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To: Ryan Draughn, Chair, NC Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee

From: Tyrel G. Moore, Chair, NC Board on Geographic Names

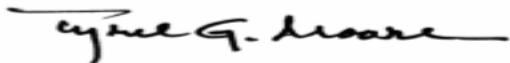
Re: January 13, 2016 NCBGN Report to NC Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee

The NCBGN received two proposals on June 23, 2015 for naming unnamed streams “Spurr Creek” and “Winding Oak Creek” in Granville County. The USBGN currently is processing the “Spurr Creek” proposal because the petitioners have requested a commemorative naming of “Spurr Creek.” The file will remain incomplete until additional details associated with the petitioner’s request are received and reviewed by the USBGN and the NCBGN. The additional information is needed by the USBGN to meet requirements which stipulate that: 1) at least five years have elapsed since the death of the person for whom the feature is proposed to be named, and, 2) it can be demonstrated that the family has played an historically significant role in the area.

The NCBGN also received petitions to rename two objectionable or offensive names for features, “Negro Mountain” and “Negro Prong” in Transylvania County. These features are located in the Pisgah National Forest.

The petitions for renaming the features focus on the life of Hiram Rhodes Revels (1827-1901) who was born in North Carolina and was the first black member of the U.S. Senate. He was born in Fayetteville, NC (225 mi. from summit) and lived during his youth in Lincolnton, NC (90 mi. away). These proposals also must comply with the USBGN's Commemorative Names Policy. The USBGN requests a recommendation from the NCBGN, and therefore should be handled as an Action Item.

Respectfully Submitted,



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