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Names of NW Missouri creeks changed

(KLZA)-- The United States Department of the Interior and the U.S. Geological Survey have ordered the names of two area creeks changed.

Squaw Creek that runs through Atchison, Holt and Nodaway counties in Northwest, Missouri has been renamed Minnesota Valley Creek and includes Middle Branch Squaw Creek and East Branch Squaw Creek.

Middle Branch Squaw Creek is now Middle Branch Minnesota Valley Creek and East Branch has now been renamed East Branch Minnesota Valley Creek.

In Atchison County, MO., Squaw Creek was renamed Center Creek.

The new names became official December 8.

Waters on the Kickapoo Reservation in Brown County, Kansas, named Squaw Creek have been renamed Oaks Creek.

In November, 2021, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland declared “squaw” to be a derogatory term and ordered a task force to find replacement names for valleys, lakes, crkds and other sites that used the word.

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