

**Date: April 20, 2016**

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

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

**Re: April 20, 2016 NCBGN Report to the NC Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee**

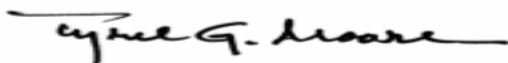
The NCBGN received two proposals on June 23, 2015 for naming unnamed streams “Spurr Creek” and “Winding Oak Creek” in Granville County. The processing of the “Spurr Creek” proposal accommodates the proponent’s request for a commemorative naming of “Spurr Creek.” The file will remain incomplete until additional details associated with the proponent’s request are received and reviewed by the USBGN and the NCBGN. The additional information and time are needed by the USBGN to meet principles that stipulate: 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 members of the family played historically significant roles in shaping the social and economic development of the area. Both of these requirements appear to have been met. The Granville County Board of Commissioners submitted letters in support of the proposed Commemorative naming of “Spurr Creek” as well as the naming of “Winding Oak Creek.” Summaries of the proposals, which appear in the USBGN Quarterly Reviews were provided to each of the NCBGN members. Four of the five Board members supported the proposals. One member did not reply.

The NCBGN also received petitions to remove and 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 proponents of these petitions work with the National Forest Service in restoring stream habitats in areas near the features in question. The National Forest Service is on record as supporting the removal and replacement of the objectionable or offensive names. Despite of several requests from the USBGN and from myself, none of the Transylvania County officials has offered the Local Opinion that is necessary for all proposals that pursue changes in the naming or renaming of features.

The petitions for the Commemorative renaming of 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.

A third proposal, to create a new name “Fox Creek,” in Buncombe County and the City of Asheville is included here. The proposal has the support of the City of Asheville.

Respectfully Submitted,



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