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Rangers Pond: lake; 0.3 acre; in White River National Forest/Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness, just N of an unnamed tributary to Avalanche Creek, 5 km (3.1 mi) ESE of Redstone, 8.4 km (5.2 mi) NW of Capitol Peak; named for all the wildlife and forest rangers who have hiked this area and reportedly missed the feature; Pitkin County, Colorado; Sec 24, T10S, R88W, Sixth Principal Mer.; 39°10'28"N, 107°10'28"W; USGS map – Redstone 1:24,000.

Proposal: new name for an unnamed feature

Map: USGS Redstone 1:24,000

Proponent: John Seidel; Carbondale, CO

Administrative area: White River National Forest/Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: None found

Local Usage: None found

Published: None found

Case Summary:

This 0.3 acre lake, proposed to be named Rangers Pond, is located close to an unnamed tributary of Avalanche Creek in the White River National Forest/Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness in Pitkin County. The proponent reports that while researching the local wildlife habitat he noticed the lake on Google Earth, and has proposed to name it “for all the wildlife and forest rangers who have hiked the area and apparently missed the feature.” He suggests the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the U.S. Forest Service would appreciate the irony of the name. The lake is not depicted on USGS topographic maps. According to GNIS, there is a cluster of small lakes and also a locale in Jackson County, approximately 180 km (112 mi) from the lake in question, named Ranger Lakes and Ranger Lakes Campground, respectively.