

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 Name:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Name:	<u>Mocha Spire</u>
Application Change:	<input type="checkbox"/>	State:	<u>Alaska</u>
Name Change:	<input type="checkbox"/>	County or Equivalent:	<u>Matanuska-Susitna Borough</u>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Area:	<u>Denali National Park & Preserve</u>

Specific Area Covered:

Latitude: 62 ° 56 ' 31 " N Longitude: 150 ° 37 ' 39 " W
Latitude: _____ ° _____ ' _____ " NS Longitude: _____ ° _____ ' _____ " WS
Center: _____ Heading _____
Section 20 Township 33N Range 07W Meridian Seward Elevation 6300'

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated, Prominent Rock Formation)

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

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

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

A prominent rock feature rising out of an unnamed glacier (locally known as "Coffee Glacier") east of Ruth Glacier in Denali National Park & Preserve. Estimated 6300' elevation.

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).
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N/A	N/A	N/A
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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:

Proposer recommends a name for this currently unnamed rock formation “Mocha Spire” as it rises from so-called “Coffee Glacier” near the proposed “Coffee Spire.” The Mountaineering Club of Alaska states that, “there are two high quality technical rock climbing routes on this formation. It will be visited numerous times by climbers from around the world in the future. It is very important that it have a name that can be referenced in photographs, videos, written trip reports, stories and accounts of future route development.”

The Club’s proposed name is descriptive since the rock formation rises out of “Coffee Glacier,” which is the local name for an unnamed glacier east of Ruth Glacier. It is also a brown color that matches the color of Mocha. They also state that the proposed name has been used by local, American, and international climbers, as well as the *American Alpine Journal*, NPS rangers, and commercial glacial pilots in the area for an estimated 12 years.

Is the recommended name in local usage?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes , approximately how many years?	12
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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 by USGS Map Viewer and GNIS. Search of GNIS shows no other “Mocha Spire” present in the State of Alaska

Additional information:

This feature resides on federal land in Denali National Park & Preserve.

Organizations for Consultation:

- Native Village of Cantwell
- Cook Inlet Regional, Inc.
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- Chickaloon Native Village
- Denali National Park & Preserve
- Doyon, Limited
- Knik Tribal Council
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- Mountaineering Club of Alaska
- National Park Service - BGN Representative
- Native Village of Eklutna
- Tanana Chiefs Conference

Copy submitted by: Name (first, M.I., last)	Title	Phone (day)	Date
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Company or Agency	Address (city, State, and Zip)
American Alpine Club, Mountaineering Club of Alaska	Anchorage, Alaska 99507

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Alaska Department of Natural Resources/Office of History and Archaeology	550 West 7 th Ave., Suite 1310, Anchorage, AK 99501-3565

Authority for Recommended Name:	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area
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Proposed Geographic Name: Mocha Spire



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.