

Reiss, David

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**From:** Bwebb <bwebb@venturecomm.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:56 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** RE: " I oppose Name change for Harney Peak..."

David and all...per name change news release...am enclosing my opinion...opposing Harney Peak name change. I see this issue as a " PC proposal".

Bernie Webb, Historian, age 76 Gettysburg, SD 57442  
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On 2014-10-13 18:55, Bwebb wrote:

> JP & Ab. News...for your info. Bernie

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> On 2014-10-13 10:48, Bwebb wrote:

>> Seth, Sometimes...saying less is better...more to the point...Bernie

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>> On 2014-10-13 10:42, Seth Tupper wrote:

>>> Bernie,

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>>> I'll keep your name and contact info handy. The next time we write

>> about this, I'd be happy to interview you if you're willing.

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>>> I don't know when the next time will be, or if there will even be a

>>> next time. But if the group submits an application to the Board on

>>> Geographic Names as they say they will, I assume there'll be lots

>>> more coverage and opportunity for opposition comment.

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>>> Feel free to contact me anytime.

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Bwebb [<mailto:bwebb@venturecomm.net>]

>>> Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 10:40 AM

>>> To: Seth Tupper

>>> Subject: " I oppose Name change for Harney Peak..."

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>>> Seth and RCJ staff all,

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>>> Want to comment on the proposed " Harney Peak name-change " since I

>>> oppose it...for the same reason some have suggested to change "

>>> Custer

>>> State Park ". These suggestions are examples of PC

>>> end-runs...feel-good nonsense !

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>>> Bernie Webb, Historian, age 75

>>> ( <https://film.sd.gov/listings/details.aspx?crewid=131&type=crew> )

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**From:** Wiege, Steve  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

I don't see the need to change the name of Harney Peak. Please consider my opinion?

Thanks,  
Steve Wiege  
RC Area DOT  
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**From:** Don <destroup@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2015 8:20 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

Come on – why not just change the name of the state to Sioux Land. First get a grasp on history – the Sioux did not make it to Western South Dakota until around 1840 when they drove the Crow out the area. Next the Sioux were scared shitless of the Black Hills as all they understood was prairie like in MN where they came from. Next the Sioux were hated by all the other tribes of that time because they were thieves and back stabbers. Get a real understanding on the history. Also the treaty that supposedly gave the Hills to the Sioux doesn't not say that. It does state they had the right to hunt certain areas of the Dakotas not own those areas. Stick the PC crap where the sun doesn't shine and face reality – whatever is handed to them will turn to crap just like the Blacks and the rest of the Society Suckers!!

Don Stroup  
Pierre, SD  
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**m:** Dwane <dwane2@icloud.com>  
**sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:36 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak.

Leave the name as is. Why change it?

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Richard Lennon <rclenn@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 2:45 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

My wife and I are residents of Rapid City, and we would like to see the name remain Harney Peak. Thank you.

Richard & Beverly Lennon  
1417 Panorama Circle  
Rapid City, SD 57701

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**m:** lonis lois <lowendt@gwtc.net>  
**sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 4:00 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

Mr. Reiss We would like to comment on the possible renaming of Harney's Peak. I am submitting this opinion with the understanding that no decision has been rendered as of this date, Mar 22, 2015.

As an amateur historian(SD Governors Award for History-2011) and a serious student of the Black Hills Gold Trails, Indian Trails and Military Trails, found mostly in western South Dakota, I offer the following opinion about the possible renaming of Harney Peak in the Black Hills of Dakota. This idea of renaming historically relevant landmarks appears to be an attempt at "political correctness" that tends to somehow inflict guilt emotions into the citizens of our state and allows a rewrite to our state's history.

Gen. Harney and his Command were among the earliest official expeditions to cross what is now South Dakota. He along with Lt. G.K. Warren(Army Topographer/explorer) braved the danger and hardships to bring their knowledge and expertise to this land and, their observations, summations and mapping were vitally important to the eventual settlement of western Dakota. Some of the bridges and crossing built by his troops were utilized during the gold rush years. Later, Gen. Harney was ordered to restore peace among the marauding Indian bands and to protect the builders and settlers. His encounters with these various bands sometimes ended in warfare, with devastating results. That is what war means....death and destruction. Harney also realized that the treaties between the government and the Indian nations were being ignored or violated and did his best to "mend fences" with the tribes. However, not the government nor God himself would have been able to stop the westward expansion and our eventual quest of the "Manifest Destiny."

I believe the tallest peak in South Dakota properly honors its namesake, Gen. Wm. Harney, a man who stood tall in the eyes of the Sioux as recorded in the following paragraph, taken from the Military History of Gen. William Harney:

*"William S. Harney retired from service 1 August 1863, and he was made Brevet Major General, 13 March 1865, for long and faithful service. He died 9 May 1889, in Orlando, Florida. He was well-liked by many Indian Nations for he tried, although in vain, to have the Indians treated fairly, and consistently urged Congress to honor past treaties with the Indians. After his retirement, he was recalled to service of his country to work on various Indian Commissions. After his death the Sioux changed his name from Man-who-runs-like-the-Deer to one of which he would have been very proud, "Man-who-kept-his-word"."*

In closing, I would like a copy of the original document or documents that suggested that a name-change was in the best interests of South Dakota.

Sincerely,  
Lonis Wendt  
Box 92  
Vivian, SD 57576

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**From:** Becky Purington <beckypurington@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 4:22 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak name change

I vote not to change the name of Harney Peak. This is getting ridiculous. Every time we turn around, we are being asked to spend tax payer's money on changing the name of important historical landmarks because the name offends somebody. If we keep changing all of these landmarks' names, It is going to cause confusion in the generations to come because nothing is going to be named what it was in the history books, maps, etc. Even if you change the name, this generation will still be calling it by Harney Peak. I have been hiking there approximately 10 times a year for over 40 years and I will not be calling it anything other than Harney Peak, whether you change the name or not. My vote is no.

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**From:** gmack <gmceieio@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 4:26 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak name change

I am in favor of the name change to Black Elk Peak.  
Gen Harney does not deserve the honor he has had for too long.

Greg McDonald  
605-755-2918

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**From:** Jo Rombough <jorombo@wildblue.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 4:46 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** HARNEY PEAK

I **ABSOLUTELY DO NOT** want the name of Harney Peak changed.

What other conquering nation has given so much to the people they vanquished?? I feel that we are now approaching a situation of reverse discrimination. More and more talismans of our "white" settlers of this country are being erased.

I grew up with the name "Harney Peak" as have my children and grandchildren. It means more to us than an Indian name will ever mean to the caterwauling tribes. They have definitely learned to use the axiom that the ones who make the most noise will get what they want. Every name that they can get changed is just another point on their scorecard against the "palefaces".

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**m:** whitemoon58 <whitemoon58@rushmore.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 5:24 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** SD Board on Geographic Names RE: Harney Peak

I am backing the name change to Black Elk Peak. As a recent arrival to the Black Hills, within the last 6 years, I am encouraging my friends and family around the country to come and visit. I would prefer to provide an explanation of who Black Elk was to the unsavory explanation as to who Harney was, a military man who slaughtered women and children. It seems a good time to make this change as they have recently renamed a county, and maps and other data could include both new name changes. Let's provide names for places that we can be proud of, not ashamed.

Heidi Hartnett  
Rapid City, SD

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab®|PRO

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**From:** Ted & Sharon Ruffedt <tsruffedt@rushmore.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 6:04 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David

Please, please, please don't change the name of Harney Peak. It's all a part of the great history of the Black Hills and SD and to constantly be changing names of points of interest in our great state just to please a few is taking away too much of our important history.  
Hopefully enough people will write in to keep this from happening.

Many thanks.  
Sharon Ruffedt  
Rapid City

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**From:** LaDonna Hamre <lmhamre@midco.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 7:15 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Name Changes

With all due respect...please stop the madness. We have much bigger issues to solve in this state, this nation. I wish, hope and pray that racism will end – not gonna happen - ever unfortunately.

The names in the Black Hills and this country are part of our heritage...part of what was and what is. Mistakes were made. Totally understand. If we start caving in to those who are offended, we may have to change Custer, Custer State Park, Lewis & Clark...and you name it. When does it stop? You have the power to stop it – please do so. This is insane.

We now acknowledge many errors made in the past, but it's impossible to erase them. Anyone and everyone can make a case for many streets, rivers, monuments, tourist names, etc. If we allow this to continue because someone is offended, where does it end?

Thank you.

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**m:** Jean Katus <jean44ka@gmail.com>  
**sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 9:56 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak name change

Mr. Reiss - I *favor* changing the name of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak. Thank you for your consideration.

Jean Katus  
Rapid City

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**m:** Bryce and Kathy Barnard <barnards@midco.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 2:00 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

Mr. Reiss

If it is decided to rename Harney Peak after Black Elk, I would strongly suggest that we use this opportunity to remind everyone what Black Elk said, that we all are related and need to live together in peace. And I do mean everyone. No race has been angelic for their entire history, and racial hatred exists in all races today. I think it is a good idea to honor a leader who believed in living peacefully with one another, but only if we emphasize and apply that person's teachings. Otherwise, name the peak after something neutral, such as Ponderosa, Spruce, or Peregrine.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Katharine Barnard  
Rapid City

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**From:** Jerry Lolley <arrowqtr.circle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 1:48 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

I am opposed to renaming Harney Peak to any other name for any reason. Our history is what it is and renaming places doesn't change it. Our Lakota peoples are not blameless in the nasty deeds perpetrated during the settlement of the Great Plains.

Jerry Lolley  
8080 Blucksberg Dr.  
Sturgis, SD 57785  
605 720 6594

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**m:** Jerry Lolley <arrowqtr.circle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 1:43 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

I am opposed to renaming Harney Peak FOR ANY REASON! Our history is what it is and changing the names of places does not change our past. If it is offensive to our Lakota people, they might be reminded that our history has episodes where they were the perpetrators of some

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**From:** Juanita Spilde <juanitadrinkawater@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 1:31 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** New Name for Harney Peak

David Reiss,

I'm wondering if this debate is another example of the US trying too hard to be PC and give Native Americans more rights. Yes, they certainly deserve every consideration. However, I believe some issues have gotten out of hand lately. I do not want this to become one of them, so I feel the need to voice my opinion and hope that many others will, too. I was born and raised in SD, have great respect for the Black Hills history, scenery, and tourism industry, and am strongly in favor of leaving the name of the peak "Harney Peak", as it has been known for generations.

I read a brief article stating that General William S. Harney killed 86 Sioux in a battle in NEBRASKA in 1855. I'm certainly sorry for all the deaths. But that was the way of the times... and so go wars. He served his country for many years in many military capacities, including serving as brigadier general by 1858, and was one of the four general officers in the regular army at the opening of the Civil War.

So why can't we continue to honor a military general of the US? Honoring Native American leaders and their culture is definitely important, too. But there are other ways to do that than to change the names of every existing monument, sports team, mountain peak, etc. I do not believe that after all these years, the name of the peak should be changed. History is history. Geographical places should keep their names so that people around the state, country, and world can still look them up, find them, enjoy them, know what to call them, and not get all confused (as you know people would)!

I really do not understand why this is even an issue.

If you have never hiked to Harney Peak and enjoyed the view, the tower, and the history, please do so. It is truly amazing and inspiring!

Sincerely,

Juanita Spilde  
Lake Preston, SD

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**m:** Sammi Kenzy <bobsam1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

This is getting ridiculous! Leave the name alone already! When will this ever stop and when will they be satisfied? Never! Not until you give them the whole damn Black Hills back! I have lived in the hills for 60+ years. History is what it is. There is a better need for time and money to be spent on much bigger problems than what the Natives are coming up with every other day! Perhaps Squaw Creek and those types of names are one thing to get rid of, but this is the history of the Black Hills whether they like it or not. Their race wasn't perfect either.

If you change it for them, you better be prepared for fairness and equal treatment and change lots of other names that were given to places over the centuries that may upset other heritages. I say leave it alone! It is what it is!

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**m:** Janice S Baumeister <jb-rockhound@hotmail.com>  
**sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 12:57 PM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Name change of Harney Peak--NO!

I am **against** changing the name of a landmark that was named when country was first settled...this is NOT on their Solvarent Nation.. The "used to be" Shannon Co"--now had to be changed county--costing money.....therefore they have no business of **making a vote to change Harney Peak to an Indian name.** , I believe , it's already Black Elk Wilderness- **This cost thousand of dollars- as name has to be changed on all maps, legal paper, etc. right! We tax payers don't need to fund extra costly projects like a durn name change. We're already paying welfare for unwanted border crossers, all nationalities of people that won't work including the 4 reservations in SD ..geeze!**

We've fought against taking over our public lands--Buffalo gap grasslands since 1980---until the 80 wilderness clubs and rich donors--influenced everyone from Forest Service Supt..to close so much of it in our major rock beds-now existing trails-hunted by thousands that we can seldom find a Fairburn agate! *We don't need Native Americans trying to take over--slowly-*

Rapid City council already spent thousands for a concrete statue park here in honoring them!- The Sioux tribes came into Black Hills in mid 1700's from Minnesota then further eastward-they were "woods Indians! They came in AFTER Lewis and Clark explored this area--have a map showing this. --The Sioux ran out the Cheyenne who were occupying the Western SD area for generations!!. Go to library-read the book called "Paha Sahpa", story of Bear Butte--Cheyenne were interviewed by author.  
. I found a copy of a treaty for lands east of the Cheyenne Rlver that listed ---they -the Sioux would get government aid for only ten years! (No on bothers to look up history!)

Their children get to go to colleges and Universities **free to get master and professor degrees**---while our **kids-grandkids** has to borrow money with tutitions raising all the time. **Why aren't we treated equal**--we have set wages--or ---set social security to live on--what raises does not pay for extra taxes on everything *a state or Congress* can think of--to tax us!

WHY IS THE Forest Service--BLM-state governments allowing a foreign government like Canada-apply dominate domain on farmers land--to put a dam pipe line across US--when they could go eastward north of US Border and lay one and ship via boat-and rail to a finery they could build north of Maine. We have a ND oil field that should have had the rights to build a pipe line to Texas! Nope!- I understand that \$230,000 (each) was spent in SD to 3 people to vote for the pipeline..

Why do you let Canada and other countries buy MINERAL Rights--to mine minerals and especially URANIUM in South Dakota---Canada- some how -took over that Uranium mine SW of Edgemont, SD -THEN THEY SOLD IT TO CHINA---- so they can mine US uranium to ship back to make Atomic Bombs and power their warships someday to take over US!!!

There are thousands of US soldier killed in Viet Nam and Korea--fighting communism--where US had no business sending them over--- our armed forces were established to protect our own country. **Now you know why some of us are sick of what's going on in our government!**

As for the Sioux--- for generations- even in Europe and Middle East- tribes were captured and they had to work and blend in with the new government that took over They were given \$100 M. for Black Hills--why don't you force them to use their own money!!! Then they holler predijust when little things happen -like the cks in Missouri-

We citizens don't get any help from the President or congressional members anymore-the poor and lazy are taken care of--the rich get deductions for everything and get richer!

Read this-- One SD Senator-recently retired--had 60 wilderness groups paying PAC money to try to pass that Cheyenne RIVER area Wilderness bill in 2011!! It said in local newspaper that he admitted to having 2 1/2 million in his coffers! So, the Forest Service took over and closed the majority of the Fairburn agate hunting lands both sides of the Cheyenne River--we seniors can't hike anymore- One trail open--Indian Creek--thank you for that--but it's brought in thousands of rockhounds-wiped out! The new breed of rockhound-younger set-show their finds on Facebook--in little clubs like Fairburn group-- they show-they buy and sell!!

**How Rich Left-Wingers Control US. Environmental Policies!**  
Coffman, Ph.D

by Michael S,

*In reality, an elite group of left-wing millionaires and billionaires, which this report refers to as the "Billionaires Club, that directs and controls the far-left environmental movement, which in turn controls major policy decisions and lobbies on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)."*—U.S. Senate Committee on Environmental & Public Works, Minority Report

As a hydrologist, Dr. Jay Lehr was heavily involved in establishing the EPA in 1971 as well as writing some of the legislation passed by Congress to implement the EPA's mandate to protect the environment. By 1980, the laws were working to protect the environment with minimal disruption to the economy. Beginning in 1981, however, he observed that liberal environmental activist groups realized the EPA could be used to advance their political agenda by "regulating all human activities regardless of their impact on the environment." Lehr, now science director for the Heartland Institute warns: "Since that time, not a single environmental law or regulation has been passed that benefitted either the environment or society." He stated, "That the EPA is all but wholly owned subsidiary of liberal activist groups. Its regulations account for about half of the nearly \$2 trillion-a-year cost of complying with all national regulations in the U.S." Politicians love it because they can win votes by professing they are "the protectors of the public health and wildlife". Companies use "regulations" to handicap competitors or help themselves to public subsidies!" In short the EPA has become a tool for special interest to manipulate self-serving environmental police at the expense of the environment and people.

Paul Dirriessen, a Washington-based environmental policy analyst for "Committee for Constructive Tomorrow, has found that "U.S. environmental activist groups are a \$13 billion-a-year industry." These organizations has successfully promote through the main stream media or in their pamphlets, and is a big business, a juggernaut that uses false propaganda and pseudoscience to deceive millions of ignorant Americans. These millions, who are innocently deceived by the shock troops to shut down business, especially the fossil fuel industry. The U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works published a well-documented Minority Report that the magnitude of this truly destructive force became apparent. The 92 page report, entitled, "The Chain of Environmental Command: How a Club of Billionaires and Their Foundations Control the Environmental Movement and Obama's EPA," It shows that much of this money comes from a select few within a so-called one percent-a very rich group that progressive environmentalists love to hate. Their wealth is staggering. Just 10 out of more than 200 of these foundations have assets over \$23 billion. Then there are environmental activist groups, just 15 of the hundreds or thousands of these nonprofit groups had assets of \$7.9 billion in year 2012! Together with the foundations that fund much of their dirty work, the total assets of just a few organizations are more than \$31 billion. One of these donors, the Sea Change Foundation owned by Klein Ltd, a foreign company "attempting to effect political change" in the United States. Three prominent organizations play key roles as facilitators - Democracy Alliance, the Divest/Invest Movement and Environmental Grant makers Association which is funded by Rockefeller Family Fund-which makes up of more than 200 private foundations (all tax write-offs).

Environmental organizations are well heeled with just 14 of the hundreds-perhaps thousands of organizations totaling nearly a billion. (Source: From: Winter 2015 -RANGE MAGAZINE- and U.S Senate.- go to <http://www.undueinfluence.com/ega.htm>.) Get a copy of this Range and read it! Also go on YouTube and type in Four Blood ons, by John Hagee and see what is going to happen to all of in US and the World sometime after Sept 15, 2015--

Sincerely

Janice Baumeister, Rapid City, SD

Rocky Mt. Federation Mineralogical Societies- SD Rep-Public land Access Ass'n (since 1980)-and American Lands Acc. Ass'n..

. (and I have have background of some Cherokee bloodlines and can prove it !-I'm not taking sides.)

**Reiss, David**

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**From:** Josie Chase <jchase908@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 11:24 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak name change

Please change the name of Harney Peak to its original Lakota name. To have changed the name to begin with shows disrespect, hostility, occupation, and invasion. I also believe that any sites that had original Lakota names should be restored as well, and esp those named after aggressive, oppressive people i.e. Custer, Sully. I would also request anything named Squaw be changed as this interpretation is outright disrespectful to all Lakota women and all Native Women.

Pilamiyaye,  
Josie Chase

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**m:** Jkfremstad <jkfremstad@goldenwest.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 11:16 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

Keep the name Harney Peak,

William S Harney was an honorable military man. He served our country in the Black Hawk War, the 1st Seminole War, the Mexican War and the Civil War and many other military expeditions. Throughout his career he worked to improve our country's relationship with the Indians. He was well liked by many Indian Nations. He tried to have Indians treated fairly and constantly urged Congress to honor past treaties. After his death in 1889 the Sioux changed the name given to him from Man-who-runs-like-the-Deer (because of his long legs in foot race contests) to "Man-who-Always-Kept-His-Word".

James Fremstad, Wall, SD

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**From:** Jim Bultsma <jim@blackhillsproperty.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 10:20 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

I am writing in support of keeping the Harney Peak name.

**Jim Bultsma**  
**106 S. Chicago**  
**Hot Springs SD 57747**  
**(605)890-6771**

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 m: Jeri Hodder <jhodder@knology.net>  
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 9:40 AM  
To: Reiss, David  
Subject: Harney Peak name change

Yes, absolutely! My grandparents homesteaded in Jones County and I still hold property there; however I feel that Black Elk, a venerable Lakota elder with a sincere reverence for the sacred center of his universe, and his people, were here before us and are deserving of that recognition.

Jerilyn Hodder  
Black Hawk, SD

Sent from my iPad

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**m:** Larry <eieioran@gwtc.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 9:39 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

Dear  
SD Board of Geographic Names,

If I may, I would like to expand on my comment to leave the name Harney Peak as it is.

If I were to ask if you had ever been to the Willis Building would you recognize the name?  
If I asked if you had ever been to the Sears Tower would that have more significance?

You could change the name but most people will still call Harney Peak by it's recognizable name, just as people in Chicago still refer to the "Sears Tower," regardless of what the current or new owners name it.

Harney Peak is not some obscure little stream, but an important geographic landmark and no name change is justified just for political correctness.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence McIntyre  
4776 Saginaw Road  
Custer, SD 57730

[eieioran@gwtc.net](mailto:eieioran@gwtc.net)

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**m:** conrads@rushmore.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 9:30 AM  
**To:** Reiss, David  
**Subject:** Harney Peak

My children nor my grandchildren have never climbed Black Elk Peak. However we have many precious memories of climbing Harney Peak. One of our favorite things to do when the Ohio relatives came to visit was take the jeep ride up Harney Peak. Laugh & hold on. Great time. Of course that was many years ago. But it was, and should remain, memories of Harney Peak. PLEASE do not take a piece of the Black Hills memories away. It is sacred to all, as it is. God Bless, Sylvia Conrad. 348-7600.



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