



## NOTICE

### South Dakota Board on Geographic Names Proposed Name Change

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) is proposing the following name change to a feature in Moody County near Trent:

Squaw Creek to **Isanti Creek** (pronounced Eee-Saun-Tee)

The board selected the recommended name after receiving public input and based on the U.S. Board on 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 reviewed the names proposed and public comment received and felt that the new name best fit the criteria. The creek was originally named for an American Indian woman who drowned in the creek. The name was proposed by the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal representative after consulting with Tribal elders. The word "Isanti" means "Santee" in the Dakota language. The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe lived and camped along the creek.

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 on Geographic Names. Any concerns or opposition should be submitted no later than **December 1, 2013**. Send your written comments and contact information to:

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