

South Dakota Board on Geographic Names Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2015
1:30 PM CDT
Becker-Hansen Building – Commission Room
700 E. Broadway Ave. – Pierre, SD

Agenda

1. Call to order/Roll call
2. Review/Correct/Approve Minutes of 12/22/2014 Meeting
 - a. Motion to Approve
3. Update on contacts regarding Squaw Humper Dam
4. Update from US Board on Geographic Names on proposed names
5. Review board website updates (if any available for review)
6. Legislative Update (including board budget)
7. New Boards & Commission Portal – Any Update
David Reiss, Department of Tribal Relations
8. Discussion on Public Involvement Process – Harney Peak
 - a. Plan for Public Meetings
 - b. Travel Plans
 - c. Dissemination of written comments
 - d. Additional Contacts to Notify – Review Distribution List
 - i. Other State Legislators
 - ii. Congressional Delegation
 - iii. Additional Tribal Governments
9. Request from Department of Transportation for letter of support for naming tunnels along the Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway (<http://www.sddot.com/pnsb/default.aspx>)
10. Public Comment on agenda items or non-agenda items
11. Other Business
12. Schedule Next Board Meeting
 - a. Date & Time – Convenes on April 28, 2015 at 5:00pm (MDT)
 - b. Location – Martin, SD (Library/Community Room)
 - c. Board Meeting will continue on April 29th, May 5th, May 6th & May 7th
13. Adjourn

Notice is further given to persons with disabilities that this meeting is being held in a physical accessible place. Please notify the above mentioned office within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will make the necessary arrangements.

ACTION LIST AS OF 3/12/15

Proposed Name	Feature Type	State	County	Federal Land Mgmt Agency	Review List	BGN Decision Date	Case Status	Primary DD Lat	Primary DD Long	Secondary DD Lat	Secondary DD Long
Annie Anderson Creek	stream	SD	Minnehaha		415	13-Nov-14	approved	43.5858758	-96.480594	43.6540616	-96.4537639
Black Elk Peak	summit	SD	Pennington	FS	419		review listed	43.866	-103.53132	0	0
Dells Island	island	SD	Minnehaha		419	12-Feb-15	approved	43.8065446	-96.7267173	0	0
Isanti Creek	stream	SD	Moody		417	11-Sep-14	approved	43.985	-96.6636111	44.1119444	-96.7394444
Manning Creek	stream	SD	Minnehaha		414	13-Nov-14	not approved	43.5858758	-96.480594	43.6540616	-96.4537639
Searl Creek	stream	SD, ND	Campbell, Emmons		419		review listed	45.9166666	-100.2913888	45.9919444	-100.3205555
Tahc'a Okute Aglehan	summit	SD	Shannon, Custer, Fall River	FS	415		review listed	43.5088455	-102.9738235	43.5222087	-103.0079728
Tahc'a Okute Aglehan C'ikala	summit	SD	Shannon		415		review listed	43.5690737	-102.9191923	0	0
Tahc'a Okute Wakpa	stream	SD	Shannon		415		review listed	43.6119325	-102.980746	43.4383184	-102.9493598
Tahc'a Okute Wakpa C'ikala	stream	SD	Shannon	NPS	415		review listed	43.6138771	-102.955745	43.5213889	-102.8880556
Wiciyena Oyate	ppl	SD	Charles Mix	USPS	414		review listed	42.9924954	-98.425081	0	0

**U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE**

Seven Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Meeting
Department of the Interior, Kiowa Room
February 12, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.

Members and Deputy Members in Attendance

Eric Berman	Department of Homeland Security (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
Douglas Caldwell	Department of Defense (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Jon Campbell	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)
Mark DeMulder	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)
Andrew Flora	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
Brenda-Anne C. Forrest	Government Publishing Office
Michael Fournier	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
Tony Gilbert	Government Publishing Office
Bruce Johnson	Library of Congress
Elizabeth Kanalley	Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service)
Sean Killen	Department of the Interior (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) (by teleconference)
Curtis Loy	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)
Brian Mueller	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management)
Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress
Victor Pattarozzi	Department of Homeland Security
Michael Shelton	Department of the Interior (National Park Service)
Douglas Vandegraft	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) (Chairman)
Meredith Westington	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)

Ex-Officio

Lou Yost, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names/Domestic Names Committee

Staff

Maria McCormick, U.S. Geological Survey (by teleconference)
Matthew O'Donnell, U.S. Geological Survey
Jennifer Runyon, U.S. Geological Survey

Guests

Laurie Campbell, U. S. Forest Service
Merritt Blakeslee, The Blakeslee Law Firm
Kenneth Kambis, The College of William & Mary
Deborah Nordeen, National Park Service
Patrick Woodward, Bureau of the Census

1. Opening

Chairman Vandegraft opened the meeting at 9:31 a.m. He welcomed all visitors and asked all BGN members, staff, and visitors to introduce themselves.

0 abstentions

III. New Commemorative Names and Changes agreed to by all interested parties

Calligan Point, Maine (Review List 418) (FID 2770921)

A motion was made and seconded to approve this name.

Vote: 16 in favor
 0 against
 2 abstentions

Miller Falls, Virginia (Shenandoah National Park) (Review List 418) (FID 2770925)

A motion was made and seconded to approve this new name.

Vote: 15 in favor
 1 against
 2 abstentions

The negative vote was cast in the belief that the name honors a logger who was not a conservationist, which sends a message that is counter to the National Park Service's mission to preserve and protect the land.

IV. Revised Decisions – none

V. New Names agreed to by all interested parties

Bobwhite Cove, Missouri (Mark Twain National Forest) (Review List 417) (FID 2770923)

A motion was made and seconded to approve this name.

Vote: 18 in favor
 0 against
 0 abstentions

Dells Island, South Dakota (Review List 419) (FID 2770924)

A motion was made and seconded to approve this name.

Vote: 18 in favor
 0 against
 0 abstention

5. Other Business

Kanalley reported that Ms. Campbell will be representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the next two or three months while Kanalley is on a detail to Region 9.

located alongside. A proposal has since been submitted to make official the name Quail Cove (see Review List 419)).

The Stone County Commission, when asked to comment, responded “[We have] no function in making determinations or recommendations concerning geographic names, and no system for doing so.” The Missouri Board on Geographic Names and the U.S. Forest Service both recommend approval of the name Bobwhite Cove. A copy of the proposal was forwarded to the Osage Nation, which is federally recognized. No response was received, which is presumed to indicate a lack of opinion.

GNIS lists one other feature in Missouri containing the word “Bobwhite.” Camp Bobwhite, a locale, is in Knob Noster State Park in Johnson County, 150 miles from the bay in question.

Dells Island, South Dakota

(Review List 419)

http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gazpublic/getesricoor?p_lat=43.8065446&p_longi=-96.7267173

The new name Dells Island is proposed for a 1.9-square-mile island located along the Big Sioux River in Minnehaha County. Just south of the City of Dells Rapids, the Big Sioux River divides into two distinct branches, reuniting again approximately three miles downstream. The name Dells Island would apply to the area between the two branches, which is believed to be the largest island in South Dakota. The more easterly branch flows through cliffs of red quartzite known as the Dells of the Sioux.

The proposal for Dells Island was submitted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Dell Rapids in response to a previous proposal submitted to the South Dakota Board on Geographic Names to name the same feature Quarry Island. The latter name referred to the fact that a large quarry exists at the north end of the island; Quarry Road also crosses the island in this area. However, the City government indicated that it would prefer the name Dells Island.

After holding a public hearing and learning that the Minnehaha County Commission would defer to the City, the South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) voted to recommend approval of the name Dells Island. As part of its research, the SDBGN forwarded the proposal to The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, all of which are federally recognized. No responses were received, which is presumed to indicate a lack of an opinion.



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March 31, 2015

Department of Transportation
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To whom it may concern:

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) supports the efforts of the Department of Transportation to name the tunnels along the Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway. The board understands how important time is in an emergency. And with the number of travelers who drive this route, it is imperative to do everything possible to make it easy for those not familiar with the area to identify their position to first responders. Naming the tunnels would give any traveler an identification marker to use when establishing their location.

The SDBGN takes no position on the specific names recommended by the Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway Tunnel Naming Group. The board does support the efforts made by the department to develop a naming group and solicit local and statewide support for not only the proposed names, but also the entire process.

The SDBGN has no official role in this process as the tunnels are not geographic features but will provide any names adopted by the Transportation Commission to the U.S. Board on Geographic Features which maintains a database of named features, including tunnels. This will document the names in a national database for future generations. It should be noted that Hood Tunnel currently exists in the database as the name for the tunnel along the Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway. The naming group is proposing retaining that name.

The board commends Rich Zacher for his efforts leading the group and ensuring that the tunnel naming process includes public involvement and local support.

Sincerely,

June D. Hansen, Chairperson
S.D. Board on Geographic Names

cc: Rich Zacher, Department of Transportation

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Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway Tunnel Naming

The Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway Tunnel Naming Group was established to propose names for tunnels along the byway. The request to name the tunnels originally came from emergency responders who felt tunnel names would aid the traveling public when requesting assistance.

[Map of tunnel locations](#)

On S.D. Highway 87, the names being proposed for the Needles Highway tunnels came from strong geographic features immediately adjacent to each of the tunnels. These names are currently commonly used names when describing the tunnels: (scroll down for photos)

S.D. 87 MRM 66.85 - Iron Creek Tunnel: Iron Creek runs directly adjacent to the rock formation the tunnel was created. Although no evidence was found to officially name the tunnel, photographic evidence, from what is believed to be the 1950's, of a sign showing "Iron Creek Tunnel" was found.

S.D. 87 MRM 72.00 - Needles Eye Tunnel: Although no evidence was found to officially name the tunnel, the tunnel has historically been referred to as the "Needles Eye Tunnel" due to its immediate proximity to the well know Needles Eye landmark. The Needle's Eye is one of the most memorable granite needles along the drive, with its signature 'eye' formed by countless years of rain, ice and wind.

S.D. 87 MRM 74.65 - Hood Tunnel: The tunnel is believed to be officially named and has been historically known as the "Hood Tunnel". Although no definitive information was found, it is believed that the Hood Tunnel is named after the rock formation for which it is carved.

The names for the tunnels on U.S. Highway 16A, Iron Mountain Road, were chosen to recognize those individuals that most aided Peter Norbeck in the design and construction of the route. These three gentlemen made significant contributions while working directly with Peter Norbeck on the vision, design and completion of the route:

U.S. 16A MRM 50.49 - Scovel Johnson Tunnel: Deemed "impossible" to construct by its critics, Scovel Johnson's contribution to the Scenic Byway is largely for his construction of the Needles Highway. Peter Norbeck asked Johnson if he thought he could construct the road. Johnson's oft-quoted reply was, "If you can furnish me enough dynamite, I can." Johnson also made preliminary surveys for the Iron Mountain Road, and contributed to the layout of the Sylvan Lake area.

U.S. 16A MRM 53.00 - C.C. Gideon Tunnel: Cecil C. Gideon is honored as one of South Dakota's Great Faces because of the major landmarks he left in South Dakota. Gideon designed and built many local structures in the Black Hills. The most notable include the Custer State Park Game Lodge and the famous pigtail bridges on Iron Mountain Road.

An architect from Minnesota recommended Gideon to the South Dakota State Game and Fish, which was looking for someone to design a lodge primarily for the use of members in the Black Hills. In 1918, Gideon took a train from Minnesota to Rapid City to meet Peter Norbeck. The two quickly developed a life-long friendship.

Building the State Game Lodge was Gideon's first major accomplishment in the Black Hills. The location of the State Game Lodge was also the site of a sawmill. All of the wood was specially cut and prepared for the lodge. The lodge opened for business in 1921.

Together, Norbeck and Gideon mapped out Iron Mountain Road. Gideon's pigtail bridge design was critical to the construction of the road. These bridges were unique in design because they could safely accommodate sudden elevation changes while complimenting the natural beauty of the Black Hills. The pigtail bridges also forced travelers to drive slowly and take in the scenery of the Black Hills. This was precisely Norbeck and Gideon's vision for the highway.

U.S. 16A MRM 53.65 - Doane Robinson Tunnel: Though Gutzon Borglum was its creator, Doane Robinson was the man who first conceived the idea of Mount Rushmore. Robinson introduced a bill into the state legislature to authorize carving a mountain in Custer State Park and asking for funds to begin surveying the site. The funds were refused, but permission was granted.

Robinson met Borglum on the artist's first visit to South Dakota in 1924. On his second visit in 1925, the sculptor announced that he would not carve the Needles, but would find an appropriate mountain instead. Since the chosen sight was just north of the Park, the road to Mt. Rushmore had to be completed. It was part of the Iron Mountain Road design

to enhance the Mt. Rushmore project with the view of the carving through tunnels on the road.

After Borglum decided on Rushmore, Robinson, then 69 years old, joined a party in scaling the mountain. From that moment, Robinson became the de facto local manager of the project and he scrambled, along with Senator Peter Norbeck, to facilitate and appease the efforts and demands of Borglum.

The final tunnel is located on the east side of Keystone on U.S. Highway 16A, this three-lane tunnel lies in the middle of one of the Black Hills most historic mining areas. Gold, silver, tin, copper and beryllium were just a few of the many minerals mined in the Keystone area. This is the reason the group is recommending the name:

U.S. 16A MRM 57.57 - Miner's Gateway Tunnel: The final tunnel is located on the east side of Keystone on US16A, this three-lane tunnel lies in the middle of one of the Black Hills most historic mining areas. Gold, silver, tin, copper, and beryllium were only a few of the many minerals mined in the Keystone area. That's why group is recommending the name, Miner's Gateway Tunnel.

This notification is intended to seek public comment on proposed names for the tunnels. Written comments in support or opposition to the proposed names for the tunnels should be submitted no later than March 17, 2015, to Rich Zacher.

Following the comment period, the group will send its final recommendations to the South Dakota Transportation Commission for consideration and final approval.

Please send comments via mail or email to:

SD Department of Transportation
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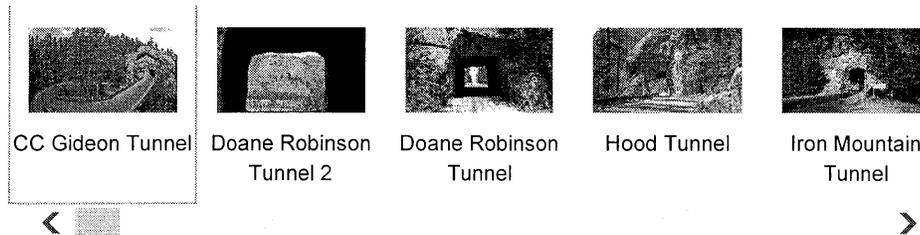
Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway Tunnel Naming Group:

- Marilyn Oaks Historian, Grand daughter of Cecil Clyde Gideon, Buffalo Rock Lodge, US16A
- Sam Brannan Author, Engineer, Landowner Rushmore LLC, US16A
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- June Hansen Chairperson, South Dakota Board of Geographic Names
- Sandra McLain Historian, President of Keystone Area Historical Society, Big Thunder Gold Mine, Keystone SD
- Dave Ressler Custer Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director
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