

Review List #445 Oct. 7, 2021

Origin Creek: stream; 0.85 mi. long; heads at 45°39'41"N, 123°20'05"W, flows S into Tillamook State Forest to enter Gales Creek; the name refers to the documented point of origin of the 1933 Tillamook Fire; Sec. 17, T2N, R5W, Willamette Mer.; Washington County, Oregon; 45°39'01"N, 123°20'10"W; USGS map – Timber 1:24,000. Mouth: 45.65015, -123.33623 Source: 45.66131, -123.3346 Proposal: to make official a name in local use Map: USGS Timber 1:24,000 Proponent: Doug Decker; Portland, OR Administrative area: None Previous BGN Action: None Names associated with feature: GNIS: No record Local Usage: Origin Creek (Oregon Department of Forestry, 15 years) Published: None found Case Summary: This proposal, submitted to the BGN by the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB), is to make official the name Origin Creek for a 0.85-mile-long tributary of Gales Creek in Washington County. The downstream section of the stream flows through Tillamook State Forest, managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). The proponent is the former Oregon State Forester and Director of ODF, and a current member of the OGNB. He reports that the proposed name has been in local use for approximately 15 years, adding, “This unnamed creek is immediately adjacent to the point of origin of the 1933 Tillamook Fire, located west of Glenwood, Oregon and just east of the Gales Creek Campground in the Tillamook State Forest. During repeated forest and fire history research visits to this location over 20-plus years, we have referred to this area as ‘Origin Creek’ as a convenient way to orient ourselves and describe the general vicinity, given its immediate proximity to the fire origin. The 39 creek is less than .2 of a mile from the documented point of origin of the 1933 fire and runs north-south through the fire origin area.” GNIS does not list any features in Oregon with “Origin” in their names.