

## **Mary Pamela Falls**

*Snohomish County - New Name*

**Township:** 29N

**Range:** 8E

**Section:** 28

**USGS Quad:** Lake Chaplain

**Location Description:** Falls; located on an unnamed stream the flows S to enter the Sultan River 1.9 miles S of Forest Road 6126 at 47°58'42.964"N, 121°47'16.118"W.

**Proposal Summary:** Mary Pamela Falls; located on an unnamed stream the flows S to enter the Sultan River 1.9 miles S of Forest Road 6126 at 47°58'42.964"N, 121°47'16.118"W.; The name commemorates Mary-Pamela Awad (d. 1993) who after hearing about a "mystery falls" researched the remote location and visited the feature with her family. In 2021, the family made the trip back to the falls, and proposed the name in honor of their mother.; Snohomish County, Washington; Sec 28 T29N R8E, Willamette Meridian; 47°58'42.964"N, 121°47'16.118"W USGS map - Lake Chaplain 1:24,000.

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Landowner: WA DNR - Northwest Region

"Mary Pamela" features in WA:

None

**Proponent:**

Ramsey Brown

1910 S Lake Roesiger Rd

Snohomish, WA 98290

**Proposal Received:** 4/24/2023

**Initial Consideration:** 12/11/2023

**Final Consideration:**

**WA Committee Decision:**

**WA Board Decision:**

**US Board Decision:**

**Opinions:**



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# THE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE PROPOSAL FORM

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This document is for those interested in proposing:

1. **A new name for a currently unnamed geographic feature, or**
2. **A change to an existing name, spelling, or where a name is applied.**

By submitting this form, the proponent acknowledges the [BGN Policies](#) and agrees to work with BGN staff regarding their proposal.



## Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Form

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible for standardizing the names of geographic features within the 50 States and in other areas under the sovereignty of the United States. The BGN retains the legal authority to promulgate all official names and locations of natural features (e.g. mountains, rivers, valleys), as well as canals, channels, reservoirs, and other select feature types.

This form is to propose a new name or name, spelling, or application change for a geographic feature for Federal use. A proponent should carefully review the proposal prior to submission to ensure that it is consistent with the [BGN policies](#). Please note all fields with a red outline are required prior to submitting this form.

The proponent should also be aware that the entire proposal—including personal identifying information and any associated correspondence—is in the public domain and may be made publicly available at any time.

Submit Proposal:

1. Email this form and supporting documentation to: [BGNESEC@usgs.gov](mailto:BGNESEC@usgs.gov)

i. Save PDF as 'ST\_GeographicName' for example 'CO\_BearCreek'

ii. Email Subject: ST\_GeographicName

OR 2. Send by mail to:

U.S. BGN Executive Secretary, Domestic Names  
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-523  
Reston, VA 20192

Contact Us:

[BGNESEC@usgs.gov](mailto:BGNESEC@usgs.gov)

*Please note that anything submitted by mail will be delayed.*

## Naming Basics

Proposed Name:

Is this name in current local use?

Y  N

What is the Feature Class?

Is this to change an existing name?

Y  N

*If yes, please provide the official name and Feature ID as it appears in [the Geographic Names Information System \(GNIS\)](#).*

GNIS Name:

Feature ID:

## Location Basics



Where is the feature?

Latitude:  (38.94741)

Longitude:  (-77.36839)



For Linear Features (e.g. stream or valley):

Mouth/Confluence

Latitude:  (38.94741)

Longitude:  (-77.36839)



Source/Headwater

Latitude:  (38.94741)

Longitude:  (-77.36839)

*General Location:*

State:

County:

City/Town/  
Township/  
Borough:

*Public Land Survey System:*

*Section(s), Township, Range, Meridian*

## Feature Description

*Physical shape, length, width, etc. (Maps can be submitted separately by email)*



## Name Details

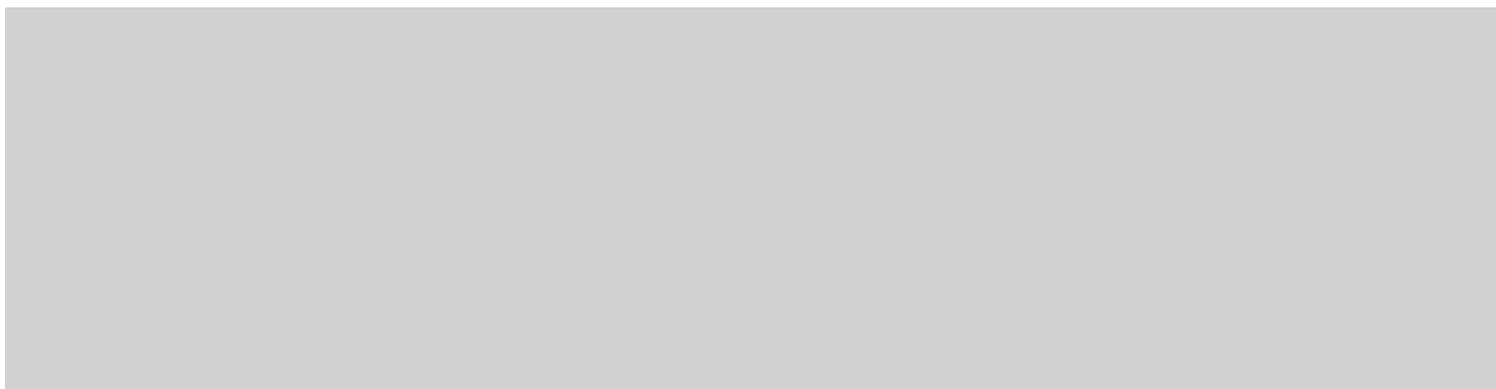
### Name information:

*Please provide relevant information about the proposed name, such as origin, meaning, how long it has been in current use, as well as current or historical significance. Also include why you believe the feature requires a name or name change and why the proposed name is appropriate. Describe any documents that you will be submitting (separately by email) to support your proposal.*



Please provide a list of supporting documentation, including any web links:

*Examples: Published sources showing the proposed name or letters of support (local government, historical society, etc.).*



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Is the name [commemorative](#)? Does the name honor or refer to a person or persons?  Y  N

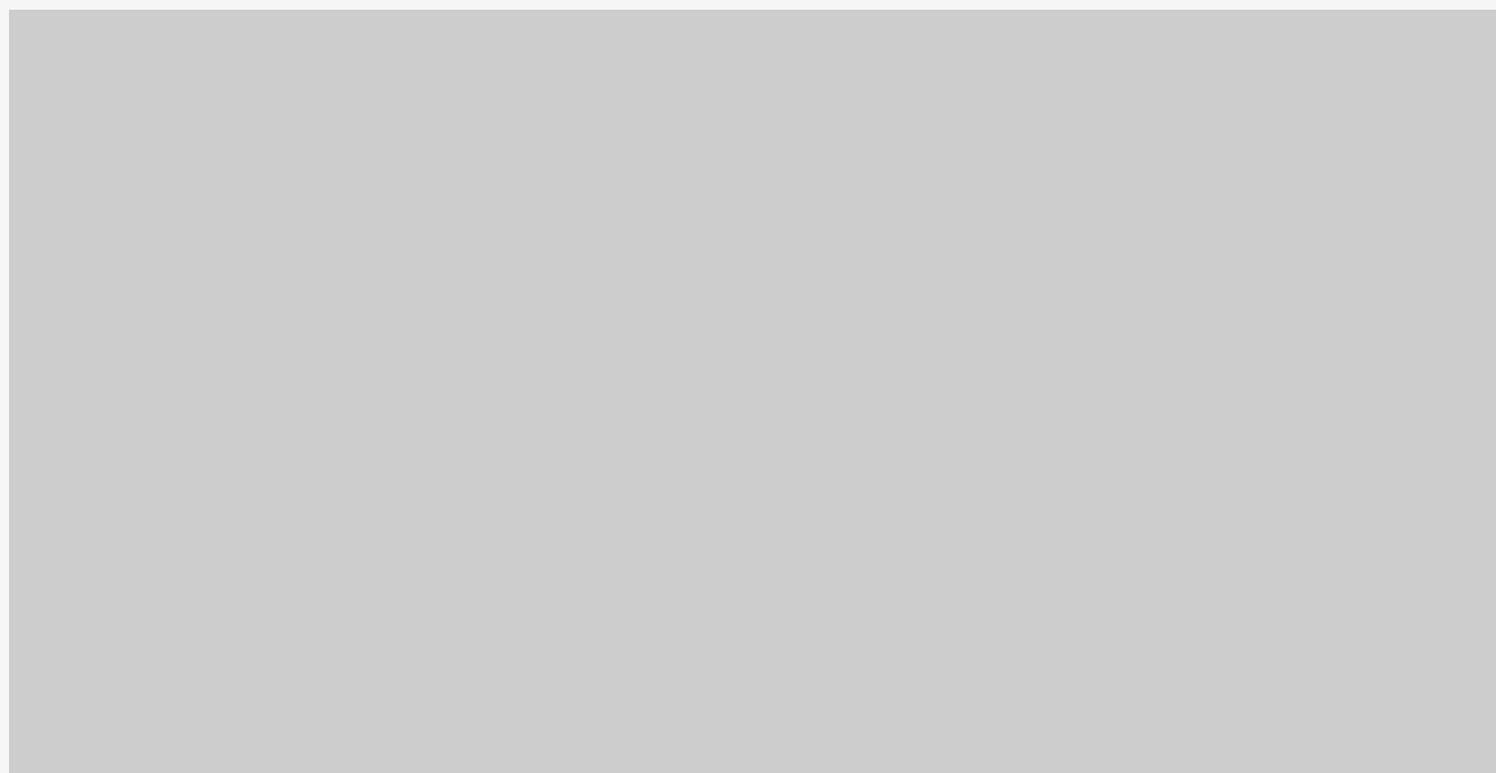
*Please note that the BGN will only accept proposals for names that are intended to honor a person or persons deceased at least five years. The BGN will disapprove names that could be construed to honor living persons. The person being honored should have had either (1) some direct or long-term association with the feature, or (2) have made a significant contribution to the area, community, or State in which it is located; or (3) have outstanding national or international recognition. The BGN discourages the use of an individual's full name except to avoid ambiguity.*

*If yes, please provide the following:*

Honoree's Date of Birth:

Honoree's Date of Death:

Short biography and significance or association with the geographic feature: *(list any additional honorees here)*



Is the feature in a Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Area?  Y  N  Unknown

If yes, please provide your justification for making an exception to [the Wilderness Policy](#):

Please note that the BGN will not approve new names for unnamed features within wilderness areas or wilderness study areas, unless an overriding need can be demonstrated by the proponent.

## Additional Information

Is there any local opposition or conflict with the proposed name?  Y  N

If yes, please explain and describe any opposition:

Additional notes:

## Proponent Information

Please provide one form of contact (email preferred):

 Proponent's Name:

Agency or Organization, if applicable:

 Email:

 Mailing Address:

 Phone:

 Are you completing this form for someone else?  Y  N

If yes, please fill out the following:

Completed by:  
Full Name:   
Email:   
Mailing Address:   
Phone:









**Comments**

**Received**

**From:** [Guthrie, Jay \(DNR\)](#)  
**To:** [MAKI, CALEB \(DNR\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Bergvall, Laurie \(DNR\)](#); [Arneson, Mark \(DNR\)](#); [Moon, John \(DNR\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mary Pamela Falls - New Geographic Name  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:28:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [jimage003.png](#)  
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Based on your information this is what we can find. We are concerned with the lack of public access and how naming it may increase the public attempts to access with no legal access off of our roads in the vicinity. My understanding is that sites are usually named for historical reasons or existing geographic names for the area or water feature and this proposal does not fit either. However, I do understand the sentiment that makes the family request this name for the falls.

*Jay*

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**From:** Bergvall, Laurie (DNR) <[LAURIE.BERGVALL@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:LAURIE.BERGVALL@dnr.wa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 3:44 PM  
**To:** Guthrie, Jay (DNR) <[JAY.GUTHRIE@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:JAY.GUTHRIE@dnr.wa.gov)>  
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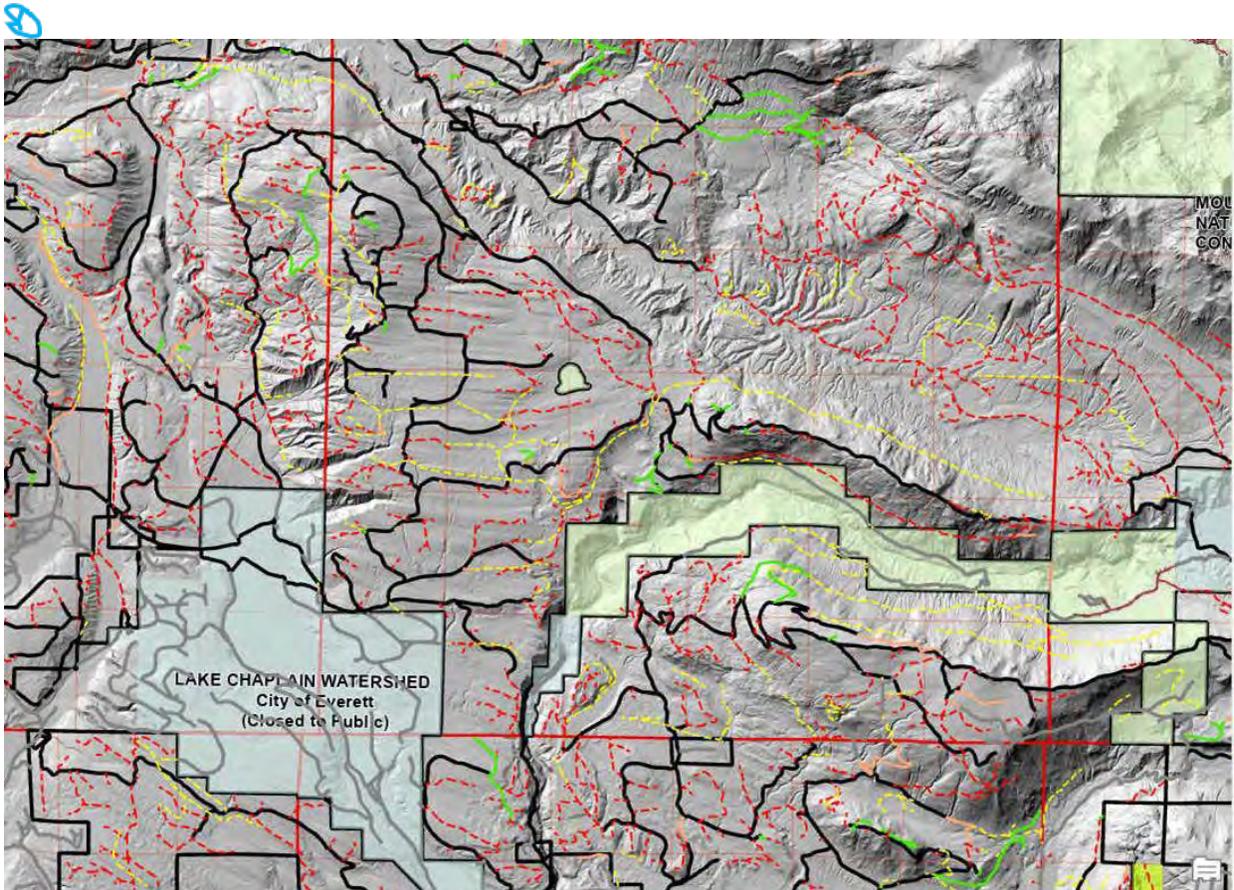
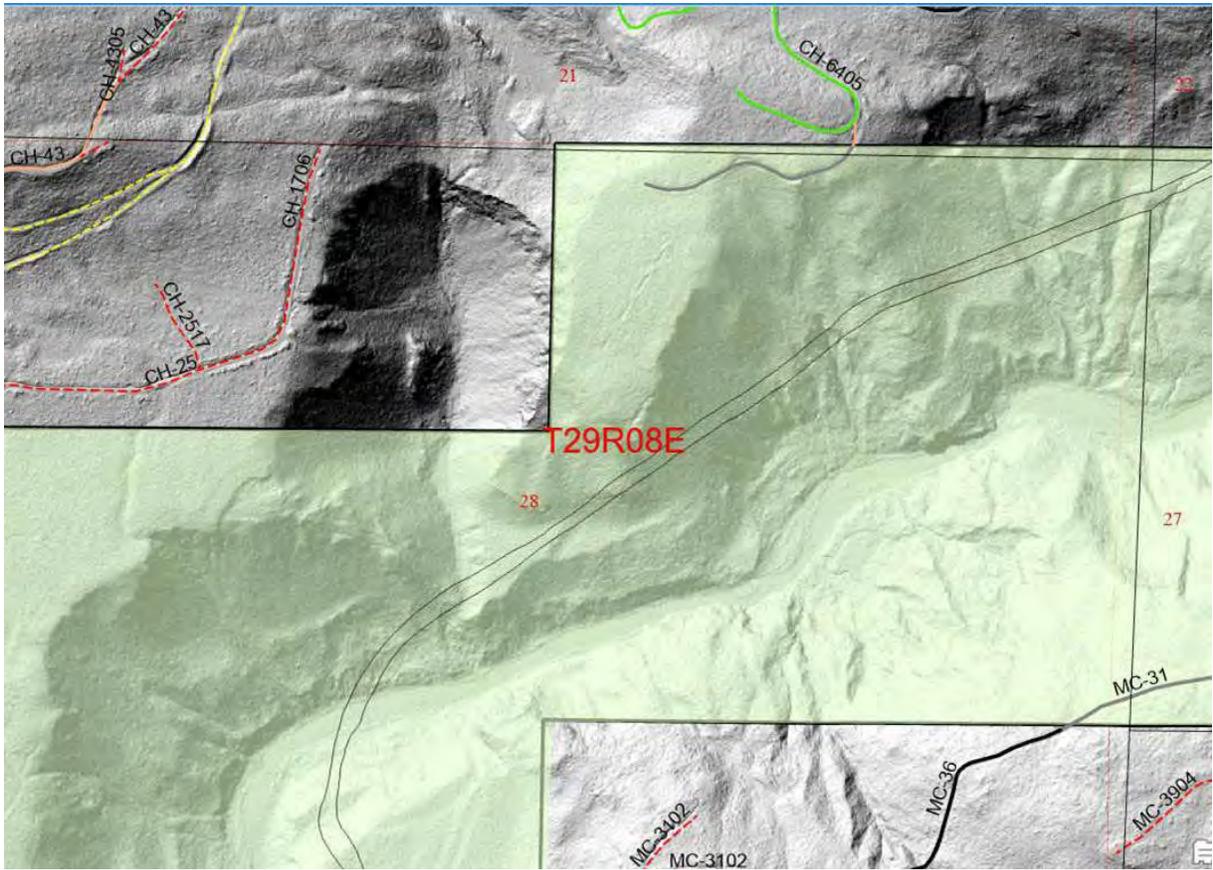
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**From:** Arneson, Mark (DNR) <[MARK.ARNESON@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:MARK.ARNESON@dnr.wa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 3:30:29 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Mary Pamela Falls - New Geographic Name

I looked for the area the proposal describes. It is in the upper end of the Echo Lake block – if I have their location correct. The only concerns are around access to this feature. Will naming it inspire more people to try and access the area? Because the nearest roads that get towards this feature are accessed through the City of Everett’s protected watershed. The falls are outside out the City’s watershed - it’s just the drivable road access to get you close to this feature. Chances are this family walked the old FS grades from Spada Lake area, but that’s a good +5 mile hike, one-way.





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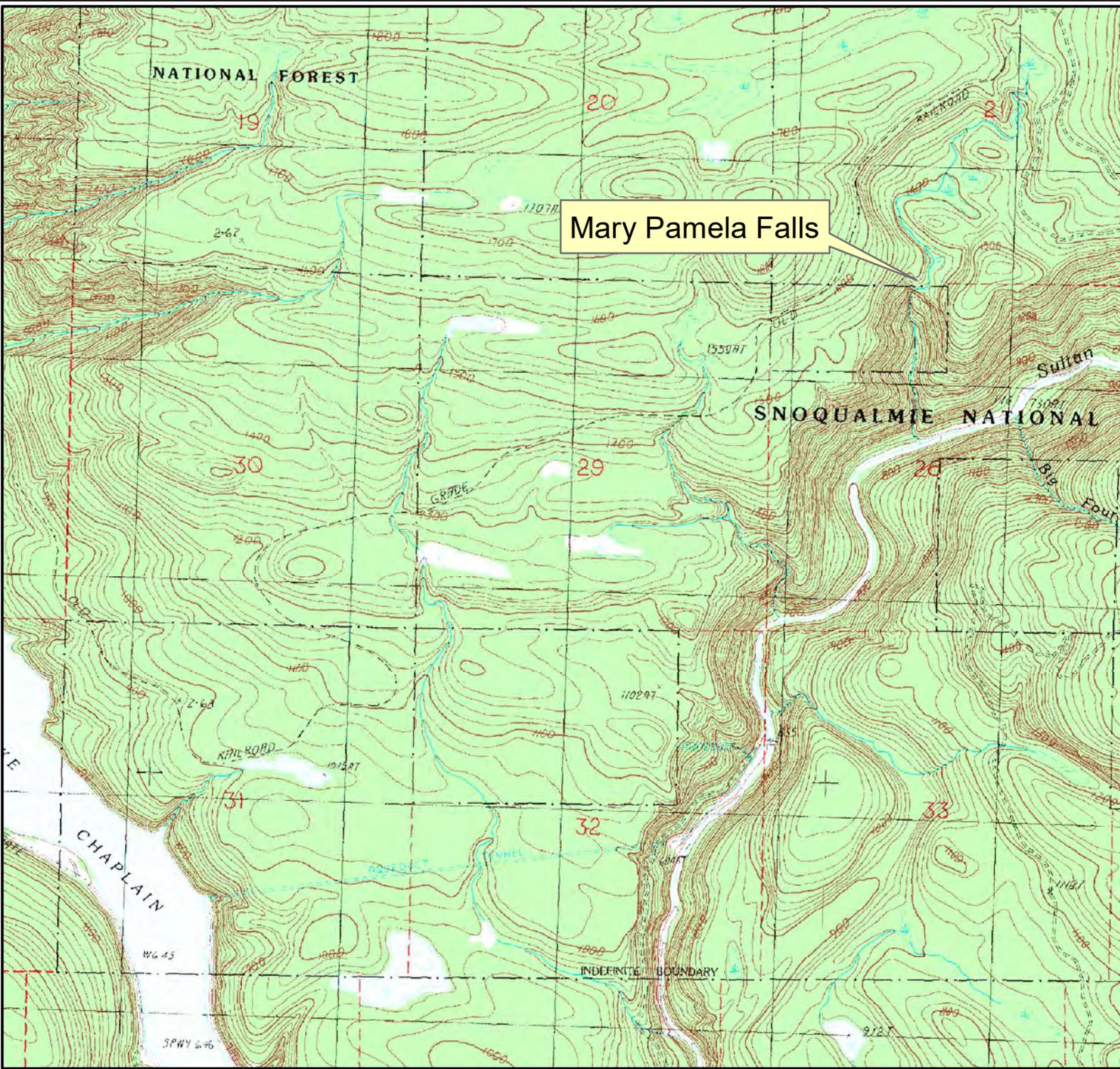
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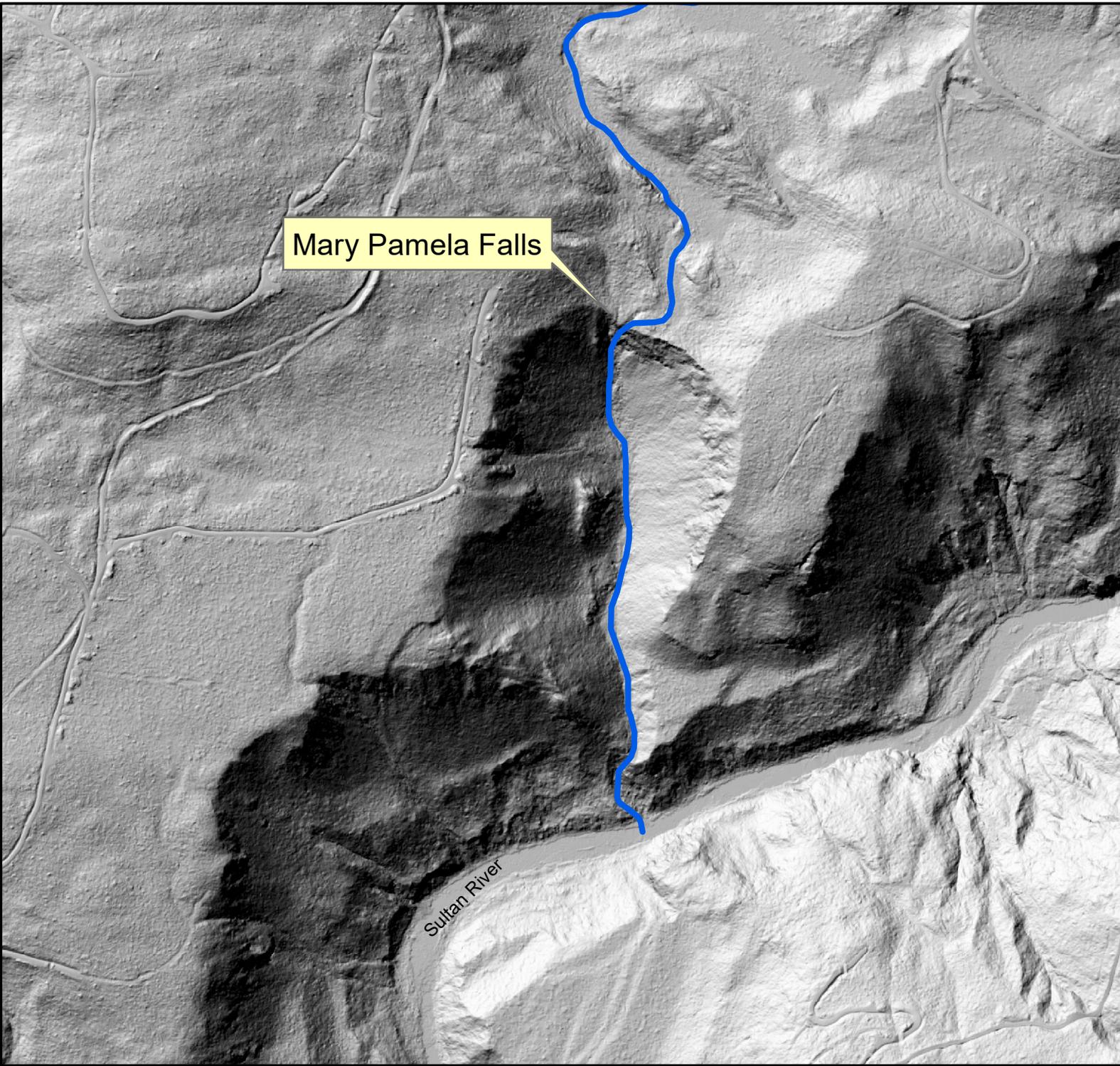
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