

## Reiss, David

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**From:** Eric Smith <estevensmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 9:06 AM  
**To:** twocents@rapidcityjournal.com; Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak name change

How can a Lakota word be the "original" name for Harney Peak?  
The Lakota were not the original inhabitants of the Black Hills.

Eric Smith  
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Rapid City SD 57702  
605-545-6440

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**From:** Sue Jones <sjones2727@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 9:04 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

Whoever came up with the idea to change and then the new name for Harney Peak is wrong - the name needs to remain Harney Peak and if it must change it at least needs to be something we can pronounce. It will always be Harney Peak to me and thousands of others in South Dakota. All this political correctness has gotten out of hand and needs to STOP NOW! Please do not change Harney Peak or any other names in South Dakota.

## Reiss, David

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**From:** Ron <dahlinger@rushmore.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:26 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** New name for Harney Peak

Harney Peak should remain Harney Peak. This was named eons ago and who but a few people with nothing better to do than to try to get a landmark renamed really wants this to happen? As far as the name not being liked by some people, there are many more than that than want the name to remain as it is. I, for one, do not want my tax dollars to pay for this ridiculous venture so those wanting it renamed should pay all of the costs.

**Reiss, David**

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**From:** Randy Daughenbaugh <rjdaugh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:24 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

I have been calling Harney Peak Harney Peak for more than 60 years and don't see a reason to change it now. In fact it offends me to even have people talking about changing it.

Sincerely,  
Randy

Randy and Mary Daughenbaugh  
10755 Sheridan Lake Road  
Rapid City, SD 57702  
605.737-1227

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**From:** Karel Bielstein <kbielstein@rap.midco.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak renaming

I am against your choice of name for Harney Peak. It is hard to remember and hard to pronounce. I would much prefer a name suitable for all like Elk Peak, Bison Peak, Eagle Peak, etc. We all share the Black Hills, native and white alike. The name should reflect this and not cater to one side or the other.

Thank you,  
KarelAnn Bielstein  
Rapid City, South Dakota

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**From:** John Wolf <johnwolf1940@midco.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak name change

David: I do NOT agree with the name change for Harney peak. It is a difficult name to remember and pronounce. With parenthesis after the name, Making of Owls, does not make it easier or any sense. The name sounds like a terrorist group. We in the Black Hills are heavily depended on tourism and do not want a confusing name for the tourist. John Wolf

## Reiss, David

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**From:** Ted Wolk <tedwolk@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:47 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

### Harney Peak

We already have a mountain named for the Indian culture called Crazy Horse. Leave Harney peak alone. Crazy horse involved in brutally slaughtering and scalping many Calvary soldiers and white settlers.

If their case is based on Harney done something bad, and they find that offensive, then I am greatly offended and we should change crazy horse mountain to something less offensive also. History is history. Landmarks are landmarks.

As a taxpayer and citizen of this United States and a taxpayer and resident of South Dakota, I am tired of **being considered irrelevant anymore** when it comes to issues of this magnitude and having a select few people make decisions that impact history. I and all the other people of this community should have a right to be involved in this name change, not select few.

Additionally, this is absolutely the most stupid name one could ever come up with, Maybe the Indian folklore can say it, but what about tourists and the rest of us that can not even pronounce it, including me and my kids. Who is going to go and change all the history books? Harney peak needs to ne left as is.

Enough is Enough. We have already gone way and beyond helping the Indian population with name changes, school changes, etc. They are suppose to be a foreign nation and we continue to ignore this. **They need to start accepting our history also, good or bad.** That is why it is called history. If you want to discuss the merits of Harney, then do it in a classroom. Don't be changing names. I am sick of tired of being treated as a second class citizen anymore and not be allowed to vote on something of this magnitude.

Ted Wolk

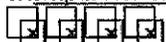
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**From:** Bud Johnson <budjinrc@live.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 11:15 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Fwd: Harney Peak - Are you going to continue to be irrelevant or step up to the plate

I strongly feel the same

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** "GolfBuddies@RedRock" <golfbuddies.redrock@gmail.com>  
**Date:** 06/02/2015 9:54 AM (GMT-07:00)  
**To:** Andrew Bugg <asbugg88@aim.com>, Andy Ainslie <andy.ainslie.hmup@statefarm.com>, Ben G <BenGrupe@yahoo.com>, Bill Waugh <oneputt@rushmore.com>, Bob Buche <rfbuche@msn.com>, Bob Geis <bob@wdiins.com>, Brandon Keyser <Brandon.Keyser@teamridco.com>, Brent Gromer <sadci134@gmail.com>, Bruce Ashland <bacpa@rushmore.com>, Bud Johnson <budjinrc@live.com>, Charles Woodard <cwoodard2304@yahoo.com>, Colby Anderson <colbyanderson.pianoman@gmail.com>, Dan Lecy <dr.dlecy@gmail.com>, Dan Lecy <drdlecy@gmail.com>, Dave Butler <dbutler@rushmore.com>, Don Robinson <donrob2002@yahoo.com>, doug peterson <ptrsndoug@aol.com>, Doug Stewart <doug9947@yahoo.com>, Evan and Lorie Healey-Barnes <lebarnes00@hotmail.com>, Gavin Fawbush <rapidcity@grandstay.net>, Geoff <gmead3@hotmail.com>, James Taylor <taylorcs.wick@gmail.com>, James Taylor <taylorcswick@gmail.com>, Jason <jasonyoung@pga.com>, Jeff Chambers <Jeffinpierre@gmail.com>, Jon Schaack <jonschaack@hotmail.com>, "Kalil, David" <DKalil@pioneeres.com>, Kelly Buntrock <Kelly.Buntrock@fib.com>, Kelly Maguire <KellyMaguire@blackhillsagency.com>, Kip Harrington <kharrington@rushmore.com>, KlBuntrock <klbuntrock@gmail.com>, kretsch2917@yahoo.com, Luke <lukewhite20@hotmail.com>, Marv <mwhite6817@midco.net>, Michael <michaelbiegler@yahoo.com>, Mike Brummer <mike.brummer2@gmail.com>, Murph <murphdouglas@aol.com>, Nick Heig <ngh3500@gmail.com>, Ray S <raystrand@q.com>, Rod H <superglider10@rap.midco.net>, Rolando Ruiz <ruizrolo@gmail.com>, Shane Tipton <s.t.shane.tipton@gmail.com>, Shane Tipton <stshanetipton@gmail.com>, Steve B <sbearde@blackhillslaw.com>, Ted Wolk <golfbuddies.redrock@gmail.com>, Ted Wolk <an.insurance.agents.career.com@gmail.com>, Tim Meyer <meyertj2014@gmail.com>, Tyler B <teamsters22@yahoo.com>, Wm Todd Brewer <wmtoddbrew@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Harney Peak - Are you going to continue to be irrelevant or step up to the plate

I sent this out today. If you want your say, send your thoughts to [david.reiss@state.sd.us](mailto:david.reiss@state.sd.us) or just stay irrelevant.

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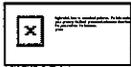
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## Reiss, David

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**From:** Patty Barnes <pbarnes12345@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 11:24 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

I DO NOT agree with the name change for Harney Peak.

**Reiss, David**

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**From:** Don holliday <dbhollida@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 1:46 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

**NO, DO NOT CHANGE THE NAME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Don Holliday

**Reiss, David**

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**From:** Jonathan Horwitz <jonathan.horwitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 2:09 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Please re-name harney Peak to Hinhan Kaga

Dear Mr. Reiss,

I, along with many other Americans, find it insulting to Native Americans that their spiritual center is named for a man who killed Indian women and children.

Therefore I join the chorus asking that the mountain now referred to as "Harney Peak" be renamed.

I vote for Hinhan Kaga - Owl Mountain.

Sincerely  
Jonathan Horwitz  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-1744

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**Give without losing, receive without taking**

## Reiss, David

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**From:** heide@rushmore.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 2:11 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

We are against changing the name of Harney Peak. We don't like the new name. If it must be changed why not "HARMONY" peak as it has been suggested elsewhere.

What's next - removing George Washington from Mt. Rushmore, because he owned slaves?

David and Heide Schroeder

Sent from Windows Mail

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**From:** Fillmore County History Center <fchc@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 2:24 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** name change comment

I would like to submit my comment on the proposed name change to Harney Peak: I disagree with the proposal to rename the peak to Hinhan Kaga. I do not believe, rhetoric and emotion aside, that a rational or compelling case has been presented to the public for making such a name change at this juncture in time.

Thank you for receiving my comment.

**Yours in Local History,**

*Debra J. Richardson*

*FCHC Executive Director*

**Fillmore County History Center & Genealogy Library**  
**202 County Road 8 & Hwy 52**  
**Fountain, MN 55935**

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**From:** Mike Goggin <mgog@knology.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 2:46 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney peak lb name change.

I strongly believe it is unnecessary to change the name of Harney Peak, The suggested new name is cumbersome and does little to improve the situation. History is history and won't be changed just because of the renaming of some landmark.

Thanks,  
Mike Goggin

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab®4

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**From:** Bob Geis <bob@wdiins.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 3:53 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Cc:** 'Ted Wolk'  
**Subject:** Harney Peak re-name  
**Attachments:** Bob Geis.vcf

Mr. Reiss – I'm having a difficult time accepting the "new" name your group is suggesting to replace Harney. It's relevance is beyond me. When I first read the article about this name I felt like there is no representation or consideration for the common ordinary citizens of this great state. It appears to me that people like yourself, who appear to want to be so politically correct, are totally out of touch with the mainstream South Dakotan, and maybe you are hoping people like myself who could care less about PC-ness would just go away. I would suspect that if you polled us "ordinaries" that the numbers would be dramatically against ANY name change for Harney Peak. I'm a 4<sup>th</sup> generation "NATIVE" of SD and I'm insulted by you and your committee attempting to change history so as to not "offend".

Of course you and your associates will undoubtedly say "Aw, he's just another old uneducated, insensitive, uncaring SD redneck. We don't listen to that type of ilk." Next it will be to name the Black Hills Pahasapa. When will this political correctness end? Probably not until people like you turn the Black Hills over to the Sioux.

If I have offended so be it. I'm opposed to this name change. Bob Geis

<p>Bob Geis Life/Health Agent</p> <p><b>WD</b> WESTERN DAKOTA</p> <p><i>Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow/Certified Life Underwriter</i></p> <p>Business • Surety Bonds • Errors &amp; Omissions • Farm/Ranch &amp; Crop Professional/Malpractice • Life/Health/Disability • Home/Auto/Umbrella</p>	<p>Employee Benefit Specialist</p> <p>605.716.8637 Direct 605.342.3130 Main 605.342.2162 Fax bob@wdiins.com</p> <p>wdiins.com</p>	<p><b>Bob Geis</b> Western Dakota Insurers, Inc. Representative for Life and H...</p> <p>(605) 716-8637 Work bob@wdiins.com PO Box 1300 Rapid City, SD 57709 wdiins.com</p>
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**From:** Adare Diers <adiers2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 5:13 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak..

I would like to voice my opinion AGAINST changing the name of Harney Peak. Let it remain named as it is.

Adare Diers  
Keystone, South Dakota

**Reiss, David**

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**From:** rwmbm <blm@hcinet.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 6:35 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** HARNEY PEAK NAME CHANGE

I grew up in western SD and it will always be Harney Peak to myself and family. I don't understand the importance of changing the name!

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Miller

**Reiss, David**

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**From:** Loretta Hill <landlranch.sd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 7:13 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

PLEASE do NOT change the name of Harney Peak.

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Loretta Hill  
[landlranch.sd@gmail.com](mailto:landlranch.sd@gmail.com)

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**From:** Dnlynde@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 9:09 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** (no subject)

David Reiss,

We are not in favor of changing the name of Harney Peak. Why do we always have to try and change history. I have a book written by one of my relatives that tells horrible stores of what the Indians did to them as they were coming west. We have paid for the Black Hills over & over with all we have paid to the Indians for all these years. People don't want to honor George Washington, The father of our country, because he had slaves. That was just the way it was then. Harney Peak should be left the way it is.

Thank you,

Donald & Norma Lynde

23816 Boulder Hill Rd.  
Rapid City, S.D.57702

## Reiss, David

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**From:** tisigp@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 9:56 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** renaming Harney Peak

Please enter m opposition to changing the name:  
History is history, in spite of some persons desire to link it to heritage.

Eugene Pluth  
3420 champion Dr  
Rapid City SD 57701

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**Reiss, David**

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**From:** Diane Rolof <diane6041@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 11:49 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

Please leave the name as it is. I love the hike up there and see no reason for a name change. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

June 1, 2015

SD Board on Geographic Names  
Department of Tribal Relations  
302 East Dakota  
Pierre, SD 57501

JUN 03 2015

**Reference: Proposed name change of Harney Peak**

**I am against a name change. Please look at the history of General William S. Harney , who served in the military from 1818 to 1863. He served in several conflicts, including the Civil War ,with distinction and honor.**

**At the time of the Indian Wars, he was one of the few military who pursued the "good neighbor" approach to the white man and Indian relations. He was a champion for respectful and humane treatment of the Indian nations and was a member of the Indian Peace Commission in 1867-1868.**

**It is documented that the Crow nation gave him the name "Man-Who-Runs-Like a Deer" due to his winning so many foot races in competition with young Indian men. He was trusted by the Indian nations as an ally in the changing relations between the nations. The SIOUX renamed him after his death to "Man-Who-Keeps-His-Word".**

**I believe this "Politically Correct" idea of a name change should not happen...(and have to wonder who came up with the proposed unpronounceable name change anyway).**

**General William S Harney was a military veteran with a distinguished career.....he did serve during the Indian wars (there doesn't seem to be any acknowledgment of the fact the Indians certainly killed many white settlers, including women and children) and followed orders as a military man does. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE NAME OF HARNEY PEAK,....Thank You.**

  
Sharon K. Martin

25145 Granite Heights Drive  
Custer, SD 57730

## Reiss, David

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**From:** Jennie <jenanderson@goldenwest.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 12:07 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** proposed Harney Peak Name Change

I would like to share my opinion & thoughts on the proposed name change of Harney Peak. I'm against it because I had no idea of the historical significance of the name other than it is the highest peak west of the Alps. I never knew it was named after a man, & I've lived in the Black Hills my entire life. Mr. Harney's story is no where around the peak or in Custer that I've ever seen. I never knew he existed.

If we are going to change the names of all places, landmarks, etc., that are named after people or events that are no longer politically correct or are named after people with questionable values based on today's standards, you will be opening up a can of worms & setting a precedence for this to snowball.

If you believe in the Bible, you will note that mankind has been committing atrocities against mankind since the days of Cain & Abel; look at the Roman Empire, or how about the monarchy of England's history; just look at how the USA was founded & established with taking the lands from the indigenous people who who here, plus then early Americans ripped Africans from their families & homeland & brought them here. Our country was founded & prospered by heinous acts if you really get down to it. I love the USA - I think it's the best country in the world. But truthfully speaking some of our ancestors & early settlers, frontiersmen, etc., were not as civilized & some were racists by today's standards. It was a different time, obviously. Plus, there have always been & will always be people in politics; US presidents even that had/have blemishes in their character. We have towns, schools, airports, ships, and the like named after men that perhaps did some things in their lifetime that would not be acceptable today. None of us can undo history, or the ugly events in our history, but hopefully we can do better & learn from the previous generations!

Changing names of landmarks, names of cities, streets, buildings, etc., named after people who had questionable judgement or character at the time, will not erase these sad events in our history where people were mistreated or killed. Where would you stop if you get started by changing Harney Peak? It'll never end!

Harney Peak is just that to me - a peak, in a beautiful location with a breathtaking view. It has not nor will not ever represent a man by the name of Harney to me, unlike when I visit Crazy Horse Memorial or Mt. Rushmore. Please just leave it as is.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennie Anderson  
Custer, SD  
~Typos by iPhone

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**Reiss, David**

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**From:** Alice Thaggard <colormealice@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 6:57 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Black Elk Peak

Please change the name of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak.  
Thank you,  
Alice Thaggard

## Reiss, David

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**From:** Alice Thaggard <colormealice@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 6:57 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Black Elk Peak

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Alice Thaggard

**Reiss, David**

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**From:** ggkaplan@bellsouth.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 7:44 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

Input on proposed Harney Peak name change. I am not for name change and I was born on Hot Springs S D and now a land owner here.