



NOTICE

South Dakota Board of Geographic Names Proposed Name Change

The South Dakota Board of Geographic Names (SDBGN) is proposing the following name change to features in Northwest Shannon County:

- Squaw Humber Creek to **Tahc'a Okute Wakpa** (Deer Hunting Ground)
- Little Squaw Humber Creek to **Tahc'a Okute Wakpa C'ikala** (Little Deer Hunting Ground Creek)
- Squaw Humber Dam to **Tahc'a Okute Mni Onaktake** (Deer Hunting Ground Dam)
- Squaw Humber Table to **Tahc'a Okute Aglehan** (Deer Hunting Ground Table)
- Little Squaw Humber Table to **Tahc'a Okute Aglehan C'ikala** (Little Deer Hunting Ground Table)

The board selected the recommended name after receiving public input and 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.

The board received only one recommended name for each feature in Shannon County. The names were proposed by Mr. Wilmer Mesteth, Oglala Sioux Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Mr. Mesteth submission explained that the creeks and related features were noted by Lakota people for their high value as deer hunting grounds. He recommended the Lakota name for deer hunting ground – Tahc'a Okute.

The SDBGN is providing the public with the opportunity to express any concerns or opposition to the recommended name prior to submitting the name to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. Any concerns or opposition should be submitted no later than **May 10, 2013**. Send your written comments and contact information to:

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