

Twain's name won't be on Nevada cove

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A proposal to name a small inlet on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe in honor of Mark Twain was turned down Thursday on a 5-to-4 vote of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

Louis Yost, executive secretary for the board, said in an email that members rejected the proposal because of opposition from the U.S. Forest Service and uncertainty over whether Twain actually camped at the spot, as proponents contend.

A Bee story Thursday highlighted controversy over the proposal in which Twain enthusiasts in Nevada have clashed with a California researcher over the iconic author's whereabouts at the lake in 1861.

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