



Council of Geographic Names Authorities

Colorado, 2025

COGNA – State ReportState: South Dakota Board on Geographic NamesName/Title of Person submitting report: June Hansen, Board Chair

Board Structure/Composition: Five member board representing 5 state agencies.
(Dept. of Tribal Relations, Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Office of State Historical
Society, Dept. of Tourism & Dept. of Transportation

Include:

- Legislatively mandated? ☒ YES ☐ NO
- How often does your board meet: At least once a year and more often as needed
- Does your State request to manage name proposals prior to submission to BGN?
☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you have or anticipate any changes to your board or its processes in the future? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If so, how: _____

Current issues/challenges: None at this time.

Important recent decisions: No current or pending decisions.

SDBGN primarily deals with unnamed geographic features. Any name proposed for an
unnamed feature, SDBGN conducts a public involvement process on the proposed name
before referring to the USBGN. SDBGN can only act on a renaming a feature if deemed by
State Legislature to be "offensive or insulting". Currently only term in law is "Sq_____".
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Do you feel that your state representatives are aware of your work with regard to managing place names?

☒ YES

☐ NO

Do you have Federal representatives serving as voting members on your board? YES

☒ NO

Do you conduct outreach (public, Tribal, political) in the course of your job managing place names? YES

☒ NO

Have you or do you plan on attending the monthly BGN "Office Hours?"

YES

☒ NO

If 'no' – what is the reason?

Time of Day

Job Conflict

Other:

At this time don't have any issues but may attend in the future

If you HAVE attended the BGN "Office Hours" – is there anything new or different you would like to see present in the meeting moving forward?

Do you anticipate attending COGNA in California (presently set for May, 2026)?

☒ YES

☐ NO

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