

WASHINGTON STATE Geographic Name Application



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Proposed Name: Kari's Bog

New Name

County: King

Controversial Name

Township: 26N Range: 6E Section(s): SW-SW27, NW -SW27

Name Change

Lat. 47 deg, 41' 56.832" N, Long. 122 deg, 1', 14.388" W (Begin)

Location Clarification

Lat. 47 deg, 42' 41.112" N, Long. 122 deg, 2', 49.044" W (End)

Spelling Clarification

Description

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): Bog

Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): The subject wetland is a peat bog of approximately 80 acres in the Redmond Ridge area. It overlaps the boundary between the Redmond Watershed Preserve and the Trilogy at Redmond Ridge development, 67 of the acres lies within Trilogy. The depth ranges several feet. The surface height ranges from 534.0 to 535.7 feet above sea level

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: N/A

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: BBC44 (Big Bear Creek 44), listed in the King County Wetlands Inventory, Volume 1, North. The portion of the bog on Trilogy property is listed as VS 10, (Verification Study 10) in the 1993 document DEIS Blakely Ridge MPD, Wetland Study April 1993.

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? The name has been in public use since the installation of the granite memorial plaque on the overlook platform in 2004. The King County trail segment alongside the bog is named on signage and maps produced by Trilogy since at least 2006 and currently on All Street maps.

History

Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods, fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

Origin of name: The proposed name derives from a dedicated public servant, Karin Osterhaug, who was working as an environmental scientist for the King County Department of Natural Resources from June of 1999 until her untimely death in January of 2003. She first noticed the bog on a helicopter flyover, noting its similarity to a known bog nearby. She set about proving that it was a bog and spent much of her own time researching and recruiting bog experts in support of her cause. She was successful in proving the bog status and influencing how this valuable resource would be protected for the future.

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Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? The Critical Area designation preserves and protects the natural conditions.

The designation as a bog provides important additional vegetation buffer protection as a Category 1 wetland.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: The recognition for protective bog Critical Area designation will go to the person who discovered and demonstrated the existence of the natural bog.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? Since 2004 by the Trilogy at Redmond Ridge Community Association, Kari's King County DNR associates, the Redmond Watershed Preserve managers and by the University of Washington rowing team.

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) "Kari's Bog: A mother's journey through her daughter's life, brutal death and legacy." By Ingrid V Osterhaug. "Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Blakely Ridge Master Plan Development (MPD) Appendix G: Wetland Study" Raedeke Associates, INC. "King County WETLANDS INVENTORY. Volume 1 North, 1990". "TRR UPD Final Monitoring Report, Water Years 2008-2010" DNRP April 2011.

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List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

See attachment.

Application submitted by:

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I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: Marth Christensen

Signature: Marth Christensen Date: 1 SEP 2024

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

WA State Board on Geographic Names

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Olympia, WA 98504-7030

(Phone: 360-902-1280 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)

KARI'S BOG DESCRIPTION

The wetland known as Kari's bog is a sphagnum bog approximately 80 acres in size located in the Redmond Ridge area of King County, Washington. It overlaps the boundary between the Redmond Watershed Preserve and the Trilogy at Redmond Ridge Urban Planned Development, approximately 67 of the 80 acres lying within Trilogy. It was identified as BBC-44 in the King County Wetland Inventory and in the Trilogy UPD baseline work and was classified as a King County Class I wetland, equivalent to a State WDOE Category I wetland. The County had not initially recognized its unique bog characteristics. It had previously been identified as VS10 in survey work in the late 1980's, including those done by Raedeke and Associates.

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MAPS AND NAMING OF THE BOG

Initial naming of the bog was “Big Bear Creek 44” in the at least as early as 1980, in the King County Wetlands Inventory, Volume 1 North 1990. The inventory includes 65 wetlands in the Big Bear Creek sub-basin. That name remains in use. Extracted below is the relevant photo from that reference. Note that the North arrow is to the left.



Photo Date: 05/01/80

Inventory Date: 07/08/81

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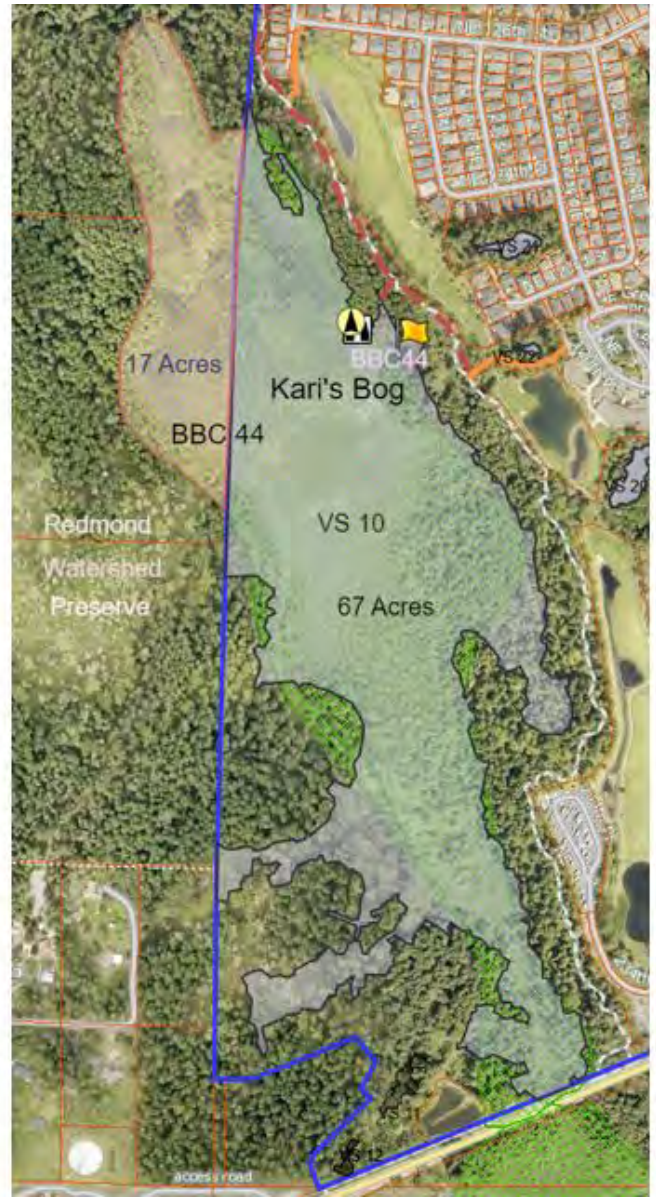
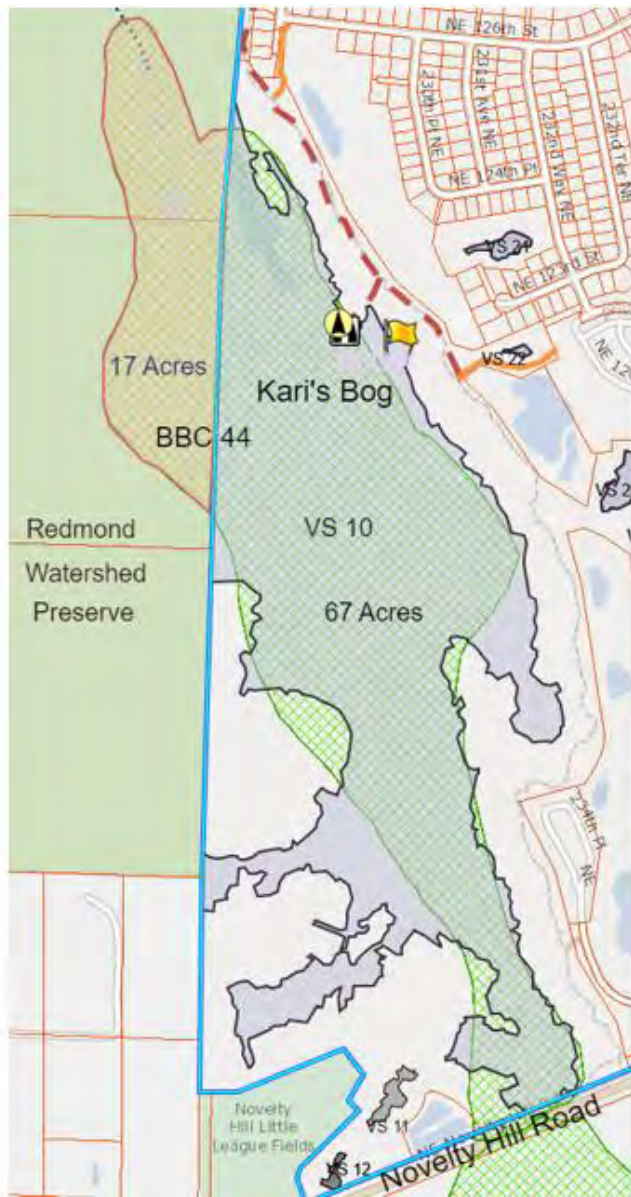
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WETLAND: Big Bear Creek 44

COMMUNITY
PLAN AREA: Bear Creek

In preparation for the Trilogy development, a survey was conducted of all wetlands within the development boundary. These all appear in the document “Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Blakely Ridge Master Development Plan (MDP) Appendix G. Wetland Study 1993.” These data were used to design the planned development with respect to layout of homeowner lots, golf course fairways, roads, and common properties. The wetlands were named using “Verification Study” (VS) numbers. VS 10 is the wetland which coincides with wetland BBC 44. The survey data collected for VS 10 was measured in 1988 through 1991. The EIS was surveyed for only the properties within the development boundaries, so the Preserve was not included. The best estimate of the extent of Kari’s Bog is 67 acres of VS 10 in Trilogy plus 17 acres of BBC 44, which lies within the Preserve.

Below are a couple clips from the King County iMap (<https://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/iMap/>) using the BBC44 and VS 10 data on Standard Base and on Aerial 2021 base maps.



The King County iMap also has “Open Street Map” as a base map. Kari’s Bog is named on that base map. See the map clips below. The wetland extent is 36 acres, less than half of Kari’s Bog detailed in BBC 44 and VS 10.



TRILOGY'S RECOGNITION OF KARI'S EFFORTS

Trilogy, recognizing the recreational value of the bog to the community, constructed an access trail and a wetland overlook platform which includes a sign educating the public about the unique characteristics that define a bog community. This is the only public access to the wetland. Trilogy also supported Karin's family in placing a granite memorial plaque on the platform in 2004. The trilogy trail guide signage indicates "Kari's Bog Trail."

Kari's Bog overlook.



Interpretive signage.

Enjoy Trilogy's Natural Heritage

Sphagnum bog
The immediate area before you is a bog, but many life forms call it home. Dominant plants include sphagnum moss, labrador tea, bog laurel, bog cranberry and sundew plants. Microscopic plant and animal life also flourish here, providing food for ground beetles, pond skaters, dragonflies, damselflies, midges and water boatmen.



Growing plants
Plants in the surrounding area include everything from sword fern and skunk cabbage to huckleberries and salal. Cedar trees flourish in damp places along with lady fern and piggyback plant ground cover. On drier land you'll find hemlock, alder, fir and cottonwood trees, as well as elderberry and hazelnut trees, vine maple and big leaf maple.



Hidden wildlife
All kinds of wildlife are hidden away here. Look closely and you'll see beaver in the wetlands and deer in the woods. Also in the wetlands are red legged frogs, salamanders and dragonflies. Birdwatchers can site stellar jays and robins easily. And on occasion they'll be rewarded with woodpeckers, herons and red tailed hawks.



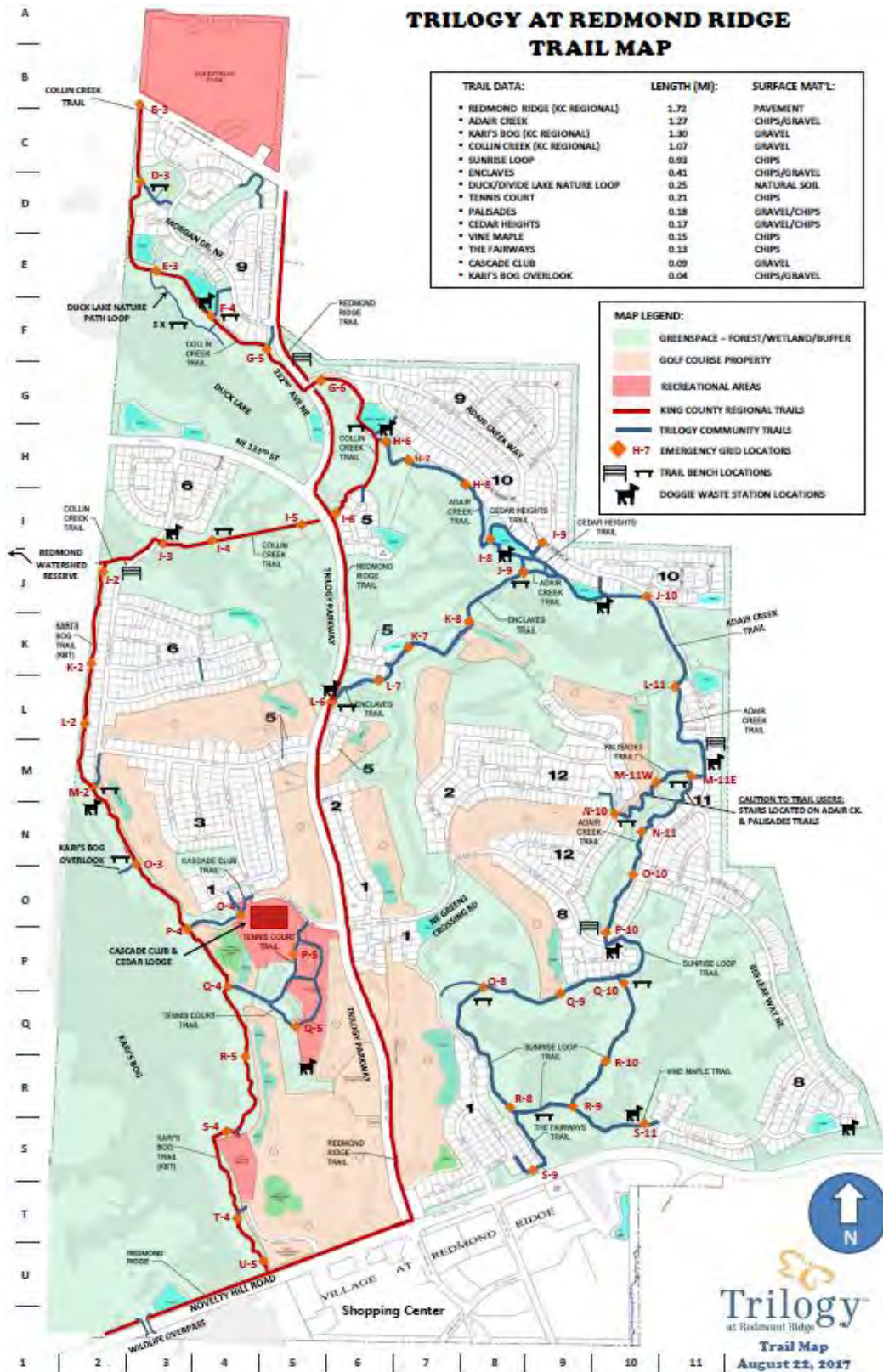
Memorial plaque.



Trail signage on all trails.



Standard Trilogy trail map, identifying Kari's Bog



Periodic visits are made to Kari's Bog by UW Women's Crew and residents of Edmonds, where Kari grew up. Below are photos of Crew visits at the bog and Edmonds residents.



HISTORY OF THE AREA AND DEVELOPMENTS

Archeologists have found evidence of Native Americans in the Redmond area from 6000 years ago (Burke Museum). The first European settlers arrived in the 1870s and claimed homesteads to farm along the Sammamish River. Settlers also built farms along the Snoqualmie River in the valley to the east of Redmond. The area quickly became a logging center. Flat-bottomed steamboats shipped logs and produce in the Sammamish and Snoqualmie rivers.

The Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railway at Fall City arrived in 1889 and built a station in Redmond. The logging industry expanded significantly. During this time, the railroad land grant system was well underway. The Weyerhaeuser Company was one of the biggest beneficiaries of the railroad land grants and purchased 1500 acres of timberland known as Novelty Hill near Redmond, Washington. The City of Redmond was officially incorporated in 1912 with 303 residents.

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January 2003. Karin first became interested in this wetland in 2000 and initiated her effort to reclassify it as a bog in 2001.

JUSTIFICATION OF PROPOSED NAME

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PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH KARI’S BOG

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Kari's Bog

King County - New Name

Township: 26 North

Range: 6 East

Section: 27, 28

USGS Quad: Redmond

Location Description: A peat bog of approximately 80 acres in the Redmond Watershed Preserve, several miles NE of the City of Redmond.

Proposal Summary: The proposed name derives from a dedicated public servant, Karin Osterhaug, who was working as an environmental scientist for the King County Department of Natural Resources from June of 1999 until her untimely death in January of 2003.

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An access trail and a wetland overlook platform were constructed at the feature, and a memorial plaque bearing the name "Kari's Bog" was also placed on the platform.

Proponent:

John E. Osterhaug
941 Viewmoor Place
Edmonds, WA 98020

Proposal Received: March 27, 2012

Initial Consideration: May 18, 2012

Final Consideration:

WA Committee Decision: Withdrawn by Proponent

WA Board Decision:

US Board Decision:

Opinions:

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Natural Resources

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County: King
Township: 26N Range: 6E Section(s): SW-SW27
NW-SW27
Lat. 47°42.43' N, Long. 122°02.07' W (Begin) (Center)
Lat. _____ N, Long. _____ W (End)

- New Name
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- Spelling Clarification

Description

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): Sphagnum Bog
Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): See cover letter.

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: _____

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: See cover letter.

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Enclosure 1

Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? See cover letter.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: See cover letter.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? See cover letter

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) See cover letter.

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List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:
See cover letter.

Application submitted by:

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Phone #: (425) 776-5986 Email: josterhaug@frontier.com Date of Application: 3/27/12

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: John E. Osterhaug
Signature: John E. Osterhaug Date: 3/27/12

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:
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From: John E. Osterhaug

941 Viewmoor Place

Edmonds, WA 98020

To: Washington State Board on Geographic Names

PO Box 47030

Olympia, WA 98504-7030

Date: May 31, 2012

Subject: Withdrawal of Proposal to name a wetland in King County as "Kari's Bog"

The purpose of this letter is to withdraw the proposal, dated March 27, 2012, to name a previously unnamed wetland in King County, Washington. In the hearing held on May 18th, 2012, it was stated that names containing apostrophes are not acceptable. Since the name "Kari's Bog" has been in use informally since 2001 and formally since 2004, it is not considered feasible to change the name at this point. To those who knew Kari and appreciated her passion to leave the Earth a better place than she found it, it will always be Kari's Bog, no matter what is on the maps.

Thanks for your consideration of the proposal,

John E. Osterhaug





May 22, 2012

John E. Osterhaug
941 Viewmoor Place
Edmonds, WA 98020

Dear Mr. Osterhaug,

At the May 18, 2012, meeting of the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names, the Committee voted to **defer** your application to name Kari's Bog located in King County.

The Committee stated that they are concerned with the apostrophe in the proposed name. The United States Board on Geographic Names is opposed to any geographic names containing a possessive apostrophe, and the Committee would like to make a decision that will be in line with the U.S. Board's policies.

The Committee would like you as the proponent to see about coming up with an alternative name that does not use a possessive apostrophe.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 902-1280 or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in geographic names.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caleb Maki".

Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary
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May 7, 2012

John E. Osterhaug
941 Viewmoor Place
Edmonds, WA 98020

Dear John E. Osterhaug,

Your proposal to name **Kari's Bog** is scheduled for its *initial* hearing with the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on **May 18, 2012** in Olympia. At this time the Committee will decide whether or not to accept your proposed name for consideration. If accepted, the name will then come up for discussion and final decision at subsequent hearing(s) to follow. At the time of the hearing(s), you may wish to be present and speak for your proposal, but attendance is not a requirement.

Between the initial and final hearings, the merits of your proposal will be researched and comments on the proposal from the local historical societies, county governments, state and federal land management agencies, and interested groups and individuals who have some knowledge of the area will be solicited. If there are longtime local residents or adjacent property owners in the area whose addresses you could provide, I will be glad to request their comments as well.

If I can answer any further questions, please call me at (360) 902-1280, or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb Maki".

Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary
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To: Washington State Board on Geographic Names

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Date: March 27, 2012

Subject: Proposal to name a wetland in King County as "Kari's Bog"

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GROUPS AND PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH BOG

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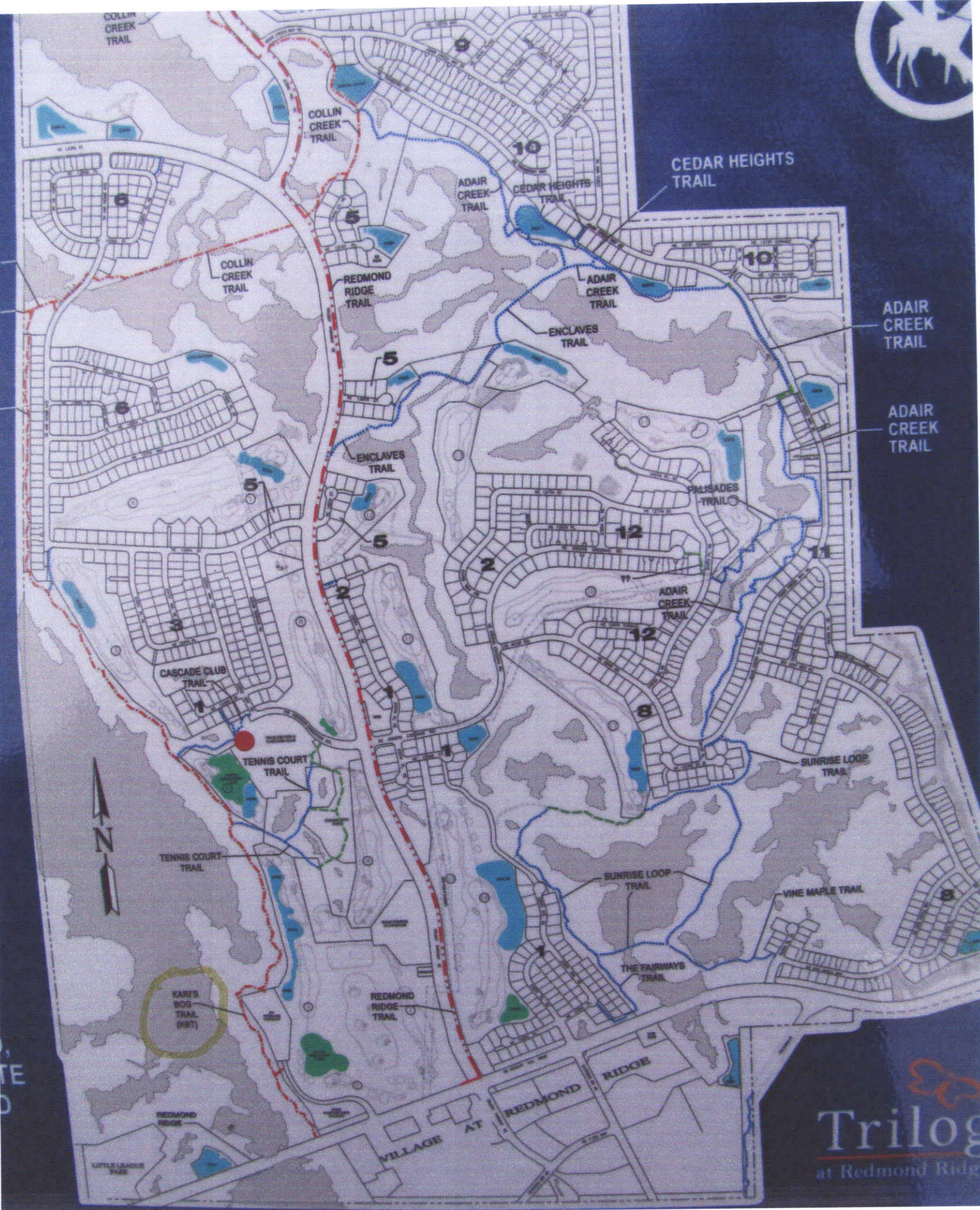
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ENCLOSURES

1. Washington State Geographic Name Application
2. Map showing the subject bog relative to Trilogy, Redmond Watershed Preserve and surrounding area, provided by King Count DNR.
3. Photo of a Trilogy trail guide with reference to KARI'S BOG TRAIL.
4. Photo of granite memorial plaque installed on Trilogy wetland overlook platform in 2004.
5. Photo of educational sign installed by Trilogy on wetland overlook platform.
6. Extract from informational website at www.sahale.com/redmond.htm.
7. Copy of Seattle Times article titled REDMOND REOPENS WATERSHED PRESERVE—TRAILS REBUILT DURING TWO-YEAR CLOSURE, dated May 16, 1997.
8. Copy of memorial to Karin Osterhaug in Spring/Summer 2003 issue of WASHINGTON WILDLANDS, the magazine of The Nature Conservancy of Washington.
9. Copy of memorial to Karin Osterhaug in the winter 2003 issue of OOZE NEWS, a newsletter published by the Society of Wetland Scientists.
10. Copy of an email to TWEETERS, a birdwatching group associated with the University of Washington, concerning Kari's Bog.



Enclosure 3

KARI'S BOG
KARIN INGRID
OSTERHAUG
1971 - 2003

ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENTIST

*She Loved
the Earth
and All
Living Things*



*Kari was instrumental in preserving
this bog in its natural state.
Enjoy it in her memory.*

Enclosure 4

Enjoy Trilogy's Natural Heritage

Sphagnum bog

The immediate area before you is a bog, but many life forms call it home. Dominant plants include sphagnum moss, labrador tea, bog laurel, bog cranberry and sundew plants.

Microscopic plant and animal life also flourish here, providing food for ground beetles, pond skaters, dragonflies, damselflies, midges and water boatmen.



Growing plants

Plants in the surrounding area include everything from sword fern and skunk cabbage to huckleberries and salal. Cedar trees flourish in damp places along with lady fern and piggyback plant ground cover. On drier land you'll find hemlock, alder, fir and cottonwood trees, as well as elderberry and hazelnut trees, vine maple and big leaf maple.



Hidden wildlife

All kinds of wildlife are hidden away here. Look closely and you'll see beaver in the wetlands and deer in the woods. Also in the wetlands are red legged frogs, salamanders and dragonflies. Birdwatchers can site stellar jays and robins easily. And on occasion they'll be rewarded with woodpeckers, herons and red tailed hawks.



Redmond Watershed Preserve, 1994- Present

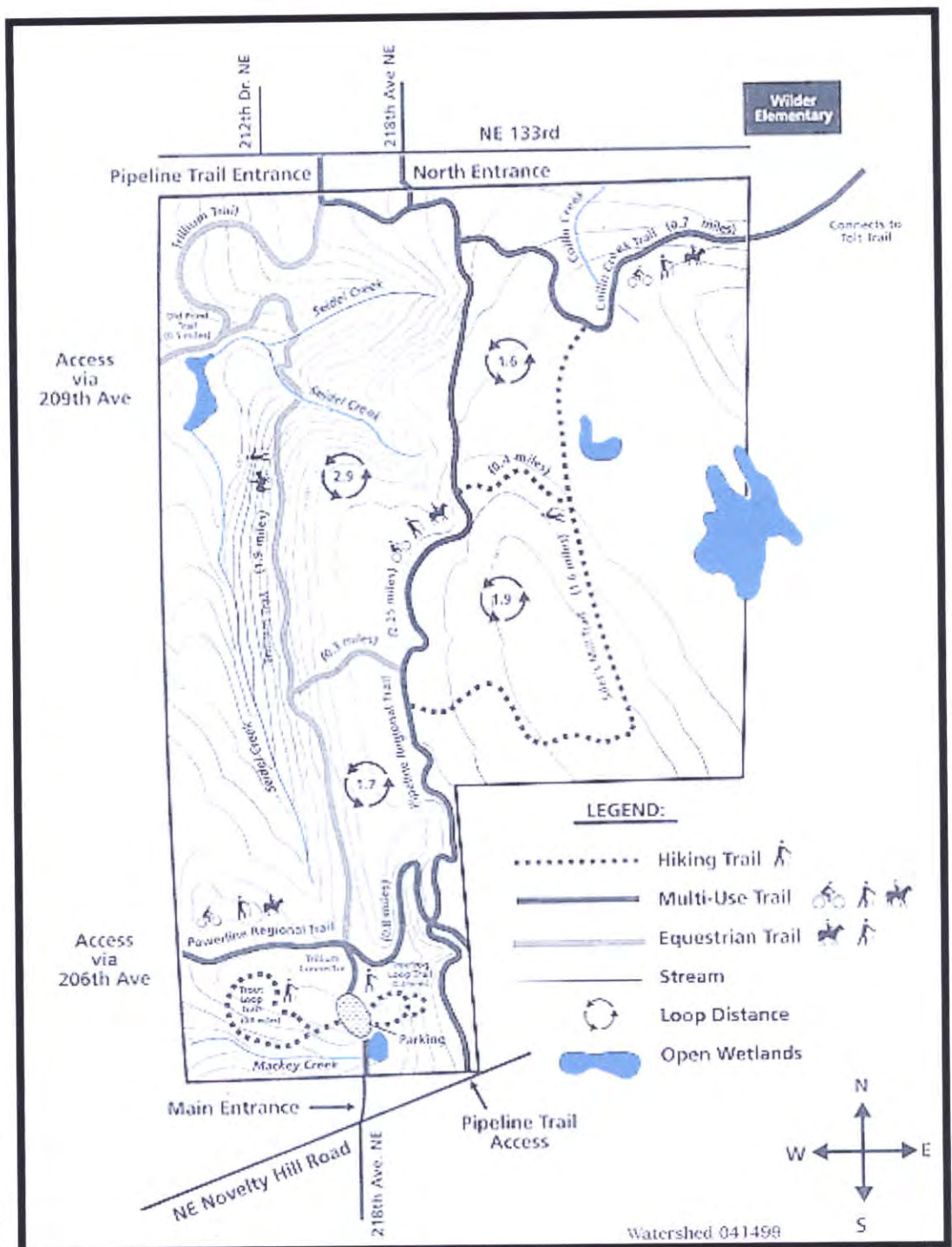
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Sahale has been a trails consultant to the City of Redmond, WA since 1994, for the development and implementation of numerous projects, most notably a master plan for trails at the Redmond Watershed Preserve. The Watershed Preserve is characterized by mature second growth forests, meadows, wetlands, and riparian communities, and serves as a valuable node of protected land within a comprehensive system of regional open space. Two multiple use regional trails bisect the site, connecting the Redmond Watershed Preserve to other parks and protected natural areas within King County, Washington.

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Sahale, working in conjunction with Nakano Associates, Landscape Architects, conceived a master trail plan designed to accommodate the nearly 23,000 nature enthusiasts, equestrians, bicyclists and hikers who annually accessed the site. The trail system was designed to improve circulation, increase access for diverse recreational populations, and minimize recreational user group conflicts. Trail types included: soft surface trails of varying levels of difficulty; an ADA accessible self-guided interpretive nature trail which accessed both open water wetlands and mature forest ecosystems; and two multiple-use, paved regional trails.



The principles of ecological sustainability guided the establishment of design and construction parameters for trails and trail structures, to ensure a minimum of disruption to natural communities during the master planning and construction phases of the project.

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Redmond Reopens Watershed Preserve -- Trails Rebuilt During Two- Year Closure

By Sarah Lopez Williams Seattle Times Eastside Bureau

REDMOND

A two-year closure of the wooded, picturesque Redmond Watershed Preserve ends tomorrow with the quiet reopening of what is likely to become a more popular destination for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians.

The 800-acre preserve - 10 times larger than the city's next biggest park - will open with seven miles of rebuilt trails through lush woods with four wetlands.

"This is on the scale of a state park, and it's nearly twice the size of (county-owned) Marymoor Park," said Greg Byszeski, the city's parks operations director.

The reopening has been a long time coming. The watershed closed for what was expected to be six months of work but stretched into years.

The changes, however, are expected to draw far more users to the preserve. Already popular with equestrians and bicyclists, the site also will become a destination for walkers and hikers, Byszeski predicted.

For the first time, the preserve has carefully marked trails and maps. This makes it available to more than just the adventurous willing to risk getting lost or hurt on makeshift routes that sometimes plunged down ravines and through streams, Byszeski said.

"A lot of people didn't feel comfortable," he said of the preserve, whose trails had been blazed by users and were never maintained by the city.

"They were really not built properly, nor were they planned properly," park planner Roy Lehner said of the trails, which went through some wetlands and had poor drainage.

The new trails include separate routes for bicyclists and equestrians to reduce conflicts between the preserve's users. Both are allowed on multiuse trails, and hikers are permitted on all routes. There is also an interpretive Tree Frog Loop trail that leads past a beaver lodge as tall as a portable restroom, which has been added at the watershed.

The preserve, east of the Redmond city limits between Novelty Hill Road and Northeast 133rd Street, has a lengthy history but has had little attention from the city. Redmond bought the first of the preserve's land in 1926 to create a water supply, but the water quality did not meet state standards. Other projects proposed for the site were an airport, golf course and industrial park.

Two years ago, the City Council approved a master plan that called for protecting the watershed's ecosystems - home to wildlife including blacktail deer, great blue herons, downy woodpeckers, cougars and several hard-working beaver that have forced trails to be rerouted around their work.

Of secondary importance, City Council members declared, is recreation and education. And since flora and fauna come first, the city has made what may be a controversial decision to prohibit dogs and other pets, except for guide dogs. Also, smoking is not permitted.

Work continues at the preserve, so the "official" opening, complete with speeches, will not be until fall. Two permanent parking lots still must be added, to include a paved lot for cars and a gravel lot for equestrians and

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In the meantime, a temporary lot is open off Novelty Hill Road at the Pipeline Entrance, between 218th Avenue Northeast and 220th Place Northeast. There also is parking at the watershed's Northeast 133rd Street entrance, and on weekends and evenings at Wilder Elementary School, 22300 N.E. 133rd St., Woodinville.

The \$1.6 million watershed project was funded by a King County open-space bond measure. Byszeski expects the preserve to be discovered for the first time by many Redmond residents.

"I'm going to get a kick out of seeing Redmond citizens come out here and realize what a treasure it is," he said. "You get out here, and within five minutes you feel like you've transported yourself to a different place."

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Karin Ingrid Osterhaug

Passionate conservationist, capable scientist, dedicated athlete, helpful colleague, caring friend. By all accounts, Kari Osterhaug was larger than life, a strong, joyful spirit with a ready smile and a contagious laugh. Although she was only 31 years old when she died unexpectedly in January 2003, friends

and family say she made every one of her days count, living her dreams and devoting her considerable energy to the things she believed in.

"Kari's passion and love of nature were reflected in her work," said Hans Berge, a colleague at King County, where she was a wetlands ecologist. Always going the extra mile on and off the job, Osterhaug discovered a bog in eastern King County and played a key role in saving it from imminent development. Her father, John, recalled that this victory was made possible by her unusual combination of idealism and a pragmatic understanding of how to make things happen.

Confidence, optimism, and love filled her life. "Kari seemed to believe that the answer to what was wrong with the world was to focus on what was right and what could be made better," said her brother, Einar. "What I would ask of you, in her memory, is to love, enjoy, and care for nature, but also, love, enjoy, and care for each other."

Family, colleagues, and friends continue to be inspired by her example. As her sister, Anita, said, "Kari knew she had the power to change the world, and she did it. May we truly believe that we can change the world for the better. It isn't hard. Just get involved. Pick a place and start. As long as you care, Kari is with us."

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- April 8th, 2003, Moses Lake, Labor & Industries Building (Moses Lake Field Office, 3001 W. Broadway Avenue, Moses Lake, WA).

Please check out the website (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlan.html>) soon for updates on this project, including details concerning the focus group meetings.

To obtain copies of any of the above-mentioned publications, call the Ecology Publications Department at (360) 407-7472 or e-mail jwit@ecy.wa.gov.

In Memorial

By Jennifer Vanderhoof et al., King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Kari Ingrid Osterhaug, an ecologist with King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, died January 5, 2003. Kari had completed the University of Washington’s Wetlands Science and Management Certification course and held a Bachelor of Science in zoology from the University of Washington. After graduating from UW, Kari did field research in wildlife biology, including work in eastern Washington and Montana and a six-month project in Panama for the Smithsonian Institute.

Those who worked with Kari remember her quick smile, and her love and enthusiasm for seemingly everything about natural resources (with the possible exception of diatom collection). While with King County, Kari participated in bird, amphibian, vegetation, fish, and bug surveys, and most recently managed the Cedar/Lake Washington Benthic Macroinvertebrate study. She was also assisting in the critical areas ordinance updates with wetlands mapping.

In 1999, Kari identified a bog on the Trilogy at Redmond Ridge Urban Planned Development. She first identified the bog through a helicopter fly-over of the wetland, and noted its similarity to a known bog

nearby. She set about proving that it was a bog and spent much of her own time researching and recruiting bog experts in support of her cause. She was right—it is a bog, and her efforts will make a difference in how it will be protected. Future efforts will aim to rename this special waterbody in Kari’s honor.

In addition to her love of natural resources, Kari was an accomplished rower. She and her husband Tom participated in countless activities together including swimming, surfing, softball, volleyball, birding, and gardening. Travel and food were also near and dear to Kari’s heart.

Kari approached all of her work with a passion and enthusiasm that was infectious, sincere, and just plain fun to be around. She was 27 weeks pregnant when she died, and was expecting a baby girl, to be named Hazel.

Kari will be remembered as a passionate, strong, and joyful spirit whose life deeply touched all of those who worked with her. She will be greatly missed.

Her parents, John and Ingrid Osterhaug, suggest that memorial donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy of Washington, 217 Pine Street, Suite 1100, Seattle, WA 98101.



Enclosure 9

From: "Berge, Hans" <Hans.Berge@METROK.COV>
Subject: **FW: Trilogy Wetlands/Kari's Bog**
Date: April 13, 2004 11:25:05 AM PDT
To: "John Osterhaug (E-mail)" <JOster@cmc.net>

John,

I thought you would be interested in this.

-Hans

-----Original Message-----

From: Messick, Katie Sauter
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2004 11:04 AM
To: Tweeters
Cc: 'Anita Osterhaug'; OLaughlin, Kate; Ritzenthaler, Liz; Berge, Hans
Subject: Trilogy Wetlands/Kari's Bog

The wetland you're enjoying is a bog discovered by King County biologist Kari Osterhaug. When the Trilogy development was first proposed this wetland was not shown as anything special, but Kari took one look at it and was convinced that it was, in fact, a bog, and as such deserving of extra protection. Kari stuck with her convictions in the face of skepticism and objections, and in the end the wetland was officially designated a bog.

Kari, who loved the outdoors above all else and was an excellent birder, was killed last year. Her family and King County staff are taking steps to get the bog officially designated the "Kari Osterhaug Memorial Bog," but in the meantime, the bog is to us (and always be) "Kari's Bog."

I'm pleased (and Kari would've been thrilled) that Tweeters have found Kari's Bog to be a good birding spot. If any of you are keeping a list there, we would absolutely love to have a copy.

Thanks and good birding!
Katie

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-----Original Message-----

Enclosure 10

Kari's Bog - King County



Welcome Lake

Kari's Bog

Aerial Imagery: 2011 NAIP

A peat bog of approximately 80 acres in the Redmond Watershed Preserve, several miles NE of the City of Redmond.

Proposed name would honor Karin Osterhaug. Miss Osterhaug first noticed the bog on a helicopter fly-over, and worked to preserve the feature until her death in 2003.

Because of her efforts, an access trail and wetland overlook platform was constructed, as well as a commemorative plaque identifying the feature as "Kari's Bog".

Scott C. Haase

23931 NE Green Crossing Rd, Redmond, WA, 98053

27 September 2024

Sara Palmer

Washington State Committee on Geographic Names

PO Box 47030

Olympia, WA 98504-7030

Dear Ms. Palmer:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposal to formally designate the peat bog, King County Big Bear Creek 44, as Kari's Bog. As the former Chair of the Trilogy Forest Stewardship committee, and current Secretary of the Trilogy Board of Directors and active member of the Trilogy Friends of the Forest club, I, and numerous others in the community, have spent many hours working to understand the history and ecological function of the bog and ensure its continued health, and, of course, to enjoy its natural beauty.

The bog is an important asset to the surrounding community and ecosystem, and I cannot think of a more appropriate way to name this stunning natural resource than to recognize and honor Kari Osterhaug, the scientist who formally recognized and demonstrated its importance.

Sincerely,



Scott C. Haase

Redmond, Washington

From: [Bowles, Mason](#)
To: [DNR RE BOGN](#)
Subject: Kari's Bog
Date: Friday, September 27, 2024 7:31:36 AM

External Email

Greetings,

I strongly support the renaming of Big Bear Creek 44 wetland to "Kari's Bog." I knew Kari as a friend and as a wetland scientist of uncommon dedication. Her efforts contributed to the recognition and preservation of this unique and rare ecological feature.

Mason Bowles

Mason Bowles, P.W.S. | Senior Ecologist

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From: [Hans Berge](#)
To: [DNR RE BOGN](#)
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Good morning,

This letter is in support of the renaming of wetland BBC 44 (Big Bear Creek #44) to Kari's Bog. Kari Osterhaug was a colleague of mine at King County DNR. She had a background in wildlife, having done research in Washington, Montana, and Belize, as well as holding a B.S. in Wildlife and a professional certificate in Wetlands from the University of Washington. At King County she worked on an urban planned development project in the Bear Creek Basin. While conducting surveys, she noticed that the classification of BBC 44 had been overlooked by multiple people over the 10 years of the project and it was actually a bog, and required more protection. She began collecting extensive data there, and I went out there on numerous trips with her to support that effort. The data proved valuable, and the protection was given. After the development was completed the residents began referring to it as "Kari's Bog" in signage, maps, conversation, etc. Kari Osterhaug died tragically in 2003.

While this request may seem insignificant to the Board, it is important to the residents in the community, her former colleagues, as well as friends and family. Please take the relatively small step in approving the name change from a bureaucratic designation of BBC 44 to "Kari's Bog" to recognize the legacy of Kari in protecting this important feature.

Hans Berge
Olympia, Washington

October 3, 2024

Jo Opdyke Wilhelm
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Gardner,

I never knew Kari, but when I was hired by King County's Water and Land Resources Division, I continued much of her work. This included vegetation, water quality, and amphibian survey monitoring at streams and wetlands of the Trilogy and Redmond Ridge Urban Planned Developments from 2005 to 2011. Kari's bog was one of the wetlands I studied, and I strongly support the official naming of Kari's bog.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Opdyke Wilhelm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".