Bear Run

Proposal Information

Proposed name Bear Run

Proposal type new name for unnamed feature

Current official name N/A GNIS ID N/A

Proponent Michael Pelton; Middlebrook, VA

Date proposed 6/18/2023
BGN case number 6080
Quarterly Review List 452

Feature Details

Primary coordinates 37.9993, -79.34906 Secondary coordinates 38.01982, -79.35765

Feature class stream
Feature size 1.7 mi. long

Feature description heads on the SE side of Little North Mountain 3.5 mi SW of

McKinley, flows SE into Walker Creek 0.8 mi. NE of Zack

Name history named for bears seen in the area USGS primary topo map Brownsburg 1:24,000 (mouth)

State(s) Virginia

County(s) Rockbridge County, Augusta County

Land ownership private

BGN decisions

None

Other Names

Unpublished names: None foundPublished names: None found

Case Summary

The new name <u>Bear Run</u> is proposed for an unnamed 1.7-mile-long tributary of Walker Creek in Rockbridge County and Augusta County. In 1999, the proponent purchased land that includes the stream's source and its upper 0.75 miles, and in 2003 placed the land into a permanent conservation easement. He states that the name "can raise awareness of the respect it deserves and help others see the importance of keeping it clean."

GNIS lists a stream named <u>Bear Branch</u> 15 miles to the southeast in Augusta County; this stream is across the Shenandoah Valley on the Blue Ridge.

Stakeholder Input

Local government Rockbridge County

Augusta County

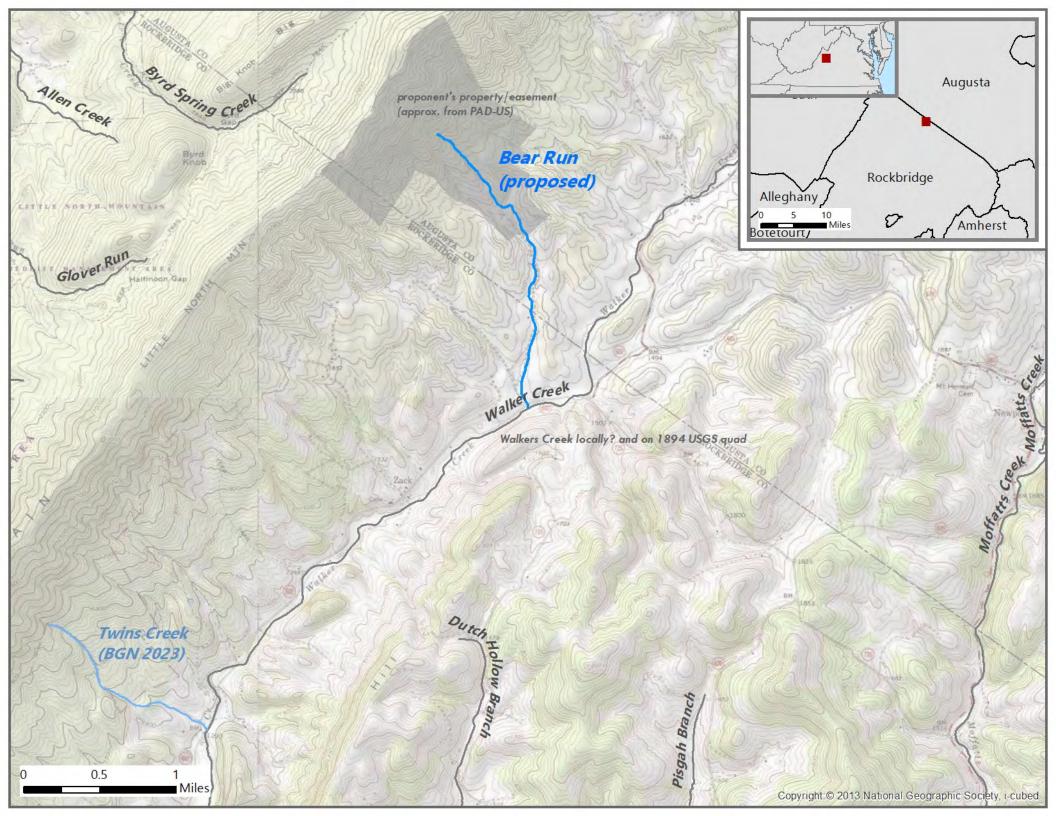
State Names Authority Virginia Federal Agency n/a

Federally Recognized Tribes

All federally recognized Tribes

contacted under Policy X

Other



Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Form

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

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

Submit Proposal:

Email this form and supporting documentation to: <u>BGNEXEC@usgs.gov</u>

i. Save PDF as 'ST_GeographicName' for example 'CO_BearCreek'

Contact Us:
BGNEXEC@usgs.gov

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OR 2. Send by mail to:

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

Please note that anything submitted by mail will delayed.

Naming Basics

Proposed Name:	Is this to change an existing name?		
	YN		
Is this name in current local use?	If yes, please provide the official name and Feature ID as it appears in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS).		
What is the Feature Class?	GNIS Name:		
	Feature ID:		

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Longitude:	(-77.36839)		County:	
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Longitude:	(-77.36839)	Order Annual Ann	Public Land S	Survey System:
Source/He	eadwater	land of the state	Section(s), To	ownship, Range, Meridian
Latitude:	(38.94741)			
Longitude:	(-77.36839)			

Physical shape, length, width, etc. (Maps can be submitted separately by email)

Name Details

Name information:

Please provide relevant information about the proposed name, such as origin, meaning, how long it has been in current use, as well as current or historical significance. Also include why you believe the feature requires a name or name change and why the proposed name is appropriate. Describe any documents that you will be submitting (separately by email) to support your proposal.

Please provide a list of supporting docu Examples: Published sources showing society, etc.).	umentation, including any web links: the proposed name or letters of support (local gov	vernment, historical
s the name <u>commemorative</u> ? Does the	name honor or refer to a person or persons?	' N
deceased at least five years. The BGN person being honored should have had made a significant contribution to the a	ept proposals for names that are intended to honor will disapprove names that could be construed to let either (1) some direct or long-term association with area, community, or State in which it is located; or (the BGN discourages the use of an individual's full in	honor living persons. The th the feature, or (2) have (3) have outstanding
f yes, please provide the following:		
Ionoree's Date of Birth:	Honoree's Date of Death:	
Short biography and significance or ass	sociation with the geographic feature: (list any add	ditional honorees here)

Is the feature in a Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Area? Please note that the BGN will not approve new names for unnam study areas, unless an overriding need can be demonstrated by the study area.	
Additional Information +	
Is there any local opposition or conflict with the proposed name? If yes, please explain and describe any opposition:	Y N
Additional notes: Proponent Information	
Please provide one form of contact (email preferred): Proponent's Name: Agency or Organization, if applicable:	Are you completing this form for someone else? Y N If yes, please fill out the following:

