

# NOTICE

## South Dakota Board of Geographic Names

### PUBLIC COMMENT

The South Dakota Board of Geographic Names (SDBGN) seeks public comment on a new name to replace:

Negro Creek  
Rural Meade County near Howes

The above name is considered offensive, and the SDBGN requests public input on a new name for the geographic feature. Based on the U.S. Board of Geographic Names guidelines, the following principles apply:

- Names descriptive of topographic form or suggested by local history, folklore, or incident, or by associated natural life or other phenomena are preferred, including American Indian or other ethnic names appropriate to the area.
- A proposed name should not duplicate another name in the state or nearby in an adjoining state.
- If a personal name is proposed, it must be determined in the public interest to honor the person or family for historical or commemorative reasons.
- If a personal name is proposed, the person or persons must be deceased at least five years.
- If a personal name is proposed, it should just include the surname.
- This process is intended to eliminate offensive names. No name should imply discrimination or be derogatory to a particular racial or ethnic group, gender, or religious group. This also includes names considered obscene in a present-day cultural context.

If the recommended name is adopted by the SDBGN, additional information may be needed to support the recommendation to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. The basic information requested is a recommended name, reason/justification for the name, and the origin/meaning of the name. A comment form is enclosed for your use. Additional copies of the comment form are available upon request by calling 605-773-3415 or 605-773-5105.

Comments should be submitted no later than **August 15, 2012**. Send your comments and contact information to:

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