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Mr. Lou Yost
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 Advisor, I recommend that the Domestic Names Committee reject the proposal from Review List 421 to name a water body in Flathead County, Montana as Lone Coyote Lake.

The Montana State Library released a public notice about the proposal on October 18, 2016. Ten days later, the State Library issued a second public notice that included comment from nearby residents stating that the water body has local names in use (Moon Lake and Mohn Lake). Research completed by the (retired) Montana Geographic Names Advisor, Gerry Daumiller, uncovered newspaper articles citing the body of water as "Mohn Lake." Supporting this local name usage is land ownership data citing Mathis Mohn as the owner of the lake from 1898 to 1937. Descendants of Mr. Mohn also commented that the water body is known to them as Mohn Lake.

We did receive one comment in support of the name; however, the supporter also said he would be "satisfied if there is a prior claim to another more local name." We did not receive other comments in support of the proposal. After reviewing the proposal summary, Commissioner Gary Krueger, Flathead County Commission, called on March 13, 2017 stating that the Commission is not in favor of assigning the name Lone Coyote Lake.

A summary of the name proposal, public comments, and research related to this proposal are available [online](#).

Respectfully,

Diane Papineau, GISP
Montana State Library