

ATTACHMENT #2C

HUGHES COUNTY
UNNAMED FEATURE

PROPOSED NAME "MUSH CREEK"
PUBLIC COMMENT & RESEARCH

Feature Query Results

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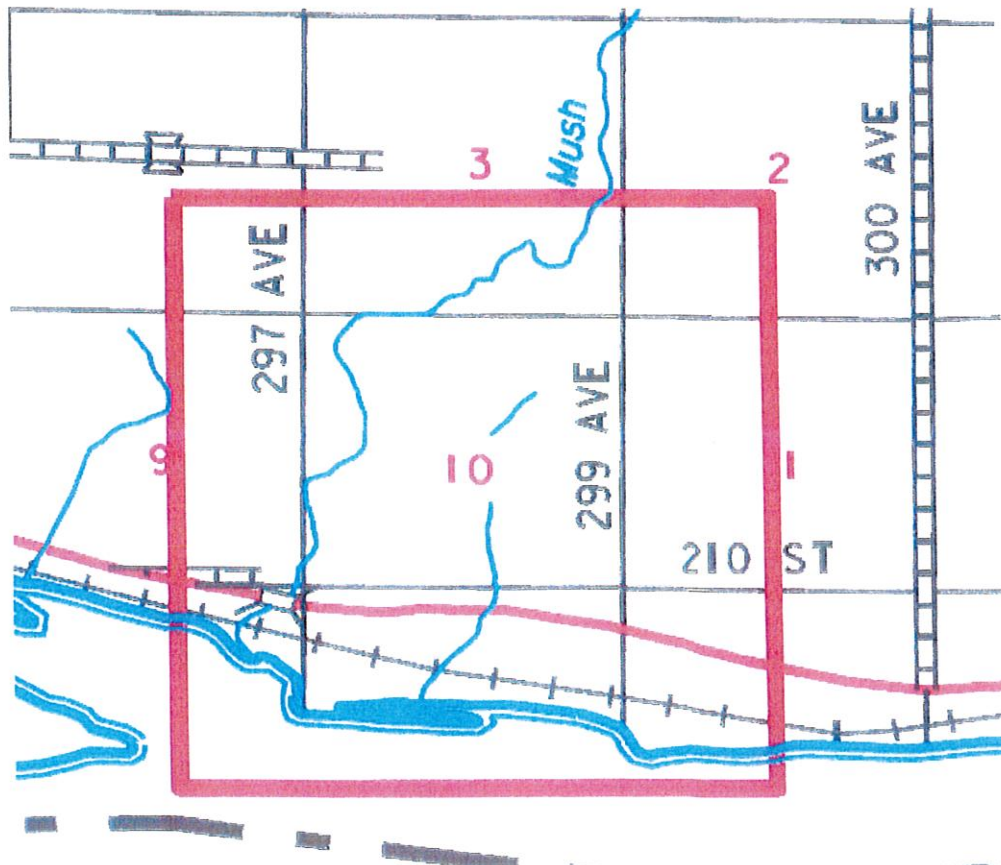
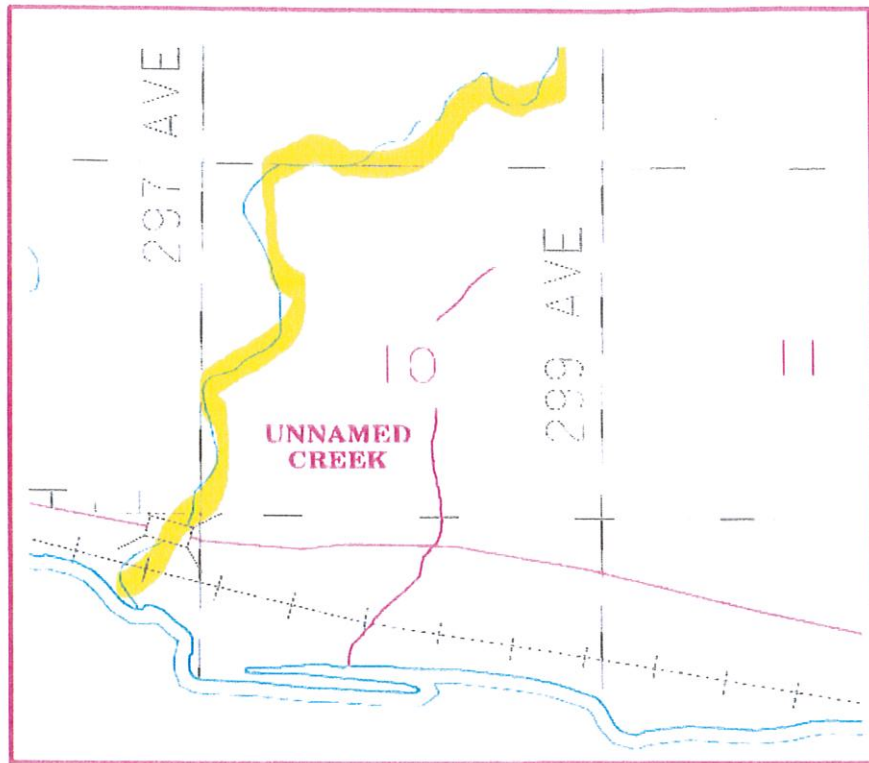
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Highlighted Creek is currently named Mush Creek
Unnamed Creek is in red below



belonging to freighting outfits.

MULE CREEK (Shannon Co.), a small tributary of White River, bears a name of unknown origin.

MULE CREEK (Washington Co.), tributary to White River from the northwest in the southwestern part of the county, bears a name of unknown derivation.

MUROW CREEK (see *Moreau River*).

MUSH CREEK (Hughes Co.), tributary to the Missouri River just below Farn Island, was originally called "Cottontail Creek" by the Sioux in their own language, the name being pronounced "Mash-tin'-cha-la." This name was shortened to its first syllable and corrupted to "Mush," and the creek was known as "Mush Creek" by all the old-timers. Later it was called "Dry Creek," and is so designated on the maps which show it and it is commonly known by that name today.

NAIL CREEK (Lyman Co.), rising eight miles north of Presho and flowing southeast to join American Creek, bears a name of unknown origin.

NARCELLE CREEK (Meade Co.), a small tributary of the Cheyenne River, was named for Narcisse Narcelle, who operated a large cattle ranch in the vicinity of this creek in the early days.

NASTY CREEK (Custer Co.), a small tributary of the Cheyenne River in the eastern part of the county, was so named because of the unpleasant nature of its waters.

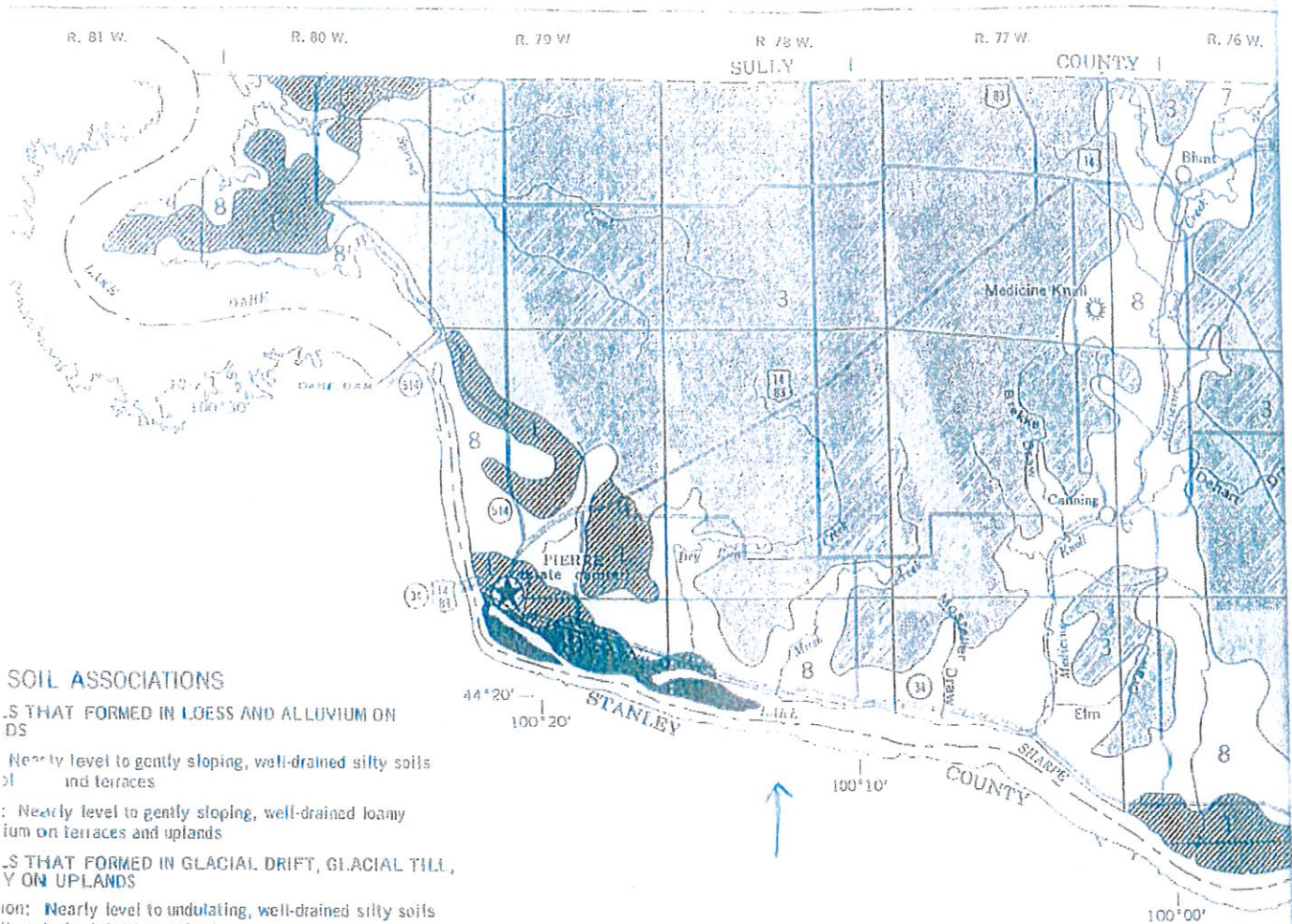
NASTY CREEK (Harding Co.) (see *Big Nasty Creek*).

NELS CREEK (Perkins Co.), heading in the southwestern part of the county and flowing northeast to join Antelope Creek, bears a name of unknown origin.

NEVIS CREEK (Jackson Co.), a small tributary of Whitewater Creek in the western part of the county, bears a name of unknown origin.

NEWTON FORK (Pennington Co.), rising west of Hill City and flowing east to join Spring Creek, bears a name of disputed origin. (1) It was named for Professor Henry Newton, a government geologist, who was associated with Professor Walter P. Jenney in the Newton-Hills in 1875. (2) It was named for an old prospector who was the first to discover gold in this creek. Occasionally the name appears as "Newton Fork Creek."

NEWTON FORK CREEK (see *Newton Fork*).



SOIL ASSOCIATIONS

SOILS THAT FORMED IN LOESS AND ALLUVIUM ON BOTTOMLANDS

Association: Nearly level to gently sloping, well-drained silty soils of terrace and terraces

Association: Nearly level to gently sloping, well-drained loamy silt on terraces and uplands

SOILS THAT FORMED IN GLACIAL DRIFT, GLACIAL TILL, AND CLAY ON UPLANDS

Association: Nearly level to undulating, well-drained silty soils of terrace and glacial till on uplands

Association: Nearly level to gently sloping, well drained silty clayey soils that have a claypan; all formed in glacial drift

Association: Nearly level to gently undulating, moderately drained loamy and silty soils and soils that have a claypan; all formed on uplands

Association: Gently undulating to rolling, well-drained loamy soils of terrace and uplands

Association: Rolling to steep, well-drained to excessively drained silty soils formed in glacial till on uplands, and nearly level, poorly drained silty soils and soils that have a claypan and formed in alluvium on bottom land

Association: Rolling to steep, well-drained to excessively drained silty soils formed in glacial till on uplands

SOILS FORMED IN MATERIAL DERIVED FROM SOFT SHALE

Association: Sloping to strongly sloping to steep, well-drained clayey soils

SOILS FORMED IN ALLUVIUM ON BOTTOM LAND

Association: Nearly level, well-drained loamy soils that formed in sandy alluvium

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GENERAL SOIL MAP
HUGHES COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA



From: Nancy Dewell <grannynanny2015@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 9:12 AM

To: Hansen, June <June.Hansen@state.sd.us>

Subject: [EXT] South Dakota Board on Geographic Names-unnamed creek in Hughes County

Good morning,

I just read the KCCR news article regarding the naming of the creek in Hughes County north of Highway 34.

The end of that creek ultimately emptied through my father's land just to the north of the Highway. John passed away in 2015 and I have since sold that property. Throughout the 30 years he and my mother lived there, he always called the creek "Mush Creek." Their home was lovingly named the Mansion on Mush Creek.

I would like to suggest that this creek be named Mush Creek.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Dewell
605-220-3806

Hansen, June

From: Nancy Dewell <grannynanny2015@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Hansen, June
Subject: Re: [EXT] South Dakota Board on Geographic Names-unnamed creek in Hughes County

Thank you for your help on this. I won't be able to get any letters of support. But I would like the SD Board on Geographic Names to consider naming this creek "Mush Creek."

is this all you need?

Nancy Dewell

On Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 10:21:11 AM CDT, Hansen, June <june.hansen@state.sd.us> wrote:

Nancy: I am preparing for the September 30th meeting to take public comment on proposed names for the unnamed creek in Hughes County. Your email is public comment that will be included in the board packet. I just need to know if you want to make that a formal request to propose the name "Mush Creek". If you would like to make this a formal request to consider the name, I'd like to include the proposed name in the press release on the public meeting. You would not have to complete the form I sent earlier but you can do that if that's easier. All I need is an email confirmation from you that you want the SD Board on Geographic Names to consider Mush Creek as a name. You can do that by sending me an email stating you want the board to formally consider "Mush Creek" as the name or send the form to request a name for an unnamed feature that I sent you earlier.

Also I again want to encourage you to get any additional letters of support for the name or have individuals give public comment on September 30th help the board make an informed decision.

Please let me know if you want the board to formally consider "Mush Creek" as a name for the unnamed creek in Hughes County by September 21st.

Thanks!
June

June D. Hansen, Chair

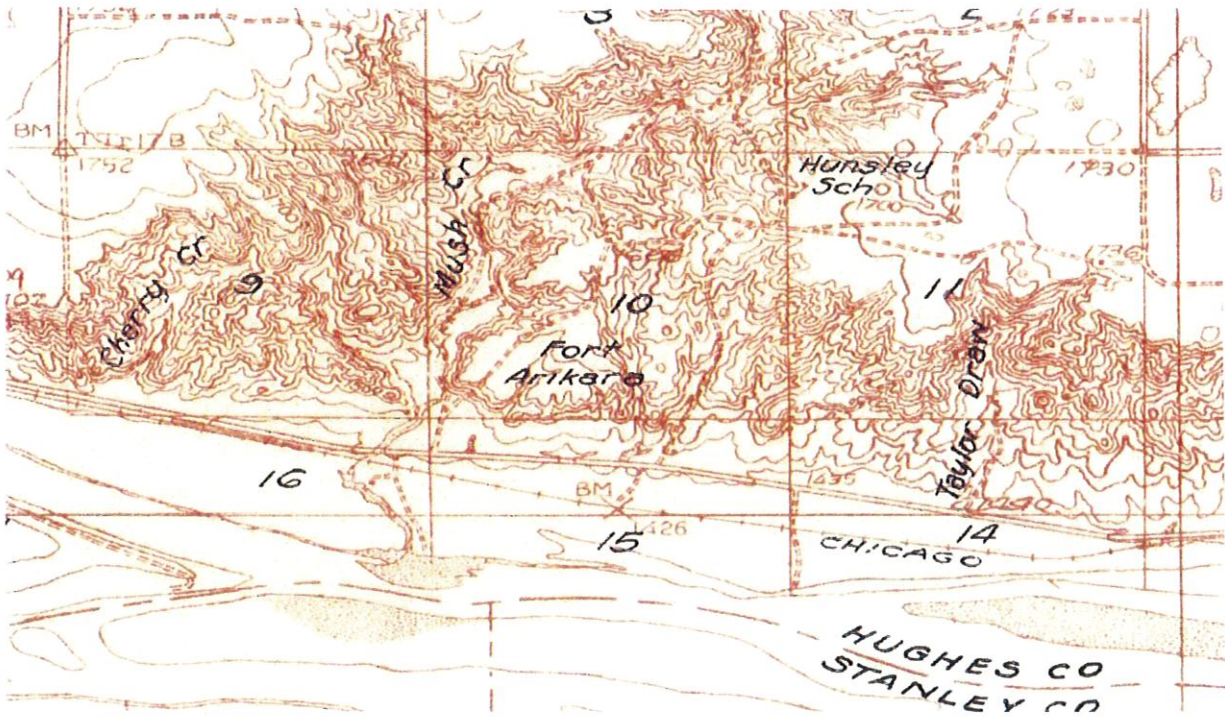
Hansen, June

From: JerryM <jerry.mcquay@pie.midco.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Hansen, June
Subject: [EXT] Geographic Names, South Dakota Board on

Hi, on the up coming hearing on Sept 9, 2020, pertaining to Public Comment on Proposed Names for unnamed Creek in Hughes County. My vote is for leaving it as what people people have known it as for years "MUSH" creek.

I did a scan of online newspaper and found the earliest account of the tributary being called Mush creek This article appeared in the capitol Journal in 1890 and was related to practical use of irrigation. The other article that reference Mush Creek was in the Stanley county newspaper in 1910, that article was related to a raid of a Blind Pig(illegal making of whiskey) which was being operated at the mouth of Mush Creek

Thanks
Jerry McQuay
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Pierre SD 57501



Here is a quick snip from a 1934 topo map. The Arzberger Site is shown as Fort Arikara, with Mush Creek bordering the west side of the site. The proposed unnamed creek" borders the east side of the site.