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Mr. Lou Yost
Acting Executive Secretary
Domestic Names Committee
United States Board on Geographic Names
523 National Center
Reston, VA 20192-0523

Dear Mr. Yost,

As Montana's State Geographic Names Authority, I recommend that the Domestic Names Committee approve the proposal from Review List 400 to change the name of a creek in Carbon County, Montana to "Hot Dance Creek".

The Montana Water Resources Division, the Montana Trust Lands Division, and the Indian Country Economic Development Program of the Montana Department of Commerce have notified me that they support the proposals. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and the Montana State Historic Preservation office have notified me that they are not opposed to the proposals. All of these agencies provided their recommendations without comment as to their reasoning.

The Carbon County Commission has no objection to the change. Commissioner Dave Davidson, whose Commission district the stream is in, called me on the phone on January 5, 2010 to inform me of this.

I support the proposals because of the derogatory nature of the current name and because State of Montana attorneys have interpreted the "Squaw Name Change Law" as requiring the State to approve the HB412 Committee's decisions.

Sincerely Yours,

Gerald J Daumiller
Montana State Library