



## Propose Name For Unnamed Geographic Feature

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Proposed Name: Crone Creek

Action Requested:  
To Name an unnamed feature

Reason for requesting proposing a name for unnamed feature:

There is an unnamed water feature on our property. It needs a name. Crone Creek is what I've been calling it.

Type of Geographic Feature:

Water way from a spring

Location of Feature (County/Geographic Coordinates):

Please find enclosed map

Descriptive Information of the geographic feature:

It is a waterway that runs a little or a lot depending on conditions



Meaning or Significance of the proposed name:

Crone creek is fantastic name for this water way. It is an older waterway. It ~~follows~~ <sup>follows</sup> that giant pond (see map) but then just trickles in August.

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.

No - homeowner

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:

No one cares but our family

**Submitted by:**

Name: Leticia Gilmore  
Title (if representing organization or public entity):  
Organization or Public Entity (if applicable):  
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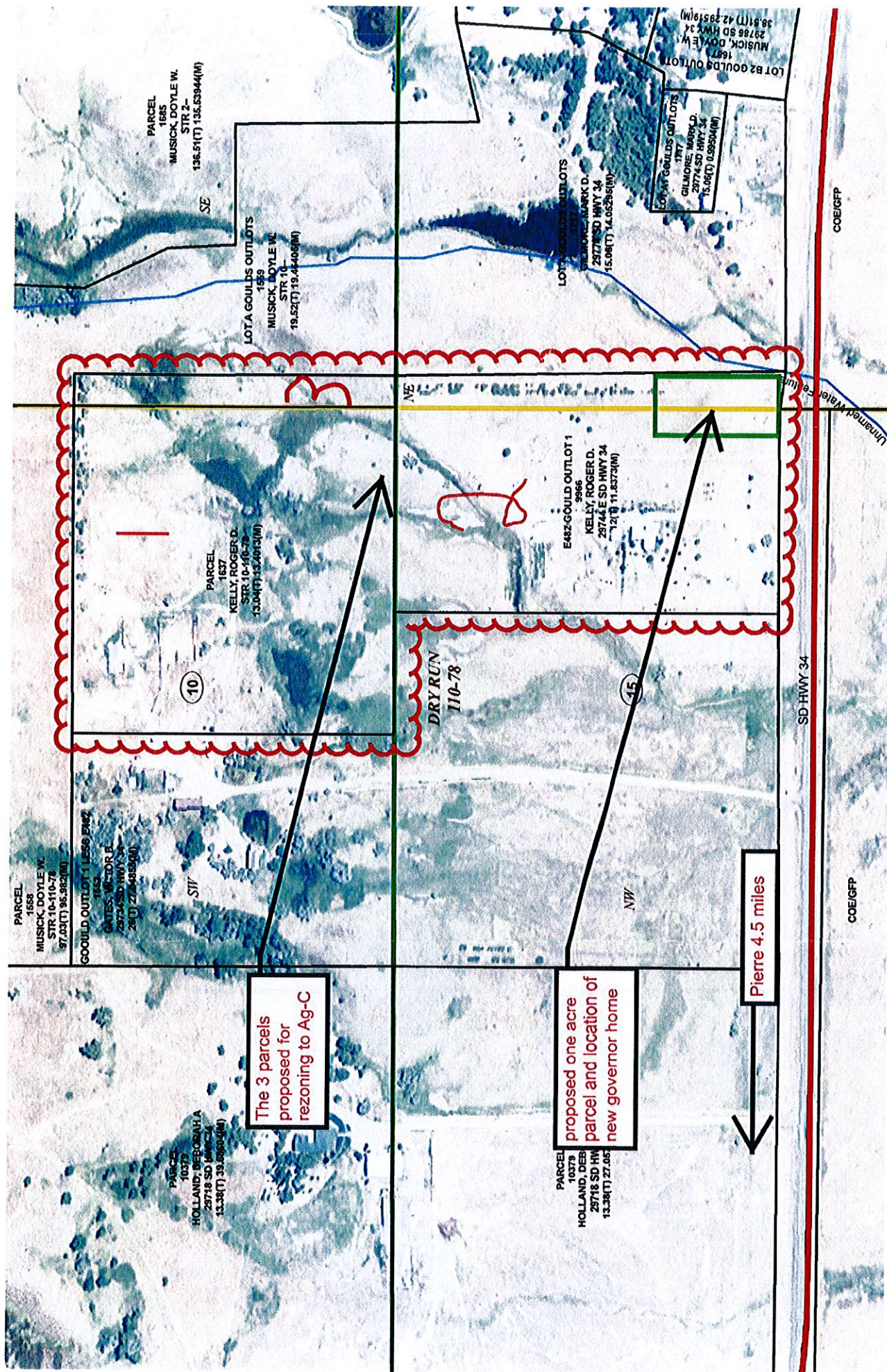
**Submit form to:**

SD Board on Geographic Names  
Dept. of Tribal Relations  
302 East Dakota  
Pierre, SD 57501

Email: [Alli.Moran@state.sd.us](mailto:Alli.Moran@state.sd.us)  
FAX: 605-773-6592

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







Monday, August 31, 2020

June D. Hansen  
South Dakota Board on Geographic Names  
Representing the SD Department of Transportation

Dear South Dakota Board on Geographic Names,

I would like to thank the SD Board on Geographic Names for hearing my request to name the unnamed waterway that flows just west of our home in Hughes County. The creek is located located north of State Highway 34 between 297th and 299th Avenues.

We have lived adjacent to this unnamed waterway since 2008. In those years I have noticed that this little creek has tenacity. In hot dry years it may completely dry up, only to revive itself the next. The name "Crone Creek" isn't a moniker. It is not the name of any individual, it is simply this little streams' essential quality.

A crone is typically thought of as a bent and crooked, thin and grouchy, old woman. I have noticed that this thin waterway has all of those same qualities. It grapples and dodders its way towards the Missouri River. However, if you take the time to observe closely, this crone creek uses a deep knowledge of her surroundings, looks for opportunities and uses aged skill to make her way. Originating from a far off spring this waterway carries herself not for display, but rather determinately for her own long established purpose.

Old woman are oftentimes overlooked, as was this waterway, but both serve vital purposes. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Leticia Gilmore  
29774 SD Hwy 34  
Pierre, SD 57501

Monday, August 31, 2020

June D. Hansen  
South Dakota Board on Geographic Names  
Representing the SD Department of Transportation

Dear South Dakota Board on Geographic Names,

I am writing in support of the proposed naming of Crone Creek, located north of State Highway 34 between 297th and 299th Avenues

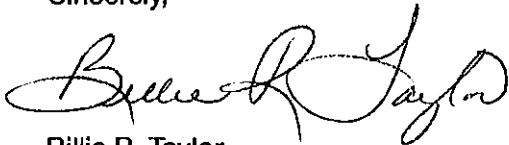
I approve of the name "Crone Creek." What an appropriate and inspired name for this little stream that, like the aging women in our society, has been overlooked, anonymous, and forgotten.

The word "crone" is derived from "crons" (time), and "krone" (crown). It signified the crowning knowledge gained from a lifetime of experience. Crone is also associated with the unflattering image of an old woman, a granny.

But just as the granny's wisdom flows to those who seek it, this tenacious little creek flows to a greater body and has done so for time unknown.

With the naming of Crone Creek, we acknowledge the contributions of both and honor the ageless wisdom of the beautiful crones of our world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billie R. Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Billie" being more prominent and the last name "Taylor" following in a similar style.

Billie R. Taylor  
1317 East Broadway Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

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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:

*I thought of the name "Arikara Creek" after reading the location of the creek in Hughes County. The reason I am suggesting this name is to give recognition in a small way to the tribe that was the predominant tribe in South Dakota especially in the 1600-1700's before small pox decimated their numbers in 1780-1782 which weakened them so much that the Sioux tribes invaded and routed them out. Along the Missouri River, Arikara villages dropped from 32 to 2 because of smallpox. In Hughes County, there is a national historical Landmark called the Arzberger Site which at one time contained a fortified village with more than 44 lodges. The Arikara people were lodge builders, hunters, traders, and farmers whose main crop was corn or maize. I think so much attention is given to the Lakota, Dakota,*



*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*

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

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Good morning Nicole,

I thought of the name "Arikara Creek" after reading the location of the creek in Hughes County. The reason I am suggesting this name is to give recognition in a small way to the tribe that was the predominant tribe in South Dakota especially in the 1600-1700's before small pox decimated their numbers in 1780-1782 which weakened them so much that the Sioux tribes invaded and routed them out. Along the Missouri River, Arikara villages dropped from 32 to 2 because of small pox. In Hughes County, there is a national historical Landmark called the Arzberger Site which at one time contained a fortified village with more than 44 lodges. The Arikara people were lodge builders, hunters, traders, and farmers whose main crop was corn or maize. I think so much attention is given to the Lakota, Dakota, 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 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.

Joseph Ashley  
Program Specialist  
South Dakota Dept. of Social Services  
Division of Child Protection

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For all other emergency calls, please call **605.940-2434**.

Thank you for your patience during this situation.



**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

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**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks!  
June

June D. Hansen, Chair



**From:** [Ron & Mary Duvall](#)  
**To:** [Schneider, Nicole](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Unnamed Creek in Rural Hughes County - Crone Creek  
**Date:** Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:25:39 PM

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Nicole,

Thank you for pointing out that this process is more formal than I realized. I thought I was tossing a suggestion in for consideration and that was the end of it. I have no attachment to my suggestion and was putting it out there simply as an alternative to Crone. I just don't think it is advisable to use Crone:

**Definition of *crone***

**: a cruel or ugly old woman**

Or

**a withered, witchlike old woman.**

If you have other formal suggestions, I may not submit anything. If permissible, please let me know if there are other formal submissions.

Thank you,

Ron Duvall  
605.280.8577