

ATTACHMENT #2B

HUGHES COUNTY
UNNAMED FEATURE

PROPOSED NAME "ARIKARA CREEK"
PUBLIC COMMENT & RESEARCH

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Feature Name	ID	Class	County	State	Latitude	Longitude	Elev(ft)	Map	Work Date	Entry Date
Arikara Dam	1260257	Dam	Hughes	SD	442258N	1001555W	1572	Pierre NE	-	23-SEP-1986
Lake Arikara	1253680	Reservoir	Hughes	SD	442304N	1001558W	1565	Pierre NE	01-JAN-1979	13-FEB-1980

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Proposed Name: *Arikara Creek*

Action Requested:

Name an unnamed feature

Reason for requesting proposing a name for unnamed feature:

- *To commemorate the name of the tribe of the people that lived in this area hundreds of years ago.*

Type of Geographic Feature:

- *Creek*

Location of Feature (County/Geographic Coordinates):

- *Hughes County*

Descriptive Information of the geographic feature:

- *Creek*

Meaning or Significance of the proposed name:

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Nakota tribes that came afterward and had a strong presence in South Dakota when the Indian Wars broke out but before them the Arikara Nation live throughout South Dakota and not much mention of that fact is out there. A person walking along the shores of the Missouri River in Hughes County today can still find remnants of their existence by finding pieces of pottery and other artifacts. I have found bits and pieces of their ancient culture all my life being a lifelong resident of Hughes and Stanley County.

Intended to Commemorate/Honor an Individual No
If yes, who?

Are you representing an organization/public entity or acting as an individual? If representing an organization or public entity, please identify the organization and your role.

- *I am acting as an individual.*

Please provide any letters of support for the new name and list any public entities or organizations that have indicated support for the new name below:

- *None*

Submitted by:

Name: *Joseph Ashley*

Title (if representing organization or public entity): *N/A*

Organization or Public Entity (if applicable): *N/A*

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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.

Submit form to:

SD Board on Geographic Names

Dept. of Tribal Relations

302 East Dakota

Pierre, SD 57501

Email: june.hansen@state.sd.us

FAX: 605-773-6592

Website: <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/>

From: [Ashley, Joseph](#)
To: [Schneider, Nicole](#)
Subject: Hughes County Creek Name Suggestion
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 9:08:08 AM

Good morning Nicole,

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I did a Google search on Arikara Creek and couldn't find it so whether or not it already exists I don't know. If it does then maybe there is another name associated with the Arikara people that could be used.

I am an enrolled member of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and am affiliated with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and also Irish and French.

Thank you.

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