



PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) seeks public comment on a proposed name for an unnamed feature:

Unnamed Creek in Campbell County north of Pollock, SD

One name has been proposed: Searl Creek. The Board is seeking comments in support of the proposed name or any additional proposed names for the feature.

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

- Names descriptive of topographic form, 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 for at least five years.
- If a personal name is proposed, it should just include the surname.

This process is intended to seek public comment on proposed names for unnamed features or new names of existing features. 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.

Comments should be submitted no later than November 14, 2014. Submit comments to:

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