

Domestic Geographic Name Report

1 Use this form to recommend a feature name or to suggest a name change.

2. For features on Federal lands, coordinate requests with the agency (U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) For the administrative area in which the land is located.

3. On the reverse side of this form give information on the local usage and authority for recommended name.

4. For more information about the Geographic Names Information System or the National Gazetteer Program, contact the U.S. Board on Geographic Names at 703-648-4544.

5. Return this form to:

Executive Secretary for Domestic
Geographic Names
U.S. Geological Survey
523 National Center
Reston, VA 22092

Action Requested

Proposed New Application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Name:	<u>Feather Lake</u>
Name Change:	<input type="checkbox"/>	State:	<u>Alaska</u>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	County or Equivalent:	<u>Matanuska-Susitna Borough</u>
		Administrative	<u>Big Lake</u>

Specific Area Covered:

Latitude 61 ° 34 ' 22.5 " N Longitude: 140 ° 54 ' 27.6 " W
Latitude _____ ° _____ ' _____ " NS Longitud _____ ° _____ ' _____ " WS
Center: _____ Heading _____
Section 17 Township N04 Range W13 Meridian Seward Elevation _____

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated Lake)

Is the Feature identified (including other names), in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?

Yes _____ No _____ X Unknown _____ If Yes, how is it listed? _____

Description of feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):

Feather-shaped lake, approximately 3700 feet long, 835 feet width at the widest part of the lake, and 444 feet width at the narrowest part of the lake. Total area of the lake is 45 acres. Located East of Horseshoe Lake, West of Orchid Lake.

Maps and other sources using recommended name (including scale and date).	Other names (variants)	Maps and other sources using other name or application (including scale and date).
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name information such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographic data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information:

The proposed name “Feather Lake” is a descriptive name for the previously unnamed feature in question. According to the proposer, the new name “is a tribute to the local avian population that have called this area home for thousands of years. With the diverse bird community near the lake, we wanted to commemorate all species with the name choice. The name Feather Lake suits the body of water in its shape and abundant avian presence. There is no other lake in Alaska with this name.”

The proposer reasoned that “this lake is one of the only ones in the area that has remained unnamed, due to the fact that it is unsettled. Since we plan to settle on this lake, we believe that it is appropriate to have a name for the lake.”

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes No If Yes, approximately how many years? _____

Is there local opposition to, or conflict with the recommended name (as located)? None reported

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed: Feature is unnamed in USGS Map Viewer and GNIS. Search of GNIS shows no other “Feather Lake” present in the State of Alaska.

Additional information:

The lake feature is surrounded by private land and Alaska Mental Health Trust land. It is not in wilderness.

Organizations for Consultation:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
 Big Lake Community Council
 Chickaloon Native Village
 Cook Inlet Regional, Inc.
 Cook Inlet Tribal Council
 Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water
 Knik Tribal Council
 Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 Mountaineering Club of Alaska
 Native Village of Eklutna

Chris and Miranda Wallstrum

Landowners

02/02/2023

Company or Agency

Address (city, State, and Zip)

Wasilla, AK 99687

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Title

Phone (day)

Date

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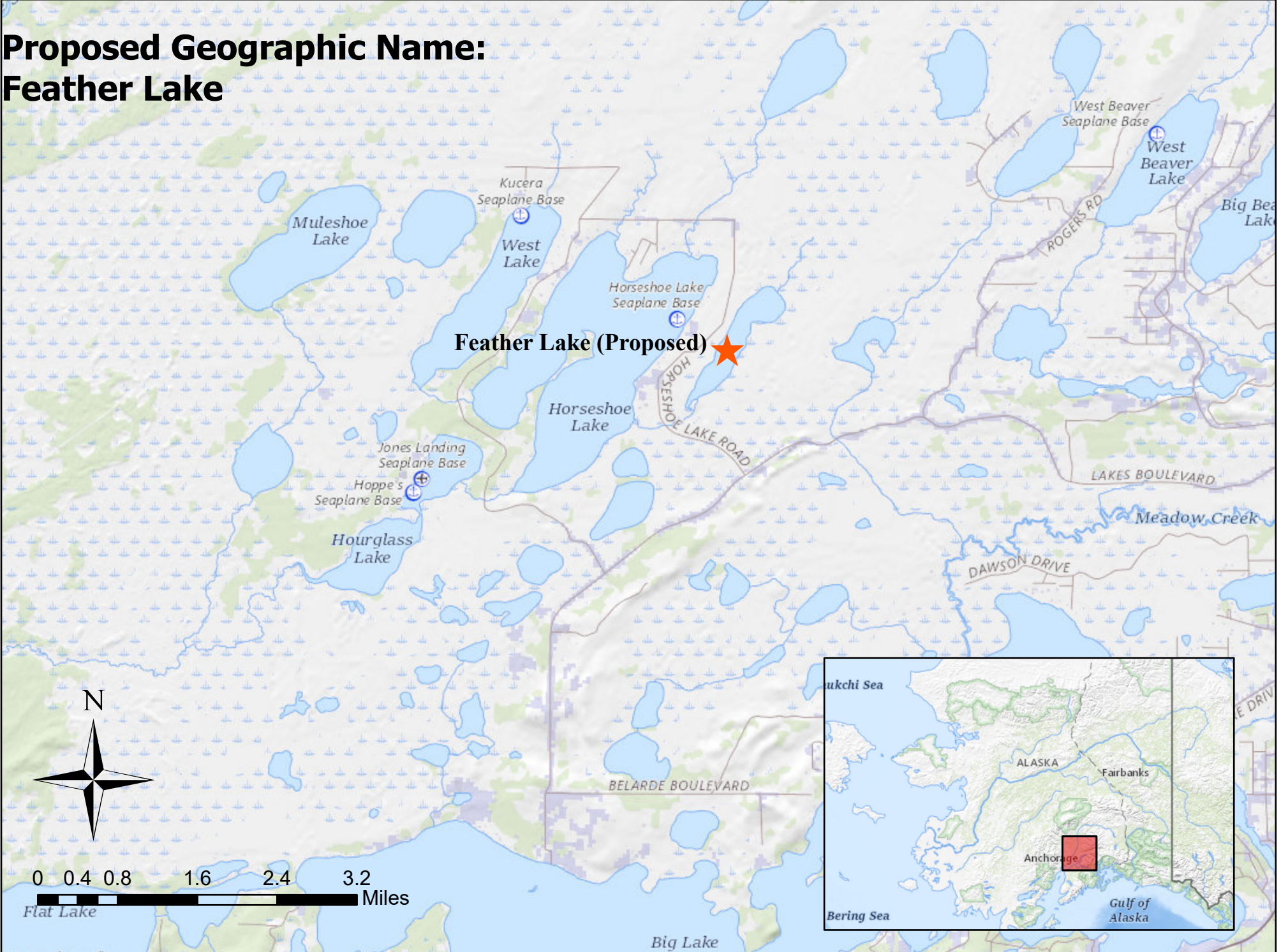
Authority for Recommended Name:

Mailing Address and Telephone

Occupation

Years in Area

Proposed Geographic Name: Feather Lake



USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, National Structures Dataset, and National Transportation Dataset; USGS Global Ecosystems; U.S. Census Bureau TIGER/Line data; USFS Road Data; Natural Earth Data; U.S. Department of State Humanitarian Information Unit; and NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information, U.S. Coastal Relief Model. Data refreshed June, 2022.