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Blackrock Lake: reservoir; 8 acres; in South Platte Park, 1.8 km (1.1 mi) NE of Chatfield Lake; the name refers to the metallic black color of the base of the reservoir, created by coating the stones and gravel with manganese oxide; Arapahoe County, Colorado; Sec 31, T5S, R68W, Sixth Principal Mer.; 39°34'06"N, 105°02'30"W; USGS map – Littleton 1:24,000.

Proposal: to make official a name in recent local use

Map: USGS Littleton 1:24,000

Proponent: South Suburban Parks and Recreation; Littleton, CO

Administrative area: South Platte Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: None found

Local Usage: None found

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Case Summary:

This is the first of seven proposals submitted by the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Department, to give official names to former gravel pits that have been filled with water and reclaimed for recreation use. These reservoirs are all located within South Platte Park in the City of Littleton in Arapahoe County. According to the park department's "Name The Lakes Committee," area residents and park users were asked to suggest meaningful names that would refer to qualities of the newly-created features, representing either the wildlife in the park, physical characteristics of the waterbodies, or local history. The Littleton City Council recommends approval of all seven names, and the city government has begun to use the names. The first name, Blackrock Lake, would apply to an eight acre body of water that lies 1.8 km (1.1 mi) northeast of Chatfield Lake, and just north of State Highway 470. This name was chosen because chemical processes used in the reservoir coated the stones, gravel, and sand on the bottom with manganese oxide to give them a metallic black sheen. There are no other features with names containing the word "Blackrock" in Colorado.