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**TWO NEW CREEK NAMES ADDED TO OREGON MAP**

**July 13, 2010** - The Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB) recommended approval of two new creek names at its summer meeting, June 26, in Moro in Sherman County.

Proposals to name a previously unnamed creek in Lane County, Noyes Creek, and to name Amanda Creek in Lincoln County will now be sent to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for final approval.

The board delayed action on applying names to the three individual buttes of the Findley Buttes in Wallowa County, choosing to return to the community to seek compromises between traditional tribal names or settler names for those sites.

Likewise, a decision was delayed on replacing names with the word "squaw" in Josephine and Jackson counties to allow a group of tribal authorities and local historians to reach agreement on names that honor Native American presence in the area and meet tribal standards on pronunciation and spelling.

The Oregon 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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