

From: Jeanne Worthy [mailto:worthy482002@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 3:16 PM  
To: Daumiller, Gerry  
Subject: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area

I realize I'm late in submitting my comment on the naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area near Missoula, but we've been on vacation and I just now saw the Missoulain editorial with the information.

My husband and I are 20 year residents of Grizzly Mountain Road in Evaro, which parallels what Brian and Theresa Naugle want to name Grizzly Creek.

We would rather see it retain the previous/non mapped name of Kitty Girl Creek which was given to it by one of the early residents on the road, Nellie Stark, now of Oregon.

would appreciate a reply back as to what does happen. We're surprised that this didn't have to be posted for the neighborhood of 20 or so residents to review before it could be named.

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From: Daumiller, Gerry  
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 8:24 AM  
To: 'Jeanne Worthy'  
Subject: RE: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area

Dear Ms. Worthy,

Before this year, the only chances for public notice of proposed geographic name decisions were on the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN) web site and when the State Names Advisor sent a letter to county commissioners asking for their opinions on names proposals. Since I have been the Names Advisor, I felt this was not adequate and now the State Library is issuing public notices of all name proposals, which you probably saw in the Missoulain.

I am waiting to send my letter to the Missoula County Commission until I have heard from the Salish Cultural Committee on whether they approve of the name or if there is a Salish name for the creek.

I will count you as an opponent to the Grizzly Creek name, and you may also contact the county commission if you want them to know you are opposed. I do not decide whether or not the proposal is accepted. I pass on the opinions I receive to the BGN and I tell them whether the State of Montana opposes the proposal or not. The BGN makes the final decision.

If you want the stream to be named Kitty Girl Creek, you need to go to the BGN web site at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic> and click on the "Propose or Change a Name" link in the left column. If you want to do this, I can help you. The only reason to not do it would be if "Kitty Girl" is a nickname for someone who is still living. The BGN will not approve giving a name to a stream that refers to a person who is living or has been deceased less than five years.

Its hard for me to know what will happen with the name of this creek. I tend to not like Grizzly Creek because there is another Grizzly Creek just 15 miles away in Lake County, and because I've now heard about the name Kitty Girl three times. But if the Salish Cultural Committee comes up with another name, it will be hard for me to go against their name for a creek that is on the reservation.

I will keep you informed. Please let me know if you want me to help you submit a proposal. If some name other than Kitty Girl is assigned to the creek, I will make sure the BGN enters Kitty Girl Creek in the "also known as" section of the record.

Gerry Daumiller  
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From: Jeanne Worthy  
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 9:38 AM  
To: Daumiller, Gerry  
Subject: RE: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area

Thanks for your prompt reply. I do want to submit a proposal to name the creek Kitty Girl, so let me know what to do next.

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From: Daumiller, Gerry  
Subject: RE: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area  
To: "Jeanne Worthy"  
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2011, 1:05 PM

Jeanne,  
To submit the Kitty Girl Creek name, please go to <http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic/f?p=DGNPPublic> and fill out the application.

The application has 11 pages and I've put some suggested answers to their questions below. The page has instructions on how to get back to your form if you can't finish the whole thing in one sitting. Make sure you remember your proposal ID number. Please let me know if you need help.

1. Page 1

- Proposed Name: **Kitty Girl Creek**
- Action Requested: **Name an unnamed feature**
- Evidence feature is unnamed: **No label is shown for this creek on USGS topographic maps and no entry for this location exists in the Geographic Names Information System**
- Is proposed name in local use? **Yes**
- Any local conflict? **Yes**
- Explain conflict: **There is a proposal to name this creek Grizzly Creek**
- Details: *You can put anything you want in here, or leave it blank and fill in your explanation of why this name should be used in the "Meaning or significance" block on page 2.*

2. Page 2

- Ignore the "Click here to search GNIS" line.
- Feature class: **stream**
- Descriptive information: **Heads on the SE slope of Charity Peak at 47°04'34"N, 114°07'32"W, flows E to enter Finley Creek 2.8 mi NNE of Evaro.**
- Meaning or significance: *Here is where you say that Nellie Stark called it Kitty Girl Creek, say why she did that, and give as much information as possible about who "Kitty Girl" was and when she was born and died. You could talk about how many people you know use the name.*
- Is the proposed name intended to commemorate/honor an individual? **Yes**

3. Page 3 – If you have any electronic or scanned documents that support the name, such as maps or letters you have your friends write in support of the name, click Yes, I do and follow the instructions. Otherwise, click No.

4. Page 4 – Select Montana, then select Missoula County.

5. Page 5 – Click the Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds button.

- Latitude Degrees: **47**
- Minutes: **4**
- Seconds: **16**
- Longitude Degrees: **114**
- Minutes: **3**
- Seconds: **59**

6. Page 6

- Administrative area type: **American Indian Reservation**
- Administrative area name: **Flathead Indian Reservation**
- Details: *leave blank*

7. Page 7

- Source Type: **Document**

- Details: **References to Kitty Girl Creek are on pages 2, 4,15, and 19 of a Montana water right permit, number 76L-9647-00, which may be viewed at <http://filenet.mt.gov/waterrights/GetDocument?vid={72AA065C-8706-414D-9F05-FB15E2884FBC}>**
  - Date: **1976**
8. Page 8 Leave blank
  9. Page 9 Leave blank, unless you can find a government or tribal official who supports the name
  10. Page 10 This is where you fill in your name
  11. Page 11 Click the pink "Click to submit button" when you are completely done.

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From: Jeanne Worthy  
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 9:45 AM  
To: Daumiller, Gerry  
Subject: RE: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area

Wow!!! Thanks for all your help!!! This is absolutely fantastic!!! May I forward the instructions to others who may be interested in doing the same?

I'll try to get it submitted today.

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From: Daumiller, Gerry  
Subject: RE: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area  
To: "Jeanne Worthy"  
Date: Friday, September 30, 2011, 10:11 AM

You may forward the instructions.

If you are saying there are other people who want the name of this creek to be Kitty Girl Creek, it doesn't help for them all to submit it. There can only be one submission. What will help is for you to get all of their names and include them in your submission as evidence that the name is already being used.

Yesterday I asked if I could give your name to the Salish Cultural Committee. Please let me know. Their person who I've been corresponding with on this is Tom Smith, at 396-5479.

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From: Jeanne Worthy  
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 10:19 AM  
To: Daumiller, Gerry  
Subject: RE: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area

Yes, that would be fine to have me as a contact person. Thanks for clarifying the submission info....I had thought the more submissions the better!

My phone number again is 406-726-4126, and address is 1011 Grizzly Mountain Road, Evaro

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From: Daumiller, Gerry  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 2:28 PM  
To: 'Jeanne Worthy'  
Subject: RE: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area

Jeanne,

For your information, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have formally proposed to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN) that the creek by Grizzly Mountain Road be named Sim-heh Creek. Sim-heh is an approximate English spelling of the Salish word for grizzly bear.

Are you still planning to submit a proposal to name it Kitty Girl Creek to the BGN? It will now probably be several months before the BGN decides on the name, because now they have to ask everyone what they think of the Sim-heh Creek proposal. If you submit your proposal soon, they will be able to save time by asking about both proposals at once.

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From: Daumiller, Gerry  
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 11:15 AM  
To: 'Jeanne Worthy'  
Subject: RE: naming of Grizzly Creek in Evaro area

Jeanne,

Last week I received a message from the Missoula County Commissioner's office saying that they support the name Sim-heh Creek for the un-named stream which you told me you wanted to be named Kitty Girl Creek, and for which the Naugles have proposed the name Grizzly Creek.

Please let me know whether or not you still want the U.S. Board of Geographic Names to consider your name for the creek. They cannot consider it unless you submit a proposal on their web site, <http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic/f?p=DGNPPublic> as I described in the Sep 29 message below. I can help you do your submission if you want me to.