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PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) seeks public comment on a proposed new name for a geographic feature:

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Harney Peak in Pennington County

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One name has been proposed: Black Elk Peak. The Board is seeking publicated comment regarding the recommended name change or if there are any additional proposed new names for the feature.

The above feature is currently named Harney Peak and the SDBGN requests public input on a name for the geographic feature. Based on the U.S. Board on Geographic Names guidelines, the following principles apply:

- Names descriptive of topographic form, suggested by local history, folklore, or incident, or by associated natural life or other phenomena are preferred including American Indian or other ethnic names appropriate to the area.
- A proposed name should not duplicate another name in the state or nearby in an adjoining state.
- If a personal name is proposed, it must be determined in the public interest to honor the person or family for historical or commemorative reasons.
- If a personal name is proposed, the person or persons must be deceased for at least five years.
- If a personal name is proposed, it should just include the surname.

This process is intended to seek public comment on proposed names for unnamed features or new names of existing features. No name should imply discrimination or be derogatory to a particular racial or ethnic group, gender, or religious group. This also includes names considered obscene in a present-day cultural context.

The board is taking written comments until May 1, 2015. SDBGN is also holding meetings across the state for the purpose of taking public comment on the name for the feature. The meetings will be held as follows:

April 28, 2015 (Tuesday)

Martin, SD

5:00pm - 7:00pm (MDT)

Library/Community Room

101 Main Street

April 29, 2015 (Wednesday)

Custer, SD

10:00am - 12:00pm (MDT)

Custer County Annex/Library 447 Crook Street, Suite #1

April 29, 2015 (Wednesday) Ra

Rapid City, SD

5:00pm - 7:00pm (MDT)

Adoba Eco Hotel – Ballroom 445 Mt. Rushmore Road

May 5, 2015 (Tuesday)

Flandreau, SD

5:00pm - 7:00pm (CDT)

Royal River Hotel - Royal Room

607 S. Veterans Street

May 6, 2015 (Wednesday)

Pierre, SD

5:00pm - 7:00pm (CDT)

SD Cultural Heritage Center

800 Governors Drive

Please note the Custer meeting is starting at 10:00am (MDT). All other meetings start at 5:00pm local time. The meetings are an open forum for public comment that will allow individuals to come any time within the time period stated above. The board will be available to the public for a minimum of two hours in each location. SDBGN will extend its meeting in any location to accommodate individuals who wish to give public comment.

If recommending a new name for the feature, the basic information requested is a recommended name, reason/justification for the name, and the origin/meaning of the name. Or complete the second section of the public comment form found on the website at: www.sdbgn.sd.gov.

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. It is important if submitting written comments to give us much detail as possible. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names has the ultimate authority to approve names for geographic features.

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

SD Board on Geographic Names Dept. of Tribal Relations 302 East Dakota Pierre, SD 57501 EAX: 605-773-6592

FAX: 605-773-6592

Email: David.Reiss@state.sd.us

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

Written comments will also be accepted at any of the public meetings.



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

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

Current Name: Harney Peak		
Proposed Name(s): Black Elk Peak		
Location/Identification: Pennington County: Located in the Black Hills National Forest		
The above feature is currently named Hamey Peak and the SDBGN is soliciting public input on the current name and the proposed new name for the geographic feature. One name has been proposed. Please complete the section if supportive of the current name or the proposed new name.		
Support naming the Feature: Black Elk Peak Harney Peak		
Reason/Justification of support to name the feature Harney Peak or Black Elk Peak:		

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

To propose a new name for the feature, please complete the section below:	
Recommended Name:	
Reason/Justification for Name:	
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Origin/Meaning of Name:	
Please attach any supporting documentation such as resolutions from gover organizations; newspaper articles; petitions or historical references.	
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Submitted by: Name:	
Title (if representing organization or public entity):	
Organization or Public Entity (if applicable): Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	
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