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From: Jeanette Cross <rjcross@windstream.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 5:47 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

It is really sad that SD government doesn't have more pressing business to attend to other than changing a historical site name as Harney Peak. Leave it as is for William Harney's name sake.
Jeanette Cross

Reiss, David

From: jlwalker@gwtc.net
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 8:06 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

This is to comment on the changing of Harney Peak's name.

We are definitely against this. The name is a part of history and should not be changed. There was a battle there which General Harney won and whether or not it was right that it happened, is not the point.

We can't go back in history and change the names of everything because it now offends someone. It happened! We can learn from history, but we should not be changing names of historical places because someone in this day and age doesn't approve of what happened or what a place got named.

Please take this into consideration. Thank you.

Fred and Cindy Walker
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Support naming the Feature: Black Elk Peak _____ Harney Peak YES!

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

I want the name to remain Harney Peak.
First, because I feel the expense incurred to make all the changes could be better spent on curbing the suicide rate on the reservation, or jobs or any number of other causes to benefit the Am. Indian.
Second, if you're looking for a perfect person to rename the peak, you will have to call it Jesus Peak, He's the only perfect person to walk the earth. Sometimes history is good, sometimes bad, but no one is innocent.

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Support naming the Feature: Black Elk Peak _____ Harney Peak YES!

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

Come on people - Really, this is a Rock Peak! Those that would claim a name change would somehow be of any benefit to any one must be back from a recent trip to Denver and are still on their trip!! I am so very tired of all this political correctness that has no basis in common sense and the people who try to tell me that changing this name is going to benefit relations between the Indian people and the white community are themselves perpetuating a "chasm" and fueling its growth. We are all people created by God and of the same race - the human race. quit telling me I owe some group of people something because of things that

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may have taken place long before I was even born. I am responsible for my self and my actions and my heart's condition. get over this nonsense

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Reason/Justification for Name:

IF in your lost sense of right and wrong why not name the peak after a Cheyenne warrior or maybe a crow as they were native to the Black Hills before the Sioux came and ravaged those people and stole the Hills from them.

You're wasting my tax money and somehow feel that you're doing something Good! Really Get A Life!!

Origin/Meaning of Name:

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

The money that would have to be used to change all of the maps, signs, gps, textbooks, etc. could be much better used for something that would help people who really need assistance with everyday living expenses.

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

I believe this 'project' is yet another feelgood, P.C., misguided waste of valuable time and other resources that could have been directed at real world problems.

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Submitted by:

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

This is a waste of time and money. It is foolish that this move will improve racial relations.

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

Black Elk peak is a good name, But like it for Harney peak.

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

Recommended Name:

Reason/Justification for Name:

Stay the original name

Origin/Meaning of Name:

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: *Marina Cole*

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

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

Why change it? It's costing money of us (taxpayers). Leave it alone. There are more important things to work on - terrorism - jobs - education. Where has common sense gone?

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Submitted by:

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

We do not need a name change. Past history was past history. There were sins committed by all. Quit changing all these names it costs a fortune.

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

Leave the original name it makes no sense to change. I'm 84 and its been one of the highlights of my life.

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Support naming the Feature: Black Elk Peak WIN Harney Peak Leave

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

Why should the name be changed, It deserves to be left as is,

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Reason/Justification for Name:

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

I think it should remain Harney Peak -

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*I can't believe the names of anything
Historical should be changed*

Origin/Meaning of Name:

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Submitted by:

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

*New signage costly
really no need to change. can't change history
why listen to just a small part of population?*

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

It seems like spending so much money (that could be much better spent elsewhere) to appease so few is foolish. This is really just a "gotcha" to the white man
Political Correctness will be the death of us all.
Have some courage - stand up + say "NO"

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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
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Pierre, SD 57501

Email: David.Reiss@state.sd.us
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Or access Public Comment Form: <http://www.sdbgn.sd.gov/>

and everyone I have encountered these few months!

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Our Viewpoint

Name change is confusing

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names came up with a doozie of a recommendation following a recent series of five public hearings on a proposed name change for Harney Peak. One of those public meetings was held April 28, at the Custer County Annex. Black Elk Peak and Harmony Peak were two of the names recommended at the Custer meeting.

Remarkably, the board came up with a proposed name change of Harney Peak to Hinhan Kaga, which supposedly translates to Making of Owls. This reportedly is the name originally referred to the peak by native people.

We never heard of that before. Maybe this name came up at one of the other public hearings.

We can understand why the board passed on the proposed name of Black Elk Peak because Harney Peak is located in the Black Elk Wilderness Area and would be too confusing. Harmony Peak sounds too much like Harney Peak and would also be confusing. Come to think of it, just about any name change to Harney Peak would be confusing for years to come.

The state Board of Geographic Names "was created by the 2009 Legislature to recommend replacements for offensive names for geographic features and to process requests from the public

regarding names for geographic features," according to the state's website. When the board received a recent request from (a) Native American to change the name of Harney Peak because he said Indians found it offensive, the public hearing wheels were set in motion.

Harney Peak, the highest geographical point east of the Rocky Mountains, is located in southern Pennington County in the Black Elk Wilderness Area of the Black Hills National Forest. Before all this name change business came along, we doubt that anyone knew anything about the man behind the name of the geographic landmark.

The peak was named by Lt. Gouverneur K. Warren in honor of his commanding officer Gen. William S. Harney, who led military troops in the Black Hills area in the late 1870s. Some Native Americans now claim that Harney does not deserve to have his name on the peak because of his leadership role in the Sept. 3, 1855, Battle of Ash Hollow.

Harney led a force of 600 soldiers who attacked 250 Sioux warriors, killing 86 of them, along with some women and children. The soldiers lost 27 killed in what has been called the First Sioux War.

The military attack was in retaliation for the killing of 29 soldiers and a civilian

interpreter by Indians the previous year in Wyoming.

There were no saints on either side of these numerous encounters between the military and the Native Americans. Atrocities were committed by both sides. Harney was following orders from the War Department and carried them out as any soldier is expected to do.

The Board of Geographic Names will take another vote at its June 29 meeting following a 30-day comment period, ending on June 20. It will then send its recommendation to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for a final decision.

We don't need to change the name of this historic landmark just for the sake of change or political correctness, just because somebody is offended. It would only lead to confusion. If the name Harney is offensive, which name is next, Custer? Where will this end?

Again, we say there is no compelling reason to change the name of Harney Peak, which is a hiking and horseback riding destination for so many area residents and visitors.

Comments on this issue can be sent to the South Dakota Board on Geographic Names at sdbgn.sd.gov or emailed to David.Reiss@state.sd.us until June 20.

Are we going to change (Perrin) next?

Shirley Alexander

June 12, 2015

Dear SD Geographic Name Bd,

JUN 15 2015

My husband & I plus our 3 grand children and their spouses all are against changing the name of Harney Peak

We had some very courageous military men that protected and saved some of perhaps your and my ancestors and I am offended that the name has to be changed. Some of our (white) women and children were killed too!

To be politically correct is prevalent now and has become very divisive!

Please leave Harney Peak as it is - the cost of all the maps and everything is huge and the anger of most all the people is worth it.

Sincerely

Shirley Alexander



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I vote to retain
the name "Harney Peak"
and not change it.

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I'm 83 years old &
really think the name
should be left alone.
It's a fine name.

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Harney peak will always be known as such no matter what some board in Pierre decides.

Race relations will be set back many years with decisions like yours which is typical of the modern indifference to the will of the majority.

Yours Truly
John D. Johnson

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