Reiss, David

From: Loretta <omaretta97@mindspring.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 7:27 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

Harney Peak should stay Harney Peak. The Indians and the whites were both guilty of crimes and the blame should not just go one way. The name should stay the same. I am tired of people trying to change History.

Sent from my iPad

Reiss, David

From: Gene Carter <sandhillsleather@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 7:45 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Inquiry from SDBGN website

Keep the Harney Peak name as is.

Sent from my iPad

Reiss, David

From: Bill Hearne <wchearne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 9:26 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak Name

I would encourage no change to the peak's name. Harney Peak has been in effect for over 130 years. Longer than any other name. The current name has created a brand that is beneficial for tourism and is well known nationally.
In my view, renaming will lead to greater dysfunction between groups rather than less. A new name will create a continuing demand for additional changes of other locations and will perpetuate non-productive relationships on a continuing basis. .

Bill Hearne
SAICON – *Special Advisor In Charge Of Nothing*
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23762 Pine Haven Dr, Rapid City, SD 57702

Reiss, David

From: Robb Campbell <robb@robbcampbell.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:32 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

This is my formal comment on the renaming of Harney Peak.

My name is Robert Wellman Campbell. I am an environmental historian who wrote a dissertation on the Black Hills, published an article on RARE II and the Black Elk Wilderness, and has been teaching at Black Hills State University for a decade. I have a particular interest in place names in general and, as a former geographer for the USGS, in the BGN/GNIS in particular. For example, I watched your work on the Negro Creeks of South Dakota, first with disappointment as you headed down the wrong track, then pleasure as you got aright. (Though I do wonder what happened to the one south of Lake Madison.)

It's clear that the Harney Peak name was offensive due to his apparent responsibility for the massacre of civilians at Ash Hollow. And reverting to the Lakota name is appropriate. But if I may offer two pieces of practical advice that you could still act on at this late stage:

(1) I was confused by a news article; you're not actually going to say that "(Making of Owls)" is part of the place name, are you? That must have been a misunderstanding. First because place names don't have parentheticals, second because we don't want to start translating everything e.g. "Wasta (Beautiful), S.D.", and third because you don't want to set up one name Indians use and one name whites use, or just that racist whites use in resistance to your decision. This is why Brown v.
Board of Education was unanimous.

(2) Boy, does Hinhan Kaga ever look like Inyan Kara. Especially since Inyan Kara is already spelled various ways, especially since both are climbing destinations in the same range, and especially since Harney attracts the leat-informed hikers in the Hills. We don't want people showing up by accident at Inyan Kara: fifty miles away, no services, and surrounded by private property. Google's spelling correction could make for confusion.

The good news with (2) is that transliterations are not fixed or official; there's not one right way to spell Hinhan Kaga. I would make it more different from Inyan Kara. Inyan Kara being in Wyoming does not get you off the hook, nor would the parenthetical thing. I don't speak Lakota, but I'd strongly urge you to speak with more than a few who do, including for sure some trained linguists. This decision is a lot bigger than the Negro Creeks.

Good work and good luck. Thanks,

Dr. Robert Campbell
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Spearfish, SD 57783
605-722-2273
zoombackbaby.com

Reiss, David

From: alex80003@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Oppose renaming Harney Peak

Dear Sir: During the 70's I graduated from School of Mines and climbed Harney Peak many times when I was a student. I firmly believe we should not rename the Peak because that would be very close to rewriting history.

Sincerely,

Alex J. Nelson

South Dakota Board on Geographic Names

Propose New Name or Name Change of Geographic Feature

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) is a state commission created in 2009 by SDCL Chapter 1-19C. 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. Any proposed name changes for municipalities, counties or other political subdivisions of the State of South Dakota should be sent directly to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for consideration.

Proposed Name: Hinhan Kaga Paha

Action Requested:

- ☐ Name an unnamed feature
- ☑ Change name of existing feature

Reason for requesting name change or proposing a name for unnamed feature:

I have been following the dialogue on this topic since its origin. We should not have an attachment to the old name - we should do what is right by the Indigenous persons of this land. I am a professional working with the Center for Mind-Body Medicine, out of Washington D.C., and I specialize in understanding the science of historical trauma. I am also aware of the pervasive effects of racism against the Native persons of the Americas. I strongly encourage this name change. As you are seeing throughout the US and Canada, derogatory and inappropriate names are being withdrawn out of respect for a culture. Even the Harney family is in support of this change. Sincerely, Matt Erb

Type of Geographic Feature: Mountain peak

Location of Feature (County/Geographic Coordinates):

Pennington County

Descriptive Information of the geographic feature:

Harney Peak is the highest natural point in South Dakota and the Black Hills. It lies in the Black Elk Wilderness area, in southern Pennington County, in the Black Hills National Forest.[2] The peak lies 3.7 mi (6.0 km) WSW of Mount Rushmore.[5] At 7,242 feet (2,207 m),[1] it has been described by the Board on Geographical Names as the highest summit in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains.[6] Guadalupe Peak and Sierra Blanca also lie far to the east of the Continental Divide and are substantially higher, but the Rockies end north of the region of that latitude.

Meaning or Significance of the proposed name:

The name holds historical and cultural significance to the indigenous persons of the region, the Lakota Siouan tribes of the western plains.

Intended to Commemorate/Honor an Individual ○ ◉
If yes, who?

Are you representing an organization/public entity or acting as an individual? If representing an organization or public entity, please identify the organization and your role.

I am acting as an individual. My mention of my involvement with an organization above is only to convey that I have professional understanding of the psychospiritual importance of this change, due to my work with the mental health of American Indian communities.

Please provide any letters of support for the new name and list any public entities or organizations that have indicated support for the new name below:

Submitted by:

Name: Matthew David Erb
Title (if representing organization or public entity):
Organization or Public Entity (if applicable):
Mailing Address: 4715 W. Nebraska Street, Tucson AZ 85757
Telephone: 612-867-6730
Email Address: mderb73@gmail.com

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.

Submit form 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

Website: http://www.sdbgn.sd.gov/

Reiss, David

From: Matt Erb <mderb73@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Letter about Harney Peak name change, form in PDF
Attachments: E2393V1-GeographicalNameChange.pdf

Attached is PDF of your webpage form submission - please let me know if anything is missing for it to be considered.
Sincerely,

Matt Erb, BA, MPT
Owner, Embody Your Mind, Tuscon AZ 85757 Faculty, Center for Mind-Body Medicine, Washington DC

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"Your task is not to seek for love,
but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it."
-Rumi

Reiss, David

From: Allen Scot <scottenv@gwtc.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 9:55 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: FW: Harney Peak name change

I am responding to the comment period for the Harney Peak name change. I am not in favor of renaming Harney Peak. Leave it alone or we will have to start renaming everything in the Black Hills!

But if you are really wanting to change the name, why not change it to something nuetral that is neither Native American nor centered on some Historical Figure?

Thank you, Allen Scott.

From: Big-Al Scott <scottenv@gwtc.net>
Date: Friday, May 8, 2015 at 2:07 PM
To: <david.reiss@state.sd.us>
Subject: Harney Peak name change

I am very unhappy about the proposed name change for Harney Peak. I am a Custer resident with businesses here in Custer and my family feels that the name change is not needed. Leave well enough alone. Where will this stop? When we have renamed everything to suit a minority of the population for whatever reason they come up with? This is ridiculous! Please let me know when the comment period begins so that I might comment on this change. Thank you, Allen Scott.

Reiss, David

From: Doug Scott <dougscott5254@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:18 AM
To: Reiss, David

Once again, a minority, is calling for attention. There are many offensive things, held by both Indians and whites, for all types of atrocities by both. Pacifying one person at the expense of everyone is not right! General Harney was not the only general who's command killed the enemy of their time. Are we to discredit Patton, Eisenhower, etc.? Where does it stop? Please leave Harney Peak as Harney Peak. The Black Elk Wilderness should suffice. Can't everyone share?

Reiss, David

From: Bethany Foote <footeflutes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 11:02 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

Please keep our Harney Peak! Locals who live here year round do not want it changed - what would be the purpose? It is historic - leave it that way!
Thank you :)
Bethany Foote

Sent from my iPhone

Reiss, David

From: Claudia & Steve Dempsey <dakotakids@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 12:41 PM
To: Reiss, David
Cc: dakotakids@goldenwest.net
Subject: Harney Peak name change - Public Input

Mr. Reiss,

While I am not in favor of changing the name of Harney Peak due to fiscal reasons, I do offer a name alternative...Paha Sapa Peak. The term Paha Sapa does not reference any historical figure who reportedly offended or killed anyone. Additionally, Paha Sapa is a recognized term used by Native Americans in reference to the Black Hills. In essence, the term "Paha Sapa Peak" would translate to "Black Hills Peak". Based on current dialogue, Paha Sapa may not be perfect, however it offers a meaningful, non-offensive, recognized alternative.

Sincerely,

Steve Dempsey
121 Old Glory Place
Custer, SD 57739
605-673-5272

Reiss, David

From: Gary Smither <smitherg@rap.midco.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak Name

Who proposed the name "Hinhan Kaga?" It may be a traditional Lakota name, but other Native Americans were here before the Lakota. Harney Peak will always be called Harney Peak no matter what you might rename it. If you MUST rename it, which I don't think is necessary, why not something everyone can identify with such as BALD EAGLE? Hinhan Kaga is probably the worst possible choice you could make.

Judy Smither
Rapid City, SD

Reiss, David

From: ken marchand <custercubs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 1:20 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harny peak name change comment

let's just rename it for what it actually is "Granite Peak"

submitted by Ken Marchand
Custer SD.

Reiss, David

From: Peggy Reitzel <peggy.reitzel@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 2:42 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

"Hinan Kaga" doesn't exactly roll off the tongue---will out-of-state visitors even be able to PRONOUNCE it? Our state has people representing many heritages---Nordic, Germanic, Dutch, Slovakian, etc...---and let's not forget the Lakota took the land away from the Arikara ---why is it necessary to ONLY focus on the Lakota? I'm in agreement with those who suggest the name change should be put to a statewide vote---let the people decide so that EVERYONE can be represented!

Reiss, David

From: kathy lindbloom <kjlindbloom57@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:51 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: RENAMING THE SACRED MOUNTAIN BACK TO IT'S ORIGINAL NAME

Dear Mr. Reiss:

My name is Kathy Lindbloom. I am a Grandmother, which I feel is my most important responsibility. I live in a beautiful town. I love and respect the the American Indian Spirituality and Culture. It breaks my heart that my grandchildren, who have every advantage a young person could have, do not really know me, because they are not exposed to the history and beauty of the truth of the American Indian People.

Each fall they go to South Dakota to hunt pheasants with their father. They stay with my son-in-law's close friend who has a farm very near Rapid City. They hear many negative things about the Indian People. I do my best to try to teach them but sadly my adult children are not receptive to me sharing stories, activities, etc. with them. So here we go - another generation not exposed to the horrors of the history we Europeans have dished out.

Please re-name the Peak. Such a simple thing really. Even the Harney family is in favor of the name change. Perhaps it would give me something to tell the story about the peak that both my children and grandchildren would listen to me. Hinhan Kaga Paha. Now this is a story that could enrich all people.

With Respect and Hope I send this to you and all others involved.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kathy Lindbloom, Chaplain
617 Ridgeview Lane
Delano, MN 55328

(h) 763 972 4045
(c) 612 325 6625

Reiss, David

From: Pthalhuber@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2015 12:37 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: a From Pat thalhuber in MN

Dear David:

I support the name change of Harney Peak to Hinhan Kaga Paha (Making of Owls) in South Dakota. All significant parties: family, tribes, officials endorse this significant change. Accurate documentation of historical events and acknowledgement of these events is essential. This name change will be a pivotal piece in South Dakota's recognition of describing land bases and presents to future generations an attempt to reach understandings and reconciliation among peoples.

Look forward to your right action regarding this name change.

Sincerely,

Pat Thalhuber - MN

Reiss, David

From: Phyllis Alexander <csalex@rushmore.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2015 3:48 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! Do not name Harney Peak Hinhan Kaga. It may be significant to our Native Americans, but this is a well known Monument that is known to all the tourist that visit our beautiful state. If it has to be changed I would suggest the name that was mentioned several weeks ago. Someone sent in HARMONY PEAK. What a wonderful name to put into our directories. It also shows how we and our neighbors are trying to live in harmony with each other. I admire what our neighbors give to our state but the name should not be one that designates a certain race or peoples. Harmony is working together to form a peaceful relationship with everyone.

Phyllis Alexander
Rapid City, SD.
605-390-0341
csa@rushmore.com

Reiss, David

From: Richard Holdhusen <dickholdhusen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

Sent from my iPad. I believe that no one will ever refer to the highest point west of the Rockies at anything other than Harney Peak, so why bother. I strongly disagree with a name change.

Richard Holdhusen
Belle Fourche,SD

Taffy Howard
530 Westberry Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702
605-342-0523

24 May 2015

To the SD Board on Geographic Names:

I am writing because you are now taking public comments on the issue of renaming Harney Peak. I have no hope; however, of you reading this, much less taking anything I say to heart. I believe every one of you ought to be fired and you are a disgrace to this great state. You really ought to be dissolved and I hope the governor will consider that after this fiasco. To set about renaming Harney Peak, which has been called Harney Peak since the late 1850's, but then to admit that you did not consider, discuss, or debate one single name put forward by the citizens of this state, is simply disgraceful and you ought to be ashamed. After reading all the comments the public submitted I could understand why you disregarded them...they did not suit your purposes, which was to bend over backward to please the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and no one else.

Then to address your statement that you wish to rename it based on history. Well, you need to go back and study your history lessons a little better. The first name given to that peak most certainly was not "Hinhan Kaga" or "The Making of the Owls." Considering the Sioux tribes originally were settled much farther to the east and drove out tribes that were here before them, most assuredly means the peak had a name prior to the Sioux naming it. The Sioux drove the tribes that were here out from this land and almost drove them to extinction. They massacred any Indian that they found that was not from their tribe and massacred entire wagon trains and settlements, most filled with innocent men, women, and children. Are you forgetting that part of our history?

Our ancestors fought the Sioux...and we won, but not without many, many deaths on each side. We speak English in this country, not Siouan languages. We cannot go back and change history as much as you would like to. There was murder and mayhem on both sides, but why do you think the Crow and the Pawnee joined with the whites to fight the Sioux? Because the Sioux were wiping them out! To rename Harney Peak to assuage some false sense of guilt is simply ridiculous.

William S. Harney is what we used to call a hero in this country. He fought with distinction and honor for this country. His first fight against the Sioux was in retaliation for the Grattan Massacre, where the Sioux had attacked and massacred an Army detachment in Nebraska. Please take a moment and reread that. Gen. Harney's first fight against the Sioux was in retaliation for a massacre on the part of the Sioux! The Sioux were not a peaceful tribe and Gen. Harney was a true hero for fighting and defeating them. Who knows how many innocent lives he saved. Just

because this happened more than 150 years ago should not make him any less of a hero. In 100 years are we going to say that Chris Kyle was no hero? God forbid!

Then to address your proposed name itself, "Hinhan Kaga" or "The Making of the Owls,"...seriously? Am I supposed to ask my relatives that come and visit if they want to go hike "Hinhan Kaga" Peak? It doesn't exactly roll off the tongue. And I'm certainly not going to ask them to go hike "The Making of the Owls" Peak! There is simply nothing wrong with Harney Peak.

I for one could be justified in being offended by a Sioux name because of the many innocent lives they tortured and massacred. Going back many generations I had a relative murdered by the Creek. At the same time I am part Cherokee. If I chose to dwell on the relative that was murdered I could be very angry and demand you name nothing with any tribal name, but I don't. History is what it is. At some point in history, we chose to honor Gen. Harney because he was a hero in that time...let's leave it be and move on!

Are we not allowed to have anything in South Dakota named with anything other than a Sioux name? I'm sure Custer, South Dakota, and Custer State Park will be next on your agenda to eliminate. Where will it end?

Harney Peak is currently situated in Black Elk Wilderness...it seems to me that that right there is compromise...the wilderness that the peak sits in is named after a Sioux hero (who, if you know your history at all, you know he murdered and scalped white people, but I'm not jumping up and down demanding you change that name) and a peak within that wilderness is named after an American hero. If you persist in renaming Harney Peak for some idiotic political correctness reason, then you will need to rename all the Sioux names in this state as well because many people are offended by them. The Sioux murdered people in cold blood: whites, Crow, Pawnee, etc. That's offensive! Why exactly are you doing this? Oh, that's right, because you want to rewrite history, not take it seriously.

Sincerely,
Taffy Howard

cc: Gov. Dennis Daugaard

Reiss, David

From: Taffy Howard <howardhillsmsn@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 4:52 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Fwd: Barney Peak
Attachments: Harney Peak letter to SD Board on Geographic Names.docx

> To Whom it May Concern,
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> I am attaching my comments regarding your proposed name change to Harney Peak.
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> Thank you,
> Taffy Howard
>

Reiss, David

From: Robert Hatch <roberthatch47@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:53 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Hinhan Kaga Paha

Dear Mr. Reiss,

I am writing on behalf of my wife and myself in support of the recent consideration to rename Harney Peak Hinhan Kaga Paga. Although Black Elk Peak was our first choice this alternate designation is being embraced by the Lakota people as an acceptable alternative to the existing name, which is a constant reminder of an old and painful atrocity against innocents among their people.

We urge you to take a stand for social and cultural justice by supporting this name change.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Robert and Monica Hatch

Reiss, David

From: ltmranch@gwtc.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:12 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Proposed name of Hinhan Kaga
Attachments: Harney Peak.docx

To the State Board on Geographic Names

Please see the attached letter for your consideration.

Thank you,
Judy Dold
11958 Hay Creek Road
Custer, SD 57730

Re: Proposed Name of Hinhan Kaga

As Custer County homeowners, we are offended by the State's Board on Geographic Name recommendation of the Lakota language name of Hinhan Kaga to replace the over 130 year of name of Harney Peak. We speak English as the official language in this country, not Spanish and certainly not Lakota. We feel the board needs to consider the bigger picture.

It is obvious that there is racism and prejudice that already exists and that is a sad but a realistic fact. To single out a minority race of people and honor that group with renaming of this **federally owned** historical landmark would only expand the resentment of the people who actually live in the Black Hills that may view this proposed name change as an entitlement for this conquered nation. In our opinion while the state board is attempting to appease the Lakota group, they in turn are actually being racist or bias towards another group of people with this proposed Lakota name.

In all fairness, we feel strongly that if the name of Harney Peak is so offensive then a name such as Harmony Peak or Serenity Mountain (English) should be considered or a name that is not so displeasing to anyone. Either of these two names imply agreement in feeling or opinion, a pleasing combination of elements in a whole or calm, tranquil.

The Lakota natives were not the first inhabitants of the Black Hills. Earlier other tribes probably had another name for Harney Peak too. But that is really **past history**. The Lakota people have been monetarily compensated for the Black Hills. Their refusal to accept this payment and leave it in a trust until they can actually receive the land back is unrealistic in this day and age. It is not going to happen. Nor will renaming Harney Peak to Hinhan Kaga give the Lakota youth hope and diminish their suicide epidemic. The problems within the Lakota tribes are larger than renaming this historical landmark can solve. Therefore, the board should be progressive and not try to rewrite history.

We ask that the state board reconsider their recommendation of renaming Harney Peak to something that is a "win-win" and that all people of the Black Hills can live with, compatible with the standards of the US Board on Geographic Names and not just satisfy a select group. We ask fairness and not expand racism that could happen with this decision.

Judy Dold

Reiss, David

From: ltmranch@gwtc.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:16 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Name change of Harney Peak
Attachments: Hinhan Name.docx

To: South Dakota Board on Geographic Names

Please see the attachment on my comments regarding this name change.

Thank you,
Gary Dold
11958 Hay Creek Road
Custer, SD 57730

TO: State Board of Geographic Names

As a state board, you have a difficult decision on the renaming of Harney Peak to the Lakota name of "Hinhan Kaga". You have a responsibility to be fair, impartial, unbiased and without racism or prejudice in making such a final decision when you submit it to the US Board on Geographic Names. The board should be aware of the seriousness of this decision and how it could affect the attitudes of the people who actually **reside in the Black Hills.**

In making the quick decision to rename this historical landmark within only 30 minutes, it is hard to understand that all factors were taken into consideration except that the new name would be something relating to a Lakota name. Other points of consideration should have been discussed.

How could the Lakota name of "Hinhan Kaga" be the original name of Harney Peak (legal) if the Lakota people were not the original inhabitants of the Black Hills? In the Board's rush to recommend such change, was any consideration given to the fact that history reveals other earlier Native American tribes such as the Arikara, Crow, Cheyenne and Pawnee, etc. occupied the Black Hills before they were forced out by the Lakota. Therefore, how can the board refer to endorsing history with this name change that really is not original?

Murder is just as this definition states, "the unlawful killing of one human being by another." In times of war, it happens. When General Harney commanded troops as revenge and killed Sioux people in 1855 at the Battle of Ash Hollow in Nebraska, the Lakota call it murder. However, when Nicholas Black Elk whom the Black Elk Wilderness area is named for also killed soldiers at the Battle of Little Big Horn he was not called a murderer but rather a "participant". Does this seem to be a double standard? The board voted to remove the suggested name of Black Elk Peak to replace Harney Peak due to historical facts that might disqualify this individual as an appropriate name. Yet will the board also decide to change the name of federally owned land of Black Elk Wilderness area due to the inappropriate action of the Lakota "holy man"? Or is the board only considering changing the name of Harney Peak to appease a minority group. So currently we actually have two areas; Harney Peak and Black Elk Wilderness that are named for individuals who both in reality have committed the crime of murder. How does changing one name and not the other correct the wrong deed of either?

Assuming that the English translation (our official language) of "Hinhan Kaga" is making of owls, what does that rename really suggest? And is "Making of Owls" a suitable name for this historical federally owned landmark? It has been reported in the news media that other names to replace Harney Peak were not even discussed. One can conclude that the Board was determined to satisfy only one group of people and not consider anything else. Was the board impartial in this decision?

Again the board does have a difficult decision to make before making their recommendation to the US Board. It makes more sense leaving both Harney Peak and Black Elk Wilderness as such. The Lakota do not recognize the name of Harney Peak but rather call it "Hinhan Kaga Paha" anyway. Attempting to rewrite history with "Hinhan Kaga" could be the wrong name after all, if the board is not 100% sure of

the historical accuracy name of this mountain. Please put more thought into this process to make a recommendation that is fair, impartial, unbiased and without racism or prejudice.

Reiss, David

From: Paul Squillace <pssquill@rushmore.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 10:45 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Name change for Harney

The current proposed name change is the most ridicules suggest I have ever heard. No one knows what it means (including natives) and even if it means what the "experts" say, it makes no sense (what does making of owls mean?) and no one will be able to pronounce or spell the name. I am in favor of leaving the name Harney alone. Are we going to wipe out the name Custer as well? How about Lewis and Clark, they said bad things about the Lakota after the Lakota tried to Lewis and Clark's canoe. Bad things happened on both sides of the war, are we going to judge what happened hundred of years later with incomplete information? Leave it alone. Paul Squillace

Reiss, David

From: Mark Clements <clem744@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Renaming Harney Peak to Hinhan Kaga Paha - Making of Owls

Dear Mr. Reiss,

We understand that a new Comment Period is open to register our desire to rename Harney Peak to Hinhan Kaga Paha - Making of Owls. This is the name given to the highest peak in the Black Hills centuries ago by the Lakota People.

General Harney lead the massacre of many Lakota people in the 1800's. The highest peak in the Black Hills should not have been named after this man. This was the home land of the Lakota People and this highest peak is a very sacred place for the People. We understand that Harney's descendants are in favor of making this name change. The original name given this peak by the Lakota People should be given to this peak at this time.

Please register our support for the name change to Hinhan Kaga Paha; Making of Owls.

Sincerely,

Mark & Maggie Clements
5820 - 131st Street West
Apple Valley, MN 55124