



# NOTICE

## South Dakota Board of Geographic Names PUBLIC COMMENT

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) seeks public comment on whether the word “Negro” is offensive in names of geographic features.

The current legislation directs the SDBGN to rename any features with the word “Negro” in the name. As a result of public input, a number of comments have been received stating that the individuals and organization representatives do not find the word offensive. Based on those public comments, SDBGN is seeking additional input from the public regarding the use of the word “Negro” as a part of a name for geographic features in the State.

Please share any comments regarding whether the word “Negro” is offensive as a part of a name for a geographic feature. Please also submit any historical, ethnic or cultural information regarding this issue.

Based on the public input received, the SDBGN will discuss at their August board meeting whether the features that currently have “Negro” in their name are to be renamed or whether the issue needs to be brought to the South Dakota Legislature for further consideration.

**Comments should be submitted no later than August 1, 2013. Submit comments to:**

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