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Mr. Lou Yost
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 Advisor, I recommend that the Domestic Names Committee approve the proposal from Review List 421 to name a locale on the Missouri River in Montana between Richland and Roosevelt counties as Ivys Island.

I am aware it may appear that this proposal goes against the Board's policy discouraging commemorative names of places for individuals who died there. I believe the policy targets cases where an individual perished at a place they were visiting rather than at a place where they lived. Ivy's association with this place was brief but, for her, it was lifelong.

The proposal is supported by the commissioners of Roosevelt and Richland counties and by the Fort Peck Tribal Land Board. I notified the state geographic information professionals organization of the proposal and received five letters of support. The state agency representatives in the organization did not raise any objections.

The comments I received regarding the proposal are available online at [this location](#).

Sincerley yours,

Gerald J Daumiller
Montana State Library