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Database of Official Changes in Geographical Names of the Russian Federation

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According to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, geographical names are considered as subjects of federal jurisdiction. The Federal Law "On names of geographical objects" laid legislative basis for naming and renaming of geographical objects, standardization, use, registration, inventory and storage of geographical names as a part of the historic and cultural heritage of the peoples in the Russian Federation. The state policy in naming and renaming of geographical features complies with the Federal Law.

According to the clauses of the Federal Law "On names of geographical objects", suggestions on naming and renaming of geographical objects are submitted by the public authorities of the Russian Federation, public authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation, local authorities, public associations, juridical persons and citizens of the Russian Federation. Name suggestions are passed to legislative (representative) authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation on the territory of which an object to be named or renamed locates. The legislative (representative) authorities examine submitted suggestions, notify population of a corresponding territory on the costs required to rename a given geographical object and feel the population out on this.

The legislative (representative) authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation submit their suggestions to prove suggested naming or renaming of geographical objects and estimations of appropriate costs for examination by the federal executive body in charge of geographical names. The executive body considers suggestions and provides their examination.

Naming and renaming of the subjects of the Russian Federation, capitals and administrative centers of the subjects of the Russian Federation and cities are fixed by the Federal Laws. Naming and renaming of other geographical objects are carried by the Government of the Russian Federation. New names and officially changed names are registered in the State Catalogue of Geographical Names of the Russian Federation.

In order to provide a uniform and consistent use of geographical names it is highly important to opportunely notify all interested parties on official decisions concerning naming of nameless objects and renaming of earlier named objects.

An efficient way to notify on official changes in geographical names is regular release of a specific Information Bulletin compiled on the base of computer processing of the data input into the State Catalogue. The Bulletin was prepared in 2005. It comprises official changes of geographical names made between 1998 and 2005 in accordance with the Federal Law "On names of geographical objects".

The Bulletin consists of two sections:

Section 1 - Named geographical objects.

Section 2 – Renamed geographical objects

Section 1 includes the following information put in the tables:

- alphabetical index of names given to geographical objects of the Russian Federation (see extract 1);
- alphabetical index of names given to geographical objects in the open sea and Antarctica (see extract 2).

The alphabetical index of names given to geographical objects of the Russian Federation provides the following information:

- registration number of a newly given name in the State Catalogue of Geographical Names;

- geographical name together with a generic term;
- administrative reference of a geographical object (a subject of the Russian Federation and district an object locates in);
- geo coordinates of a geographical object (latitude and longitude);
- plate of the state topographic map at scale 1: 100,000 on which a given object is displayed;
- title, number and date of a document proving naming of an object.

The alphabetical index of names given to geographical objects in the open sea and Antarctica include the following information:

- account number of a newly given name;
- geographical name together with a generic term;
- geo reference of an object: name of a geographical region an object locates in, some data about a location of an object, geo coordinates of an object (latitude and longitude);
- title, number and date of a document proving naming of an object

Section 2 of the Bulletin contains the following data put in the tables:

- index of renamed geographical objects of the Russian Federation in the alphabetical order of their old names (see extract 3);
- index of renamed geographical objects of the Russian Federation in the alphabetical order of their new names (see extract 4);

The indices in Section 2 contain the following data:

- registration number of a changed name in the State Catalogue of Geographical Names;

- old geographical name of an object along with a generic term;
- new geographical name of an object along with a generic term;;
- administrative reference of a geographical object (a subject of the Russian Federation and district an object locates in);
- title, number and date of a document proving renaming of an object.

In the period between 1998 and 2005, 3 Federal Laws and 58 Decrees of the Government of the Russian Federation were adopted. They contain solutions on naming of 558 geographical objects and renaming of 185 geographical objects. The developed database is being constantly updated as official resolutions on naming and renaming of geographical objects in the Russian Federation are issued. On the half year basis it is released on a CD.

Section 1.1 Index of names given to geographical objects of the Russian Federation

№№	Registration number	Name given to geographical object Generic term	Administrative reference of geographical object	Plate of 1:100,000 map Geo coordinates (latitude, longitude)	Title of document proving object naming
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0037563	Аралбай деревня	Республика Башкортостан Кугарчинский район	N-40-113 52° 50' С.Ш. 56° 29' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №566 от 10/09/2003
2	0037062	Ахун село	Республика Башкортостан Буздякский район	N-40-38 54°51' С.Ш. 54°39' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №14 от 14/01/2003
3	0037644	Бараниха деревня	Новгородская область Новгородский район	0-36-52 58°36' С.Ш. 31°50' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №56 от 10/09/2003
4	0045003	Билибина пик	Магаданская область	P-55-71 62°11' С.Ш. 149°12' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №785 от 25/12/2003
5	0045000	Болдырева гора	Магаданская область	P-56-101 61°02' С.Ш. 152°01' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №785 от 25/12/2003

Section 1.2 Index of names given to geographical objects in the open sea and Antarctica

№№	Account number	Name given to geographical object Generic term	Geo reference			Title of document proving object naming
			Region	Description of geo location	Geo coordinates	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0007	Адмирала Кузнецова подводная гора	Тихий океан		49° 19' С.Ш. 170° 23' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации № 757 от 06/07/1999
2	0052	Адмирала Кузнецова пролив	Тихий океан	в Беринговом море между островами Беринга и Медный (Командорские о-ва)	79° 12' С.Ш. 99° 53' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации № 706 от 1/12/2004
3	0009	Алексеева пролив	Северный Ледовитый океан	в Пясинском заливе Карского моря между островом Восточный Каменный и островом Расторгуева	74° 00' С.Ш. 83° 45' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №757 от 06/07/1999
4	0033	Аркадия Карасика подводная долина	Северный Ледовитый океан		от 83° 00' С.Ш. 153° 20' В.Д. до 84° 38' С.Ш. 157° 40' В.Д.	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации № 905 от 19/12/2002

Section 2.1 Index of renamed geographical objects in the alphabetical order of their old names

No№	Registra- tion num- ber	Old name of geographical ob- ject Generic term	New name of geographical object Generic term	Administrative reference of geo- graphical object	Title of document proving ob- ject renaming
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0037118	Булгунняхтах село	Хоро село	Республика Саха (Якутия) Верхневилуйский улус	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №14 от 14/01/2003
2	0037045	Верхний Чегем село	Булунгу село	Кабардино-Балкарская Республика Чегемский район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №375 от 28/06/2003
3	0037603	Воинов хутор	Воинов хутор	Ростовская область Егорлыкский район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №566 от 10/09/2003
4	0037649	Караидельский деревня	Сосновый Бор деревня	Республика Башкортостан Караидельский район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №566 от 10/09/2003
5	0037117	Кытанах-Кырдал село	Тойон-Ары село	Республика Саха (Якутия) Хангаласский улус	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №14 от 14/01/2003

Section 2.2 Index of renamed geographical objects in the alphabetical order of their new names

№№	Registration number	New name of geographical object Generic term	Old name of geographical object Generic term	Administrative reference of geographical object	Title of document proving object renaming
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0037045	Булунгу село	Верхний Чегем село	Кабардино-Балкарская Республика Чегемский район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №375 от 28/06/2003
2	0037603	Войнов хутор	Воинов хутор	Ростовская область Егорлыкский район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №566 от 10/09/2003
3	0034004	Вотча деревня	Погост Вотча деревня	Вологодская область Вологодский район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №176 от 31/03/2003
4	0037647	Городецкий посёлок	Посёлок санатория ВЦСПС посёлок	Нижегородская область Городецкий район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №566 от 10/09/2003
5	0037560	Истоки посёлок	Пенькозавод посёлок	Пензенская область Мокшанский район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №14 от 14/01/2003
6	0046483	Новоеганово посёлок	Яганово посёлок	Московская область Ступинский район	Постановление Правительства Российской Федерации №683 от 12/11/2003