

KAH-MILTPAH BAND OF THE
MID-COLUMBIA RIVER
&
WALALUUKS CREEK NAME CHANGE

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THE BEGINNING OF WALALUUKS CREEK NAME CHANGE

- KAH-MILTPAH ELDERS WANTED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF SQUAW CREEK
- IN 2016, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN *INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY* THAT LINKED THE WASHINGTON STATE SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS SITE [HTTP://SDC.WASTATELEG.ORG/MAP-2/](http://SDC.WASTATELEG.ORG/MAP-2/)
- KAH-MILTPAH MEMBERS SOUGHT YAKAMA NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR SUPPORT



WASHINGTON STATE GEOGRAPHIC NAME CHANGE PROCESS

1. SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO WASHINGTON STATE COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
2. AFTER COMMITTEE APPROVES THE NAME CHANGE FOR CONSIDERATION
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
4. AFTER ADDITIONAL REVIEW POST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, COMMITTEE WILL EITHER DENY OR APPROVE
5. IF APPROVED, NAMES ARE FORWARDED WITH RECOMMENDATION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
6. STATE BOARD NAMES ARE PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WALALUUKS NAME CHANGE PROCESS

- IN JUNE 2016, TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVED THE ACTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
- LOCAL HISTORY OF THE WALALUUKS CANYON WAS RESEARCHED
- ADDITIONAL KAH-MILTPAH MEMBERS AND LOCAL RANCHERS WERE INTERVIEWED
- HISTORICAL MAPS WERE REVIEWED

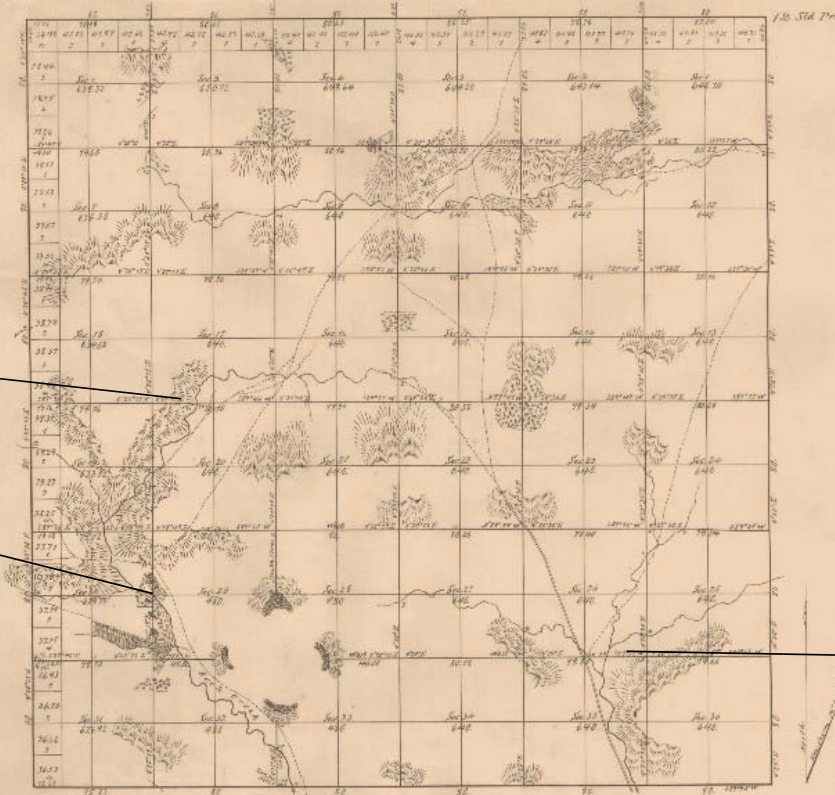


KEY FACTS:

- KAH-MILTPAH WERE THE FIRST TO INHABIT THE CANYON
- THERE WERE KNOWN KAH-MILTPAH FAMILIES WITH HOME SITES IN THE CANYON
- THERE WAS A KAH-MILTPAH WOMAN WHO LIVED IN THE CANYON – WALALUUKS
- THE WALALUUKS CANYON WAS A TRAIL ROUTE FOR THE LOCAL TRIBES AND BANDS IN THE REGION
- WALALUUKS WAS KNOWN FOR BEING A FOOD GATHERER AND HER HOME SITE WAS A KNOWN REST STOP FOR TRAVELERS TO REST AND SHE HOSTED THEM
- BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH THE RANCHERS, SQUAW CREEK WAS NAMED AFTER THE INDIAN WOMAN WHO LIVED DEEP IN THE CANYON

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Township No 4 North Range No 19 East Willamette Meridian
Traced with a range bench letter of March 11, 1867



Unnamed creek

Rock Creek

Chapman Creek

Department of the Interior
General Land Office
April 20th 1867

I hereby certify that the above is a true photographic
copy of the original on file in this Office.

[Signature]
Acting Commissioner

Survey designated	By whom surveyed	Commenced	Acres of Survey	How surveyed	How designated on the Survey Report
Hollister's	John Hollister	27 21st Aug 1866	28 20 20	1/2 Sec 11, 1867	28 20 20
Survey of the Willamette	General Survey	20 21st Dec 1866		2nd Sec 11, 1867	28 20 20
Land of West by	A. B. Hancock	20 1st August 1867		2nd Sec 11, 1867	28 20 20
Land of Lane 31	20 20 20				

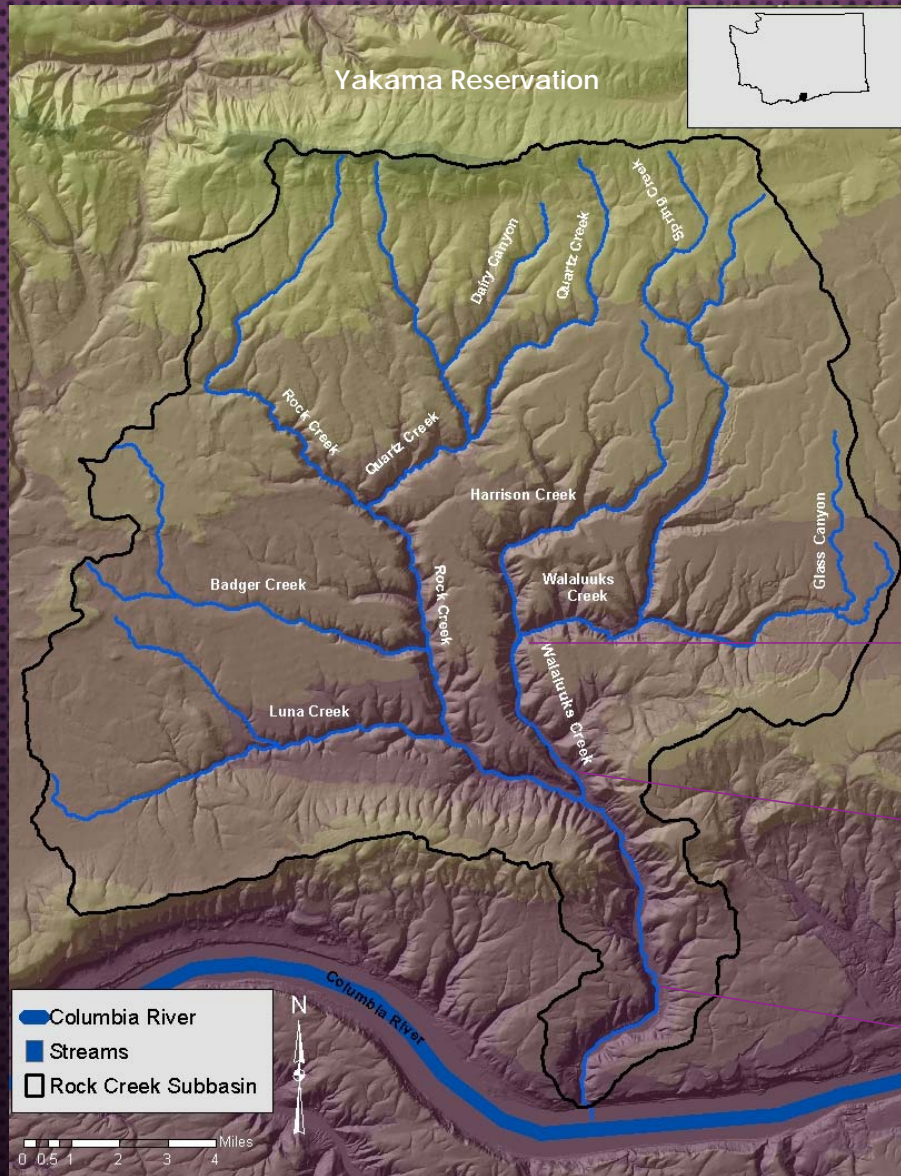
The above Map of Township No 4 North Range No 19 East of the Willamette Meridian in the Territory of Washington is hereby approved to the first order of the Survey thereof on file in the Office which have been examined and approved

Surveyor General Office at
Olympia W.T. March 11th 1867

[Signature]
Surveyor General of W.T.

Oregon State Office - BLM
Land Status and Cadastral Survey
General Land Office Records
T4N R19E (March 10, 1869)

ROCK CREEK SUBBASIN



Walaluks Homesite

Walaluks Creek

Kah-miltpah Longhouse and
Main village site

FINAL STEPS

- AN APPLICATION BY YAKAMA NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL WAS SUBMITTED ON JULY 2016
- FIRST REVIEW WAS IN OCTOBER 2016
- FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY COMMITTEE MAY 2017 TO OFFICIALLY CHANGE THE NAME OF CREEK TO WALALUUKS CREEK
- THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PROCESS TOOK LESS THAN ONE YEAR









Walaluks Home site

Harrison Creek

Walaluks Creek



B. Allen

The end



Kah-miltpah Longhouse