

What Is a Watershed?



Five friends were talking about watersheds. They each had different ideas about what a watershed is. This is what they said:

Haru: I think a watershed is an undeveloped area of branching creeks, brooks, and streams that flow down a mountain or mountain range.

Penny: I think a watershed is a group of buildings and human-made structures that water drains off of and then collects in a certain area.

Ariana: I think a watershed is a tower or some type of building that stores water for human use.

Beau: I think a watershed is an area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place.

Coco: I think a watershed is an underground area of soil or sand that holds water when it drains into the ground.

Which friend do you agree with the most? _____ Explain your thinking.