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## **RE:** BWA Supports Changing Racially Offensive Names of Local Creeks in Monroe County

Dear Secretary Haaland:

The Brodhead Watershed Association supports the local effort to change the names of Sambo Creek, Little Sambo Creek, and Sambo Lower Reservoir to locally approved names. We recognize that the racially offensive names for those water bodies is a relic of times past and long overdue for change.

We look forward to the day when our volunteers, who regularly test the streams, will be able to describe work on the aforementioned streams with pride.

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit, science based environmental organization, formed in 1989 to protect the water resources of the 314 square mile Brodhead Watershed, in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. The Brodhead watershed boasts some of the finest trout streams in the United States.

Thank you for your assistance in this community-based project.

Sincerely,

Alexander Jackson, PhD

Executive Director, Brodhead Watershed Association