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Mr. Lou Yost  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Domestic Names Committee  
United States Board on Geographic Names  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 20192-0523

Dear Mr. Yost,

As Montana's State Geographic Names Authority, I recommend that the Domestic Names Committee approve the proposals from Review List 400 to rename two streams in Custer County as Iron Teeth Woman Creek and North Woman Creek.

The Montana Water Resources Division, the Montana Trust Lands Division, and the Indian Country Economic Development Program of the Montana Department of Commerce have notified me that they support the proposals. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and the Montana State Historic Preservation office have notified me that they are not opposed to the proposals. The Custer County Commission approves of the changes. All of these agencies provided their recommendations without comment as to their reasoning.

I support the proposals because of the derogatory nature of the current names and because State of Montana attorneys have interpreted the "Squaw Name Change Law" as requiring the State to approve the HB412 Committee's decisions.

Sincerely Yours,

Gerald J Daumiller  
Montana State Library