

Reiss, David

From: Roy Kornmeyer <royo86401@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:34 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Renaming Harney Peak !!!!!

People who want to rename an area, mountain, road or other such geographical area, do not realize the problems they create.

Maps, addresses, signage or anything connected with the area is due for a change, people living within that area with an address have to notify everyone by mail, in person or some other means of the change. It goes on and on, seemingly without end. Leave names alone, it makes absolutely no sense to the majority what, why, when or if an item is named. Save money, for yourself and others and leave it alone.

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Reiss, David

From: Birdie <mugwaii@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:35 AM
To: Reiss, David
Cc: Jerry Burshek
Subject: Harney Peak

Mr. Reiss,

General Harney did commit horrid atrocities. To rename Harney Peak after people who matched his actions would indeed be a misstep. For those eager to get on board with the present suggestion for a name change, **A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH: INDIAN CAPTIVITIES IN THE WEST, 1830-1885** by Gregory Michno, would be worth their time. That book will give readers a different perspective.

Jerry Burshek
Spearfish, SD

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Reiss, David

From: danclaras@pie.midco.net
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:40 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: name change

Good morning Dave,

I found out about this website yesterday and am adding my two cents to the conversation on changing the name of Harney Peak. The new name suggested sounds more like Chinese than Native American. I am very opposed to the idea of renaming famous Harney peak. History has produced some unfavorable persons and profiles, but most of that history is unknown to the average person on the street. I urge the powers that be to keep the familiar name and reject the proposed change. Clara Shelbourn

Reiss, David

From: Donna Fisher <dmfisher@wildblue.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:48 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney NO, but a carefully considered name, YES

I am a retired educator and I live in the Black Hills. This is my ninth season as a tour guide for Road Scholar groups in the Black Hills and Badlands.

Seasoned and well-read travelers from all over the United States, my Road Scholar clients rarely know the name of our highest peak when they first see it. However, when they learn its name, they ask about William S. Harney. Then the embarrassment begins.

Even Harney's primary biographer (George Rollie Adams, Prince of Dragoons) characterizes him as impulsive, vindictive and violent not only toward the Plains Indians, but also to his own troops and in his personal life.

During the Civil War and as an Indian Wars commander, Harney drove his troops ruthlessly. On one march some officers claimed that Harney had no regard for the rules of warfare, that he lacked common sense, and that he disregarded his men's health. When we know his character, do we really want William S. Harney's name on our skyline?

Harney never set foot in the Black Hills. His brutal campaign against the Lakota, culminating in the Battle of Ash Hollow in 1855, earned him a Lakota name meaning "Woman Killer. Imagine the offense to our Lakota neighbors because a spot considered sacred to them bears Harney's name.

Many of my tour clients ask why we settle for this ill-considered name for our grandest peak. Why, indeed?

I strongly support the recommendation of the Board of Geographic Names to rename Harney Peak.

But slow down as we choose a new name. Harney Peak was originally named without consideration of Harney's checkered career. I have no objection to Hinhan Kaga but I think we can do better.

Let's give up spurious excuses like pronunciation (can you pronounce Denali?). Let's engage West River citizens—white and Native American—in a year-long exploration of language, history and geology. Involve our school children. Let's creatively and wisely chose a new name for our highest peak.

Respectfully,
Donna M. Fisher

"Even if I knew for sure the world would end tomorrow, I would plant an apple tree."
Martin Luther

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Reiss, David

From: Randy Daughenbaugh <rjdaugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:03 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

Please listen to the people and drop plans to change the name of Harney Peak. It is silly to change names of long recognized locations.

Thank you,

Randy and Mary Daughenbaugh
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Reiss, David

From: Rod Anderson <mohawker68@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

David: I have written you before but after reading the article in the Rapid City Journal about two cabinet officials opposing the name change I felt I needed to add my comments. The effort to demonize General Harney is not only offensive but inaccurate. I have researched his career and found numerous references to a distinguished military career. In fact, General Harney was buried with full military honors at Arlington. In his career he worked to improve the nation's treatment of Indians. He fought in the war with Seminoles. The Crow Indians gave him the name "man who runs like the deer" because he held foot races with Crow outside the fort in an effort to promote peace. He fought in the Mexican war and against the plains Indians in the 1850's. He was a key figure in negotiating the 1868 treaty and urged the government to honor that treaty. He was considered politically naive and relieved of his command as Commander of the Department of the West. President Lincoln later said that was one of the biggest mistakes of his administration. After his death the Sioux gave him the name "Man who always kept his word". A quote from General Harney "I have lived on this frontier for 50 years and I have never yet known an instance in which war broke out between these tribes that the tribes were not in the right. I never yet knew an indian chief to break his word".

There is no need to change the name of Harney Peak just to please a group that has a vendetta against General Harney. I urge the Board to reconsider what I feel was an appeasement effort based on a very one sided arguement . Thank you.

Rod Anderson

Reiss, David

From: Joyce Spear - Southern Hills Title <joyce@southernhillstitle.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:17 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Changing the name of Harney Peak

Mr. Reiss;

Placing a Lakota name on a peak listed on a U.S. Gov't map is not really a significant victory for the Lakota people. Is a government sanctioned map of this land so important that history has to be rearranged?

What about the Arapahoe, Kiowa, Cheyenne, and possibly Crow that also inhabited the Black Hills and revered certain landmarks in the Black Hills, and were displaced by the Lakota eventually?

Would it not be much more meaningful to incorporate the names of those native peoples as well into the Black Hills area? A general council of sorts of the tribes could be formed, incorporating the wisdom and knowledge of the tribal elders, to confer and bring together tribal names for these landmarks before they are gone forever, of the Black Hills and Badlands region. Using the different tribal names for each site, and in parenthesis below the name the English translation for the Tribal name would be educational for young and old alike, and preserve the footsteps of different layers of cultures that walked these hills.

There would be a large market for such a map, and it would have significance for many who hold this land sacred, as well as those who wish to come and visit these very special places God created.

Thank you

Joyce F. Spear

Reiss, David

From: Andy Louder <louder@rushmore.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:24 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: FW: HARNEY PEAK

I feel the name should stay as is. We can't change names every time a handful of people feel offended. We have a lot of other things needing money in our state, schools come to mind. The name change be very costly, not only for the state but the private sector, re-printing materials, signs etc. Please let common sense win for a change.

Thank you for your consideration
Andy Louder
Rapid City SD

Reiss, David

From: Marion Klein <meklein2405@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:24 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Name

Please do not change the of Harney Peak. The proposed name is not logical.
Bob and Marion Klein
Rapid City, SD

Sent from my iPad

Reiss, David

From: Peggy Sanders <peggy@peggySanders.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:33 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak comments

June 18, 2015

To the South Dakota State Board of Geographic Names:

I was disappointed, but not surprised, that the board has proposed to change the name of Harney Peak. I'm writing to oppose this change. As a practical matter the proposed name will not fit on a map with the English in parentheses, as stated it would be written.

In reading "United States Board on Geographic Names, Principle, Policies and Procedures: Domestic Geographic Names," it appears that the name the board has chosen would not be allowed by the US board. Please contemplate the following, from the Policies and Procedures cited below.

Chapter 3

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAMES POLICIES

POLICY VII: USE OF VARIANT NAMES

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The Board does not allow the use of parentheses in an official name, but a variant in parentheses may be used after the official name if needed for purposes of clarity or reference. The independent use of any name other than the official name is not approved.

"The board's motion for the recommended name included the English translation in parentheses, so the officially recommended name is "Hinhan Kaga (Making of Owls)."—from state Board of Geographic Names.

Second, the U.S. board says, "except in rare cases such as those involving derogatory names. . ." Harney does not rise to that definition. There is nothing derogatory about Harney Peak. This section speaks to words that are simply no longer used in polite society. Such names have already been changed in South Dakota.

Chapter 3

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAMES POLICIES

sec. 1

General: The U.S. Board on Geographic Names does not encourage changes in official geographic names. It will not initiate changes in domestic geographic names except in rare cases such as those involving certain derogatory names and name duplications. All name change proposals are evaluated in cooperation with State geographic names authorities, Federal, State, and tribal agencies, local governments, other authoritative bodies, and the public.

Third, there is no good reason to change the name Harney Peak.

Chapter 3

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAMES POLICIES

POLICY II: NAME CHANGES

Approved by:
Secretary of the Interior April 20, 1981

Geographic names, as do other categories of proper names, perform an important reference or label function in language. Each name identifies a particular geographic feature, place, or area. This function requires a high degree of stability in the spoken and written forms of names and their applications. Consequently, **changes in existing names should not be made without good reason.** The U.S. Board on Geographic Names will consider every proposal involving a name change on an individual basis, and the merits of each case will be carefully evaluated.

DETERMING OFFICIAL NAMES

The Domestic Names Committee has identified several factors to be considered, along with its principles, policies, and procedures, when deciding on name problems and proposals. These factors and their definitions are here listed alphabetically:

Established Usage

A geographic name that has appeared consistently in written usage and/or has been expressed consistently in verbal usage, and that is supported by historical and/or current written materials and/or in folklore.

Historical Usage

A geographic name given and used during the early history of a place or feature; the name may be either obsolete or in current use.

Legal Usage

A geographic name that appears in a document generated as part of a legal procedure

established by a government body; the document may either (1) establish the name, or (2) apply it incidentally in order to identify or locate an area, site, or feature important to the principal purpose of the document. This category includes “legislated usage,” which, because of its importance to the naming process, is given special recognition.

Legislated Usage

A geographic name established by a legislative body--local, tribal, State, or Federal.

Local Usage

A geographic name commonly and currently used for an entity, whether in verbal and/or written form, by persons having frequent enough contact with the entity to use the name on a regular basis.

Verbal Usage

A name used by people when referring to a place, feature, or area in their own language as commonly spoken every day.

Written Usage

A geographic name in handwritten or printed form, for example, handwritten letters, diaries, and logs or names printed in newspapers or on maps or recorded in official, digital records.

Chapter 2

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAMES PRINCIPLES

Principle II: Names in Local Usage--The underlying principle of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for establishing official geographic names and their applications is recognition of present- day local usage or preferences. Exceptions occur when local spoken or written usage is in conflict with specific Board policy. In cases where local usage is conflicting or weak, well- established documented names and names with historical significance are given strong consideration (see Domestic Names Decisions).

Chapter 4

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

Recommended Name Form: Proposed names are expected to perform useful service as proper names. They normally should be as short as possible and easily pronounced. Preferably, the pronunciation should be apparent from the spelling. Names that are complex and difficult to pronounce often are not accepted by users.

May 08, 2015 6:30 am • Seth Tupper Journal staff

AP Content

“The name of South Dakota’s tallest mountain should be changed from Harney Peak to “Hinhan Kaga,” the state Board of Geographic Names recommended by unanimous vote Thursday in Pierre.”

“The board believes the phrase is the Lakota name for the 7,242-foot peak; the phrase translates to “Making of Owls” in English, according to earlier public testimony.”

This tells the public that the board does not know what the Lakota name was, so how could this be made the official name?

Truly if the board wishes to change the name Harney Peak to a name representing indigenous history, then the board needs to back to the Arikaras. Recorded history tells us that the Arikara Indians arrived by 1500 AD, were in the Black Hills before other tribes and remained in the hills the longest. After the Arikara the Crow, Pawnee, Kiowa and Cheyenne one after the other, controlled the Black Hills, all before the Sioux.

Respectfully,

Peggy Sanders

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Oral, SD 57766

Reiss, David

From: Mary Lou Paulson <maryloupaulson@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 11:59 AM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Renaming Harney Peak

Please count my vote to NOT rename Harney Peak. It is not reasonable to continue rehashing offenses concerning the dishonor of killing Indians as that is what seems to be the basis of contention in this matter. Historically Indian tribes warred amongst themselves and conquered one another with the loss of many lives. When white settlers moved westward the Indians resisted their presence by killing many of them and their families. Treaties were made and later broken. History is history and cannot be changed, we all need to accept it and go on.

Mary Lou Paulson
3430 Cottonwood St. Unit A
Rapid City, S.D. 57702
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Sent from my iPad

Reiss, David

From: Donavon Schoon <dwschoon@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:47 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

In my opinion the people that want to change the name are trying to rewrite history. It is no secret that once a name of a land mark is changed not only is the name lost but the history with it. Lets not change the name. We have already lost so much of our history that we could have learned from by renaming and forgetting what really happened.

Reiss, David

From: Dorothy Dygas <ddygas@knology.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

Dear Sir: It is my understanding that you are collecting citizen commentary to transmit to the SD Board of Geographic Names. As a SD resident since 1995, I strongly support changing the name of Harney Peak. By naming the mountain Harney Peak the then residents of this State honored a man unworthy of the honor. His treatment of and attitude toward Native Americans was nothing short of despicable. Prior to becoming a lawyer in New Jersey, the District of Columbia and South Dakota, I majored in History. While the great migration west across the North American continent was a triumph for National expansion and European immigration, it was accomplished with repetitive acts of perfidity. Treaties made; Treaties broken. Deliberate efforts to exterminate Native Americans by spreading small pox, etc. While I admire the fortitude of the pioneers who carved out a way of life on the Northern plains, I recognize that it was only possible because of a terrible level of immorality by the Government and the Military. In order to overcome the resulting racism that survives in Western South Dakota, **the State needs to honor the lands sacred to the Native Americans by giving them a Lakota language name.** Or as the kids would say, "Harney is so yesterday." To the politicians who fear that changing the name will somehow reduce tourism, I say, "Stop trying to invent a reason to do the wrong thing." As a person raised in New Jersey, I can assure you that people want to vacation in the West for many reasons, none of which have anything to do with the name of the locations they visit. I am joined in this opinion by my husband, Thomas Nary, who is retired from the US Army, and my son, Samuel Nary, who graduated Augustana College with a degree in History. Sincerely yours, Dorothy Dygas

Reiss, David

From: Betsy Brown <betsyb@rushmore.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 2:10 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

Please do not change the name of Harney Peak. You are opening a can of worms because someone will want other names changed. This is getting ridiculous!!!

Betsy Brown
Spearfish

Sent from my iPhone

Reiss, David

From: Annette Rathert <drathert@rap.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 2:32 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak re-naming

I am objecting to changing the name of Harney Peak to "Making of Owls", or the Lakota equivalent. Do we change the name of Custer too? The proposed name will not catch on. The Lakota have Crazy Horse Monument to memorialize heroes. Name it Sylvan Peak instead. Or Ponderosa Peak? Do not name it after a person of any race.

Granite Mountain?

Thank you,

Annette Rathert
2701 Mystic Mtn
Rapid City, SD 57702

Reiss, David

From: Ralph Kruse <melrosetoo@wildblue.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 2:42 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak Name change

Dear David,

I am writing you to express my disagreement with the name change for Harney Peak. I live just below Harney Peak in what is called "Harney Canyon". I have lived here for over 30 years, and my family has been here since the mid 1930's.

There are people expressing their concerns who do not live in our area, and some have never even visited Harney Peak. Their reasons for changing the name ,are mainly because Harney was involved with the killing of the Native Americans. How many Native Americans were responsible for killing of the white people. This happened years ago. There were differences on both sides. There is no reason to be living in the past, and trying to change what happened then.

We see no reason to change the name that has been in place for over 100 years. We are now living in 2015, and it is time to live for today, and stop dwelling on what happened many years ago. We can't change the history of our state, or the reason the peak was named Harney. To change it to a Lakota name is not going to do anything to help strengthen our relationship with the Lakota people. It is only going to cost a lot of money to change all the signage, maps, etc. It might satisfy a few people, but it will only lead to more disagreement on names in our area, and future requests for other changes due to a few persons disliking or beliefs.

I'm asking you to please leave the name as it is. If people want to say it is also known as, (aka....) then so be it. There has been enough time and money spent already on this argument. Don't spend any more dollars to change this name. I work in the tourist industry as well as living below the peak. We send people to the peak all the time. It will remain Harney Peak to me, and the folks we tell about it. It's hard to change the name after so many years, and so many people know it as it is.

Thank you for receiving these letters.

Respectfully,

Sandy Kruse
Hill City, SD

Reiss, David

From: cronning@bhws.com
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 3:23 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Inquiry from SDBGN website

I would like to express my preference for the name change for Harney Peak. Leave it the same. We don't need to change it!

Sent from my iPad

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Reiss, David

From: Jacque Best <jcbest@rap.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 3:52 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: renaming of Harney Peak

Only in America would "political correctness" dictate that Harney Peak be renamed by the vanquished because they did not like the victor. Now the Oglala Sioux want to name Harney Peak some name that not even they can pronounce, a name that apparently means "making of owls" and the meaning of which will be known to no one except Oglala Sioux linguistic historians. Tourists, who used to know "Harney Peak" as the highest point between the Rockies and the Mississippi will now blow off Hinhan Kaga as some kind of Chinese graffiti and certainly won't seek it out as a place to visit or climb while in SD. If the Natives want to place a sign at the foot of Harney Peak telling what a foul man Harney was, so be it, but let's not upset the recognized geography of the State to satisfy a few unhappy souls. And think of the expense in placating these dissidents. I have a better idea for these complainers who constantly seek retribution for the loss of their "sacred lands". According to the official U.S. map there are 617 Indian Reservations in the U.S. Not one is called a "Native American Reservation". Those bellyachers who have so much time to complain should set their sights on changing all 617 "Indian Reservations" to "Native American Reservations". That would give them something to do while they wait for the next government handout.



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June 16, 2015

JUN 19 2015

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

RE: Proposed Name Change for Harney Peak in Pennington County

Dear SDGBN Board Members,

The Board of County Commissioners respectfully submit the following comments on the proposed name change for Harney Peak in Pennington County.

- The name should not be changed and should be left as Harney Peak.
- We are opposed to your recommended name of "Hinhan Kaga".

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,
The Pennington County Board of Commissioners

Lyndell Petersen, Chairman

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JUN 19 2015

To the So. Dak. Board of Geographic Names:

I have to agree with Kelly Hepler and Jim Hagen as to why we should not change the name of Harney Peak. But also for other reasons:

#1 - Nobody really knew the history behind the name of Harney Peak until Basil Brave Heary and Eric Simmer publized it.

#2 - They have both made it very political and the thing to do or else we are just not caring.

The things that happened in the early days of history were probably very bad on BOTH sides. There were possbly more women and childdren massacured by Indians then by the white people or soldiers. They were very ruthless. To this day, they are still very ruthless and commit savage things to their own people.

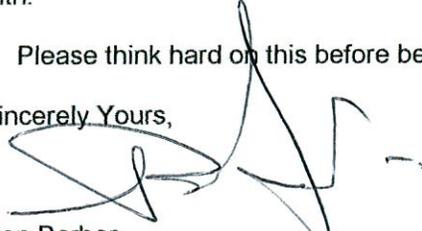
Having been born in Wanblee, SD, where my dad had a store, and raised in the Kadoka and Interior area my whole life, I never felt the racisim and predjice that I am feeling today. Some of by best friends, growing up, were Indians and I spent many days in their homes eating and playing cowboys and Indians. I guess we didn't know we were being politically incorrect.

It seems that every time we turn around the Indian people are protesting something. This racisim, as they call it, will not change until they change. It is a give and take and they think we need to give and give more. This only promotes more predjice.

If you must change the name of Harney Peak, make it Granite Peak. This would be a give and take on both sides. No matter what name it is givin if it has to be changed, it will always be Harney Peak too me, my family and people I have visited with.

Please think hard on this before before promoting more racisim and hard feelings.

Sincerely Yours,



Ron Barber
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Black Hawk, SD 57718

JUN 19 2015

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Philip SD 57567

June 17, 2015

South Dakota Board on Geographic Names

Department of Tribal Relations

302 East Dakota

Pierre SD 57501

To Whom It May Concern;

I don't think the name should be changed for Harney Peak. That name is known all over the world and has been Harney Peak for over 100 years. What a huge expense to change all the signs alone to change the name. It will always be Harney Peak to me.

The name picked to take the place of Harney Peak doesn't make any sense and is hard to pronounce. Hishon Kaga - what is that?

I know William S. Harney was a commander of troops that killed Indians during the war with them. Didn't the Indians kill, mutilate, kidnap and make slaves of white women and children at this same time period? This tragedy is part of our history but I don't see any reason to change the name now.

Sincerely,

Shirley Langas

Reiss, David

From: Kathleen Hastings <kathastings67@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 3:59 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

Hello David,

My husband and I are requesting the name of Harney Peak not be changed.

If this landmark is changed will the town and county of Custer be next? There are probably many more names in South Dakota that some people deem offensive.

Name changing could go on for what seems forever and not change the deep seated hurts and anger of the Native American people.

Thank you.

Kathleen Hastings

Reiss, David

From: Bonnie Miller <bonbon3949@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:01 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Changing the name of Harney Peak

I don't know how this came up but it is a crazy idea. Harney Peak is on the maps; it's in the tourist information; it's been there for years and years. Our governor and state tell us that there is only so much money to go around. Spending money on our children's education or repairing our infrastructure is a far better way to spend it than changing maps and changing information to promote our state (and to a name that is difficult to pronounce). Part of the money spent on our children's (and adult's) education should be teaching them about incidents in history of which we are not proud and why they were wrong. Teaching about the Native American way of life to promote understanding and working on reconciliation between all peoples in our state. There were many horrific things done to Native Americans in the 1800's. Native Americans also did many horrific things to white people during that same time. It's over and done. That's why they call it history. Let's concentrate on the future and not go out looking for foolish ways to spend the taxpayer's money.

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Bonnie

Reiss, David

From: Jon. Edwards <edwards.jonathan.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:43 PM
To: Paul Stover Soderman
Cc: Reiss, David; Emery, Steve; Nadenicek, Joe; karen k little thunder; Phil Little Thunder; Scott Highland; Doug GoodFeather; Tim Schaaf; Myron Pourier; Cathie Soderman; leslie england; Bob G; Nahko Bear; Ben Rhodd; reaglebear@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Harney Peak Name Change Final Request
Attachments: SRST TC Harney Peak Resolution.pdf

The Standing Rock Tribal Council supports a name change.

Thanks,

Jon.
LRI Print
605-314-3366

On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 6:11 PM, Paul Stover Soderman <paul.stover.soderman@gmail.com> wrote:

To David Reiss and the South Dakota Board of Geographic Name Change

I would like submit a statement concerning the pending name change of Harney Peak. I am a seventh generation descendant of General William Selby Harney and I stand with the many others who are asking that his name be replaced with a new name that more closely honors the United States governments agreement contained in the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty, concerning the embattled Black Hills ownership. Harney was a member of the 1868 Peace commission , helped design the treaty in St. Louis and is the third signer of that legally binding agreement. Harney's violent and brutal actions at the Blue Water Massacre on Little Thunder's village are well known now.

I have read all the comments submitted to your board and appreciate all the varied views of this issue and really appreciate the opportunity your board has provided us all. I would like to address the name change dissenters main points. We are not a small group of liberal, politically correct troublemakers. I believe we are still outnumbering the name change objectors on this forum.

Secondly, this movement may have caught you unaware and seems to have created an unfounded fear that our intention is change more names (such as Custer.) I have not heard anyone in our group intimate such an intention. The Harney Peak issue is primary and singular in it's quest for righting a historical wrong. Lastly, yes this proposition if it passes through, will be inconvenient. A new name in an unfamiliar language is confusing. Hihan Kaga would challenge us to see past our own temporal, limited time here and consider the generations to come. My dream would be that mountain, held sacred to many Native Americans, would not be remembered by their children's children as ever having another name other than the one originally given by their own ancestors. Why is that even relevant today? Because of how far it could go to begin to lift the spirit and self esteem of a young native person or perhaps an elder who has given up trying to fight for their homeland rights. It means more than we will ever know.

My hope is that the board will hold on to the courage of it's conviction shown in the vote a month ago to rename the peak to Hihan Kaga. Owl Mountain is what Basil Braveheart is now suggesting as a suitable translation. I believe the renaming will happen now, later or much later for we will continue to work for it, for as we approach the 150 year anniversary of the 1868 Ft. Laramie treaty signing (2018)...what better way to promote and cultivate cross cultural and intergenerational healing and forgiveness.

After studying his life in detail I think my ancestor, Gen Harney, would approve of this name change effort and is proud of us for trying, That is what I wholeheartedly believe.

An irrevocable gift I have received in this process is building healing relations with many members of the Little Thunder family and a beautiful new friendship with Basil BraveHeart. No matter what your final recommendation I will nurture and treasure these relations for life and thank you for being instrumental in these introductions. In closing I remind you of what I said at the public hearings. "The holiest place on earth is where an ancient hatred has become a current love". Let it be our generation that has the brave fortitude to make a trail where few have gone and others may follow.

Very Sincerely,
Paul Stover Soderman
7th Generation Descendant

RESOLUTION NO. 225-15

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is an unincorporated Tribe of Indians, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 [48 Stat. 984], with the exception of Section 16; and the recognized governing body of the Tribe is known as the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, pursuant to the amended Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Article IV, §§§ 1[a], 1[c], and 1[h] is empowered to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments and others on behalf of the Tribe, and to authorize or direct subordinate boards, committees and Tribal Officials, to administer the affairs of the Tribe and to carry out the directives of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe recognizes the importance in naming places and concepts that impact the development of our current and forthcoming generations; and

WHEREAS, there is currently an effort to rename "Harney Peak" as the United States and immigrant population have named to this peak after William Harney who was responsible for the massacre of Lakota women and children at Blue Water Creek on September 3, 1855;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, by force of this resolution, fully supports all efforts to re-name "Harney Peak" to something more appropriate reflecting the positive and original history of the Black Hills area in light of the fact that "Harney Peak" is a sacred site to not only the Oceti Sakowin but of other Original Tribal Nations as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council are hereby authorized and instructed to sign this resolution for and on behalf of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, Chairman and Secretary of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 17 members, of whom 12 constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held on the 26th day of MAY, 2015, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 11 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting. THE CHAIRMAN'S VOTE IS NOT REQUIRED EXCEPT IN CASE OF A TIE.

DATED THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2015.

ATTEST:



Adele M. White, Secretary
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe



Dave Archambault II, Chairman
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

[OFFICIAL TRIBAL SEAL]

Meeting Date: 05/26/2015
Motion No. 4

Reiss, David

From: Janet van Houten <jvanhouten@knology.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:49 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Name of Harney Peak

Dear Sir:

I am writing to offer my opinion on the naming of Harney Peak. I believe that the name selected by the Board "Hinhan Kaga" is much too difficult for people to use. It would be much better to keep the current name since that is what most people are going to call it anyway. It is unfortunate that some people are offended by the current name, but one can't change history.

Janet van Houten
4184 Kentucky Lane
Rapid City, SD 57701

Reiss, David

From: Robin EH. Bagley <robinehbagley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 5:10 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Renaming of Harney Peak

Dear Mr. Reiss,

I wish to submit comments on the proposed renaming of Harney Peak in the Black Hills. I fully support changing the peak's name from Harney as General William Harney was not an admirable person, having participated in the massacre of women and children at the Battle of Ash Hollow. I feel that name is insensitive toward all of the tribal people who consider the peak to be a holy place.

While I know critics of the name change are claiming that it's trying to change history, I believe we are finally acknowledging history and not allowing honored places to be named after reprehensible people.

However, I am not convinced that Hinhan Kaga is the best name either. I would encourage the board to find a name that is more meaningful to everyone and depicts the peak's majesty.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin EH. Bagley

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Robin EH. Bagley
PO Box 824
Custer, SD 57730
605-645-9810

Reiss, David

From: Joan <jrmklm@rap.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 6:21 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Harney Peak

Please leave the name as Harney Peak. It makes no sense to change it after this much time. We can't undo the past - it is what has made us what we are now.

Joan Myers
1409 Panorama Cir
Rapid City, SD 57701
605-343-7395

Reiss, David

From: Taffelaramie@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 6:58 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Name change Harney Peak

To Whom it May Concern:

Is it really necessary that we change the name of Harney Peak?

Is the expense of changing the name of Harney Peak necessary when all of the budgets are so short of funds? Jobs have been cut and many projects put on hold for lack of funds in the budget.

Will Custer County and Custer City be next? One would think that General Custer and his actions have offended Native Americans also.

If the name change is done solely because it offends the Native Americans, when can we start changing names of their heroes that offend white people? There are plenty of Native Americans warriors and chiefs that killed, raped, scalped and burned out white settlers and our soldiers.

Sincerely,

Janis A. Taffe
25247 Holiday Trail
Custer, SD 57730

Reiss, David

From: Mary Ellen Connelly <perennialpassion@sio.midco.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:07 PM
To: Reiss, David
Subject: Ghost Owl Butte

Dear Mr. Reiss,

Please change the name of Harney Peak to the Lakota name, Hinhan Kaga. It's a good thing for S.D. to acknowledge it's native people.

Thank you,

Mary Ellen Connelly
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(605) 376 3446

I only went out for a walk
and finally concluded to stay out
until sundown,
for going out,
I found,
was really going in.
John Muir