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Board On Geographic Names Seeks Input On Proposed Name For Feature In Moody County

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) is seeking public input on new name for Squaw Creek near Trent in Moody County.

Guidelines from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names require that a new name be solicited because the current name is considered offensive.

The guidelines suggest new names should be descriptive of topographic forms suggested by local history, folklore, or incident, or by associated natural life or other phenomena, including American Indian or other ethnic names appropriate to the area. A proposed name should not duplicate another name in the state or adjoining states. 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, and that person must have been deceased at least five years.

The process is intended to eliminate offensive names. No name should imply discrimination or be derogatory to gender or a particular racial, ethnic or religious group, and proposed names should not be considered obscene in a present-day cultural context.

Comments should be submitted no later than August 15, 2013. A comment form is available upon request or available on the SDBGN website: <http://www.sdbgn.sd.gov/>

Please send comments and recommendations to:

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