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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 proposal from Review List 400 to apply the name "Shedhorn Creek" to a stream in Jefferson County, Montana.

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. All of these agencies provided their recommendations without comment as to their reasoning.

The Jefferson County Commission is not opposed to the change. I spoke to a person from the Commission office by telephone on December 30, 2009. She said the Commission had read my letter of November 23 describing the change and they were waiting for their GIS staff to determine whether the name was already in use, and for an opinion from the Forest Service. I told her the BOGN had already researched this and found a stream in Madison County and that BOGN was responsible for contacting the Forest Service. The staff person spoke with Commission Chairman Tom Lythgoe while we were on the phone, and he instructed her to tell me that the Commission was not opposed to the change.

I find no reason to oppose the proposal. The name is not common in Montana and it may help people in the future if they need to refer to this stream.

Sincerely Yours,

Gerald J Daumiller
Montana State Library