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Submitting names

1 message

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Hi Maureen,
Here is the info for submitting names for unnamed features:
1. How can I name an unnamed natural feature?

Proposals to name an unnamed natural feature may be submitted to the BGN as described below. The BGN is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names throughout the Federal Government, and promulgates policies governing issues such as commemorative naming, derogatory names, and names in wilderness areas. Generally the most important policy is local use and acceptance.

Please note that no natural feature (and certain manmade features) may be named for a living person. A potential honoree must have been deceased for at least five years, and must have had either a direct and long-term association with the feature, or must have made notable civic contributions.

Upon receipt of a proposal, all interested parties will be asked to comment. The BGN makes decisions only after receiving recommendations from the local government, county government, the State Names Authority (in 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 2 Territories), and appropriate land management agencies. Only name proposals for natural features will be accepted.

A new name proposal may be submitted using the Domestic Geographic Names form ([PDF version](#)) mailed to U.S. Board on Geographic Names, U.S. Geological Survey, [12201 Sunrise Valley Drive](#), MS 523, Reston, VA 20192-0523. Alternatively, the [online version](#) of the form may be used. Please read the Principles, Policies, and Procedures before submitting a proposal. An information packet and forms can be mailed upon request. The entire process is free of charge, but will take approximately six months. For more information contact the [BGN Staff](#).

<https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/board-on-geographic-names/how-do-i>

Hope that helps.
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