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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Gregory C Winters; Jennifer E Runyon
Cc: Daumiller, Gerry
Subject: Proposed Grizzly Creek

Jenny,

The proposal to name the stream Grizzly Creek is based on its association with Grizzly Mountain Road. GNIS has no record of a Grizzly Mountain in Missoula County. If the road name is associated with a summit name, this summit would be entirely within the Flathead Indian Reservation. A search of the Internet returns lots of hits referring to "Grizzly Mountain" mostly in reference to the road or companies that use Grizzly Mountain in their name.

I'm wondering if there is a Grizzly Mountain that Grizzly Mountain Road traverses or goes up or is near and what we should do about it

Gerry, do know any more about the name Grizzly Mountain which is used extensively in the Missoula area? Does it refer to a local summit? Does the name appear on a published map?

From: Daumiller, Gerry
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Subject: FW: Proposed Grizzly Creek

Jane,

I talked to the supervisor of the Missoula County GIS department, and he said he doesn't believe any County agency will know if the name of Grizzly Mountain Road is supposed to be associated with a peak or not.

I am not at all familiar with any peak named Grizzly Mountain from the time I lived in Missoula. I Googled "Grizzly Mountain Montana" to try to get a feeling for the businesses that use the name. It seems unlikely to me that any of them are named after an actual peak. I came up with a listing for the Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club at 1011 Grizzly Mountain Road, so I called them, at 406-726-4126.

I spoke with a Mr. Willy Worthy. He says that a grizzly bear and her cub broke into a property along the road before the road had a name, and someone suggested the name at that time in honor of the event. He said that some people refer to the creek as Charity Creek (after the prominent peak the stream originates on) and some call it (I'm not sure I remember this correctly now) Missy Kim Creek after a person who lives in the area now. He said he has no objection to the name Grizzly Creek and that Mr. Naugle is one of the original residents of Grizzly Mountain Road.