have seen no evidence of any objection to the proposed name from any local residents. The second factor is related to the historical significance of the proposal. The Holland family has a long legacy in this area, dating back to the early 1940s when Andy and Dolly Holland joined the faculty of Everett Junior College. The relationship of the name to the property has also been established as the Holland family owns much of the property that surrounds the marsh, and has for over 50 years.

In a broader sense, the connection between the Holland family and the entire forested area of Snohomish County and beyond is strong, primarily through Andy Holland's work with the United States Forest Service, as a college instructor in forestry, and through both Andy and Dolly's work in retirement on Lopez Island. The Holland family has a strong reputation in both Snohomish and San Juan counties, making significant contributions consistent with the preservation of the marsh that should be named after the family. This is consistent with the commemorative naming standard favoring proposals where the name commemorates someone who has "...either some direct or long-term association with the feature or have made a significant contribution to the area in which it is located..." The Holland family has both.

My work at Everett Community College puts me into contact with many alumni dating back to the 1940s. I often hear of the impact of the Holland family members, including the three members of the family who taught here. Andy, Dolly, and their son Jerry (who owned much of the property surrounding the marsh) are mentioned by many former students. These former students include the former head U.S. Forest Service for Mount Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest, a forestry industry CEO, a University of Washington forestry professor, and others who gained an appreciation of protecting the land for public benefit. Andy's friend Henry M. Jackson was one of the most influential members of Congress when it came to the preservation of our country's wilderness areas, and thousands of acres are named in his honor. The Holland family has earned the honor of having their name on this small marsh for their contributions, and I ask the committee to vote favorably on this proposal.

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John Olson
Executive Director, Community and Government Relations
Everett Community College
Dear Committee Members:

I am in earnest support of the proposal to name a peak in the Twin Sister range "Dallas Kloke Peak", after Dallas Kloke.

Dallas was my friend. I am so grateful to have known him! What was so special about Dallas? There was no one more passionate about the mountains, and his enthusiasm for climbing was boundless & infectious. He was always willing to take a novice under his wing, both on the rock and in the peaks of the North Cascades. This is how I met him in 2002 despite being intimidated by his reputation as a local climbing legend. In person, I found Dallas to be incredibly warm, wimble, encouraging & supportive. He mentored many young aspiring climbers in Washington State over the course of his life. He was generous of his time, knowledge & skills.

Being in the mountains with Dallas was so much fun! He was so full of energy, often giddy & just happy to be outside, with friends, doing what he loved. I was with Dallas on his last day of life on the Pleiades, and he was characteristically joyful & embracing life. At 71 years of age, Dallas had been climbing for 50 years. We all thought of him as invincible. Sadly, we were mistaken.

Losing Dallas was such a shock to our community & to the many people who loved him. Naming a peak in the North Cascades after him would be a very fitting and enduring memorial to his many contributions to the people of Skagit Valley and beyond. Thank you for your consideration of this honor.

Sincerely, Jill Youde, Anacortes WA.
To The Washington State Committee on Geographic Names
c/o Caleb Maki
caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov

It is my understanding that the naming committee has asked for public support for Chuck Holland’s proposal. As President of the Upper Puget Sound Chapter of the Washington Farm Forestry Association (https://www.wafarmforestry.com); I’m writing to ask you to approve the proposal to name the marsh on Chuck’s tree farm near Granite Falls - Holland Marsh.

Our Chapter’s members include over 90 small private landowners (tree farmers) in North King, Snohomish, Skagit and Island Counties. Chuck Holland is a long-time member and former officer of our Chapter. We often have on our tree farms special places such as the marsh on Chuck’s property, which have no public access or visibility. The marsh is not visible from any public road. The public does not therefore know of this marsh.

I have personally bushwhacked into this particular marsh with Chuck. It is vital to the Pilchuck River watershed, providing clean water and valuable wildlife habitat. This marsh is included in the WA State Forest Riparian Easement Program (FREP), protecting its adjacent old growth forest and clean water for perpetuity.

We tree farmers are uniquely positioned to offer you the requested public support for naming this marsh Holland Marsh. Thank you in advance for approving this proposal.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Layton
President
Upper Puget Sound Chapter
Washington Farm Forestry Association
425-220-5711
Attn: Mr. Caleb Maki, Sec. Wash. State Committee on Geographic Names

Dear Mr. Maki,

I would consider Mr. Andy Holland the perfect person for the naming of the marsh near Granite Falls, WA. Andy was my college instructor at Everett Community College 67 years ago. His class dealt with forest management and his knowledge and teaching skills left a definite mark on me. I learned from him topographical map reading, map drawing skills, timber cruising, how to read section corner marking and how to lay out simple property lines using a compass plus much more. His humor, skills in the woods and backcountry impressed not only me but the whole class.

Sincerely,

Gary Rose
Edmonds, WA

Sent from Mail for Windows
Hello Mr. Maki,

I would like to support the naming of the Andy Holland Marsh as a recognition of Mr. Holland’s dedication to our forestlands. However, I did notice that all the documents refer to it as a marsh that is 3.8mi SW of Granite Falls, when it is actually 3.8mi SE of Granite Falls, close to Menzel Lake :-)

Fred Cruger
Granite Falls Historical Society
Caleb Maki  Executive Secretary Washington Committee on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030 Olympia  WA 98504  7030 (360) 902 1280 caleb.maki@dnr wa gov

Hello Mr. Maki,
I received a request from Chuck Holland asking if I might submit support to your agency regarding the naming of a marsh on the Holland tree farm that would commemorate his late uncle, Andy Holland. I wish to do so now.

I feel as though I know Andy Holland better than I should. I met Andy twice. The first time was in 1991 when he came by the North Cascades National Park Marblemount Ranger Station where he met the staff at the Wilderness Office and discussed their carrying a copy of his memoir called Switchbacks. The second time was in July of 2002 when he was attending the Poets Rendezvous in Newhalem. The gathering of Park and Forest workers and supporters as well as poetry enthusiasts marked some seventy some years of fire watching from towers and the interesting people who were drawn to that work. Andy Holland was one of the colorful speakers to attend.

For the past five years I was posted at the Miners Ridge Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness. This was the same location that inspired Andy to write his book Switchbacks, which not only recounts his days living in that remote location but his appreciation of the wildlife and especially the forest surrounding him. That book became my "go to" resource when I was meeting the many visitors to the lookout and I wished to tell them some of the history of the ridge, and the dedicated lookouts who had served there. After a while it became easy for me to quote from Andy’s book and to share what also came to be his and my own enthusiasm for the wonderful wilderness that has been preserved there.

Recently I was discussing Andy Holland with a Park Service friend who had retired from a long career as a fire fighter, and learned that the same friend had taken forestry classes from Andy when he was teaching in Everett. The friend said that Andy was an excellent teacher who was very keen on sharing his knowledge of managing—nurturing even—our native forests. It was a great experience that lead my friend and so many others that he knew to take up a career in Forestry.

That same desire that Andy had to save and manage our forests could be said to extend to the marshland on the very tree farm that Chuck Holland is managing today. It would be a fitting tribute to Andy’s memory and career to name the marsh in his honor.

Sincerely,

Russ Dalton

Russ Dalton
11633 Martin Rd.
Rockport, WA
98283
360-770-0504
Dear Mr. Maki:

This email is in support of naming a marsh in Snohomish County Andy Holland Marsh.

I graduated Arlington High School in 1952 and worked on a Forest Service trail crew in the Darrington District that summer. I was a shy, 17 year old average student who thought I would give college a try. Forestry seemed like a good option, although I had only a vague idea of what a “forest ranger” would do. I enrolled at Everett Junior College, which consisted of one brick building and several surplus Army temporary wooden classrooms. Professor Andy Holland taught forestry to about eight students in one of those classrooms that year. I took Dendrology and a course in practical forestry that was deemed by University of Washington to be below their standards, with credits not transferable. That course, and Andy Holland, sparked my interest in forestry into a full-blown flame that led to a degree in Forest Management from the University of Washington in 1956 and a long career in industrial forestry at Plum Creek Timber Company. Among other things, Andy took our class to his private tree farm near Machias. It was a work in progress, but we could see that by hard work and patience it was possible to earn a profit from tree farming. I went right home to our farm in Arlington and pruned and thinned our three acres of Douglas-fir trees. I purchased my own 40 acre tree farm 42 years ago and built it up to 875 acres today, with ownership split among our family.

Along with being an enthusiastic instructor, Andy provided me with individual guidance and help. When I thought I might fail my physics course, I called on him, and he helped me try to understand some concepts that were really foreign to my brain. I passed the next test with a “B” and finished with a “C”. Many in the class did worse. Andy recommended I take a course in speech. It was tough for me, but helpful for my career. He urged me to go right on to University of Washington because the Spring quarter Pack Forest class was going to be changed to summer soon, which would prevent me from earning enough during the summer to pay for the next year’s school.

I never saw Andy Holland after that year at Everett Junior College, but over the years I have run into several other foresters who knew him and let me know my experience was not unique. I recommend his legacy be marked by the official naming of Andy Holland Marsh.

Richard Atkins
Certified Forester
Dear Mr. Maki,

As a cousin of the late Andy Holland, I was thrilled to recently find out that a final hearing has been set with the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names for May 2020.

I am writing this e-mail to express my support for naming the marsh near Menzel Lake as “Andy Holland Marsh”. This honor is well deserved due to Andy’s commitment to preservation of wilderness areas. This quote from Andy’s autobiography (Switchbacks, 1980) where he chronicled his experiences as a Forest Service fire lookout exemplifies his dedication to nature:

“I hope the guests of wilderness will continue to become the advocates for its survival, dedicated to preserving part of the earth in its original form so that humanity can always have access to the basic virtues and values of nature.”
Not only was Andy dedicated to nature, he also was a long-time active member of the Lopez Island community, often taking on leadership roles in endeavors to improve life for residents and visitors of this rural, tight-knit island population. Andy and his wife of 65 years (Dolly, who passed away 15 years prior to Andy) started advocating for the creation of a community and arts center. After Dolly’s passing, Andy was credited with helping to start the Lopez Center for Community and the Arts. His donation of $50,000 got the ball rolling with the fundraising efforts which resulted in the center being debt free upon completion. He also played an instrumental role in the creation of a baseball field adjacent to Lopez School (Pre-K -12th grade).

Beginning in 2000, the Lopez Center for Community and the Arts has honored an individual, couple, or partners with an annual award called The Andy and Dolly Holland Spirit Award. The award was created to honor people who give unselfishly to the community in extraordinary ways, just as Andy and Dolly did for many years.
Myself and my family thank you for the work your committee does. We look forward to hearing the decision made by this committee and are hopeful that you are in agreement that it is appropriate to make the naming of Andy Holland Marsh a reality.

Sincerely,

Ken Rose
(Lopez Island resident 1990-2017)
(currently residing in Sedro Woolley, WA)
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Subject: FW: Andy Holland Marsh - Geographic Name Opinion Request

From: Simmonds, Rob <Rob.Simmonds@snoco.org>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 12:44 PM
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Subject: RE: Andy Holland Marsh - Geographic Name Opinion Request

Not a fan of the name. Drop Andy from the name and it would be whole lot better.

Rob Simmonds, IT
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