

Reiss, David

From: Ed and Kandy <jer57747@gwtc.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

it has come to my attention that there is a movement to change the name of Harney Peak in the black hills. I 'am against this change. no matter who or what you change it to some one will find offence in it. to keep the trend of naming everything after a Sioux leader would give the impression that they were the only occupant of the Hills in all of History. we have Crow Peak in the northern Hills Bear Butt is known by it Sioux Name as well as it's white name. along with a whole lot of creeks streets and other places. Mr. Black Elk has a large swath of the Hills named for him. to remove Mr. Harney's name because some one was offended that he did his duty as ordered is a slap in the face of ever military man that has served his country with dignity and Honor. John E Renstrom , Hot Springs SD

Reiss, David

From: clayandsue@gmail.com on behalf of Studt Construction, Inc <sawdust@gwtc.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 11:38 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

We are lucky enough to live in the shadow of the landmark. Please leave the name as it is.
Clay & Sue Studt



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From: Buffy Rebekah-Beth Turner <buffy@fastmail.fm>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:05 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak public comment

Please change the name of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak.

Thank you!

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Reiss, David

From: Christi S Cox <christisc11@netscape.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:29 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

"Please change the name of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak"
and give your name and address

I understand that the peak's proper name is Inyan Kaga, but apparently that's not on the menu. Black Elk is a good runner up.

PILAMAYAYE / Thank you!



CROW CREEK SIOUX

TRIBAL RESOLUTION

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FORT THOMPSON, SD
2014 NOV 13 AM 11:08

NUMBER: #CC-14-11-03-04

SUBJECT: MOTION TO AUTHORIZE & APPROVE THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE'S SUPPORT OF THE NAME CHANGE OF HARNEY PEAK TO BLACK ELK PEAK

WHEREAS: THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL IS THE OFFICAL AND GOVERNING BODY OF AND FOR THE CROW CREEK SIOUX RESERVATION; AND,

WHEREAS: UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL IS EMPOWERED AND AUTHORIZED TO ENACT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES GOVERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS AND ENTERPRISES OF THE TRIBE; AND

WHEREAS: THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL HAS THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO OVERSEE ALL TRIBAL MATTERS ON THE CROW CREEK SIOUX INDIAN RESERVATION; AND,

WHEREAS: THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL HEREBY, MADE THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE & APPROVE THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE'S SUPPORT OF THE NAME CHANGE OF HARNEY PEAK TO BLACK ELK PEAK; AND,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL ASSEMBLED IN A SPECIAL BUSINESS SESSION THIS 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014, DO HEREBY MOTION TO AUTHORIZE & APPROVE THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE'S SUPPORT OF THE NAME CHANGE OF HARNEY PEAK TO BLACK ELK PEAK.

MOTION: G. ZEPHIER

SECOND: J. BISHOP

VOTE: -11- FOR; L. PEASE, JR., G. ZEPHIER, R. HAWK, SR., J. BISHOP, K. KIRKIE, F. HOWE, SR. TRIBAL PRESIDENT ROXANNE SAZUE, CHAIRING THE MEETING

CERTIFICATION

THIS FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL ON THE 3RD DAY OF **NOVEMBER**, 2014 IN A **SPECIAL BUSINESS** SESSION BY A VOTE OF **-11-** FOR, **-0-** AGAINST, **-0-** ABSENT, **-0-** NOT VOTING FOR THE CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE, PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY VESTED IN IT BY ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE TRIBE, RATIFIED BY THE TRIBE ON MARCH 11, 1949 AND APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ON APRIL 26, 1949 AND WITH AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ON JUNE 22, 1961, FEBRUARY 25, 1963 AND BY THE ARCA DIRECTOR ON JUNE 23, 1980.

ATTEST:

Roxanne Sazue
TRIBAL PRESIDENT—ROXANNE SAZUE

Gerald Zephier
TRIBAL SECRETARY—GERALD ZEPHIER
Prepared by: *Deb Attikai*
Deb Attikai, Recording Secretary

To propose a new name for the feature, please complete the section below:

Recommended Name:

Reason/Justification for Name:

Origin/Meaning of Name:

Please attach any supporting documentation such as resolutions from governing boards or organizations; newspaper articles; petitions or historical references.

Submitted by:

Name: *ROXANNE SAUL*
Title (if representing organization or public entity): *TRIBAL CHAIRWOMAN*
Organization or Public Entity (if applicable): *CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE*
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If the recommended name is adopted by the SDBGN, additional information may be needed to support the recommendation to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

Comments should be submitted no later than May 1, 2015. Submit comments to:

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

Email: David.Reiss@state.sd.us
FAX: 605-773-6592

Or access Public Comment Form: <http://www.sdbgn.sd.gov/>



CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE

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FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Phone: <u>605-773-</u>	Fax: <u>605-245-2789</u>
Re: <u>Public Comment form</u>	Phone: <u>605-245-2228</u>
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Reiss, David

m: John Wolters <johnwolters88@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 3:29 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak Name Change

David Reiss,

It is with pleasure that I learn that the name of Harney Peak will be changed. It is not with pleasure that I use the name "Harney," as he was known as the "Butcher" to the Sioux people.

I also do not have any objection to the name being changed to Black Elk Peak. However, the wilderness area adjacent to the peak is already named Black Elk Wilderness. In addition, the Black Hills already have Crazy Horse Monument and many references to Sitting Bull.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that the peak name be changed to "Red Cloud Peak." Red Cloud is currently not used in any names or references. I suggest Red Cloud as he united and directed Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapaho in a united and successful campaign against the U.S. government. This uniting of various people and tribes was accomplished long before Sitting Bull accomplished similar uniting of various tribes. Following his confrontations with U.S. forces, he then lead his people in the peaceful transition to the confinement of living on the reservation system.

Here is my vote and nomination for "Red Cloud Peak" Red Cloud earned the distinction.

Respectfully submitted,
John Wolters
22732 South Rochford Road
Hill City, SD 57745

Reiss, David

From: Duane Short <rdshort55@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 10:24 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Name Change

Please Use Traditional Lakota Name for Harney Peak

Mr. Reiss,

I am in full agreement with the Friends of the Norbeck suggestions below.

The public is being asked for comments on a proposal to change the name of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak. The public notice appearing recently in the *Rapid City Journal* did not indicate whether the State Board on Geographic Names would consider alternative suggestions, but they should, for the following reasons.

First, naming mountains after people is a Euro-American tradition. Native American place names were not named after people; if anything, it was the other way about, with people named after natural events or phenomena, *e.g.*, Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, or Dull Knife. The surrounding Black Elk Wilderness, named by an Act of Congress, already honors the Lakota holy man. If only the *Black Elk Peak* option for name change is allowed, his Lakota name should be used, *Hehaka Sapa* (there is no need for the 'Peak' noun, *e.g.*, Mount McKinley was not renamed Mount Denali).

Second, the Black Hills for millennia have been considered sacred by more than thirty Native American nations. The sacred highest peak, *Opahata'I*, now known as Harney Peak, is considered to be the "*center of all that is*" to many Native American nations. The surrounding *Okawita Paha* area, literally "*Gathering Place*", is considered a sacred landscape that was used for thousands of years in traditional Native American spiritual and cultural practices.

Third, prior to the incursion of Euro-Americans, people of the Great Sioux Nation gathered at *Okawita Paha* each year at the Vernal Equinox. They gathered to welcome back the *Thunder Nation* and gave thanks for the renewal of all life: plants, animals, birds, insects, and all living beings. Their prayers were for all of Creation and reminded everyone of the relatedness of everything. The people of the Great Sioux Nation continue to gather at *Okawita Paha* each year to preserve these spiritual traditions and cultural identities, and complete these practices in their rightful places.

Therefore, we suggest the following as the best alternative name for the highest sacred peak in the Black Hills, as the traditional Lakota name and also consistent with Black Elk's vision from the top of the sacred peak:

Opahata'I ("*the center of all that is*", *best*)

' If the only option is to rename the highest peak after Black Elk or leave it as Harney Peak, then it would be preferable to use his Lakota name:

Hehaka Sapa ("Black Elk", better)

If the only rename option is to use the Anglicized name, this is still preferable to the peak remaining named after a controversial 19th century Cavalry officer:

Black Elk Peak (good)

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Thank you.

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March 26, 2015

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

Attn. David.Reiss@state.sd.us

Re: Harney Peak Name Change

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to change the name of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak. The public notice in the *Rapid City Journal* did not indicate whether alternative names could be suggested, but I urge you to consider other options for the following reasons.

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Black Elk Peak (*good*)

Thank you very much for your consideration of our suggestions.

Sincerely,



Brian Brademeyer
Executive Director, *Friends of the Norbeck*
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PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) is a state commission created in 2009 by SDCL Chapter 1-19C to recommend revision of offensive names for geographic places. The SDBGN has adopted a Public Involvement Process which seeks public comment on the existing historic name and offering recommendations and justification for the new name as well as names for unnamed geographic features. The SDBGN follows the United States Board on Geographic Names' principles, policies, and procedures. For further information visit: <http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/policies.htm>.

Current Name: Harney Peak

Proposed Name(s): Black Elk Peak

Location/Identification: Pennington County: Located in the Black Hills National Forest

The above feature is currently named Harney Peak and the SDBGN is soliciting public input on the current name and the proposed new name for the geographic feature. One name has been proposed. Please complete the section if supportive of the current name or the proposed new name.

Support naming the Feature: Black Elk Peak _____ Harney Peak XX

Reason/Justification of support to name the feature Harney Peak or Black Elk Peak:

Harney Peak was so named in 1857 in honor of Gen. William S. Harney. Gen. Harney served in the U.S. military for 45 years. In particular he served with distinction as calvary commander during the Mexican-American War. He also served on the Indian Peace Commission from 1867-68. This name change was proposed since some native American women and children were killed during the Battle of Ash Hollow in 1855. There is no evidence that women and children were intentionally targeted and in fact 70 women and children were taken prisoner. Unfortunately in war non-combatants are often killed during fighting. If genocide was his motive the 70 captured would have also been killed. In the Peace Commission he advocated peace with native people even purchasing food, ag implements and building materials "acting on his own accord" while Congress was moving slowly. When he died in 1889 the Sioux gave him the honorary name of "Man-who-always-kept-his word" hardly a title that Sioux leaders would have bestowed on someone they believed was a cold blooded murderer!

There is no need to name the peak to honor Black Elk since he has already been honored since 1980 when the area around Harney Peak was named the Black Elk Wilderness.

As a life long resident of South Dakota I totally oppose this proposed change. If we are going to be PC police I can see PETA requesting that Spearfish be renamed or mining opponents proposing that my home town of Lead be renamed since it was named with a mining term, etc.

Please attach any supporting documentation such as resolutions from governing boards or organizations; newspaper articles; petitions or historical references.

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Submitted by:

Name: Edward Toms



Title (if representing organization or public entity):

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Reiss, David

From: Larry Peterson <larryp57745@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Name change

Hi David,

I will not be able to make the information meeting on changing the name of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak in Custer on Wednesday, April 29th. I would, however, like to express my support for the name change. I do not have any problems with the name "Harney", but do support the name change for two reasons:

1. I believe the name Black Elk is a name more widely known to people living in the Custer area, as well as visitors to the Black Hills.

2. If making this name change can help improve relations between Indian and Non-Indian people in the State of SD. and beyond then it is important that we make the change.

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Thanks for your time and for setting up these important information gathering meetings in our state. Larry

Reiss, David

From: David.Lautenberger@hklaw.com
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Renaming of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak

Renaming this sacred piece of Mother Earth after the world renowned Lakota spiritual leader Black Elk who has direct historical ties to the mountain would be one of the single most

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