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GEOGRAPHIC NAMES BOARD TO MEET IN MORO

June 10, 2010 - The Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB), one of the state's heritage and history organizations, holds its summer board meeting at the Sherman County High School library in Moro at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 26, 2010. The meeting is open to the public.

Name proposals on the agenda include Noyes Creek in Lane County, Amanda Creek in Lincoln County, two proposals for names for the Findley Buttes in Wallowa County, and a list of proposed names replacing the word "squaw" in Josephine and Jackson counties.

The agenda will include further discussion regarding Native American languages and replacement names to eliminate the word "squaw" from Oregon's list of geographic names.

The names board is associated with the Oregon Historical Society and is an advisor to the United States Board on Geographic Names. The OGNB supervises the naming of geographic features in the state to standardize geographic nomenclatures, prevent confusion and duplication in geographic features, and correct previous naming errors. The board is comprised of 25 appointed board members representing all geographic areas of the state and is served by advisors from government agencies and the private sector.

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