

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 15-09

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL DESIGNATION FOR THE  
TALLEST NORTHERN AMERICAN PEAK AS DENALI

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Assembly is the governing body of the Denali Borough, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Denali National Park is located within the Denali Borough; and,

WHEREAS, Denali National Park attracts over 400,000 visitors a year; and,

WHEREAS, visitors are immersed in both the natural and cultural history of the Park; and,

WHEREAS, Mount McKinley, located in Denali National Park, is the federal designation for the mountain, named after then governor of Ohio, William McKinley; and,

WHEREAS, the historic Athabaskan name is "Denali," meaning "the Great One" or "the High One"; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Geographic Names Board took action in 1975 to support a name change from Mount McKinley to Denali; and,

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Alaska Historical Commission was designated by statute to be the geographic names board for the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Historical Commission has steadfastly supported the name Denali, reaffirming their approval of the name change in 2001 and again in 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denali Borough Assembly, by this resolution, hereby supports Denali as the designated name of North America's tallest peak.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while the Denali Borough Assembly supports Senate Bill 319, "A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali", the Assembly suggests an amendment to Senate Bill 319 to designate the name simply as Denali, and encourages the United States Congress to approve this legislation.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of AUGUST, 2015.

SIGNED:   
Mayor Clay Walker

ATTEST:   
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk



AYES: SHREEVE, BOELSMA, ZIMMERMAN, DEBLAUW, BURROWS, EVANS, ZAPPONE and CHATFIELD  
NOES: TATUM

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April 6, 2009

Re: 3030-1 USBGN

Lou Yost, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center  
Reston, Virginia 22092

Dear Lou:

The draft minutes from the February 19, 2009 meeting of the Alaska Historical Commission, the state geographic names review board, are enclosed. With this letter, I am forwarding the Domestic Geographic Name Reports with relevant documentation and the review comments received for the proposals approved by the Alaska Historical Commission members at the meeting.

If you have any questions about the geographic name proposals or the commission's actions on them, please contact me at e-mail [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov) or phone 907-269-8714.

Sincerely,



Joan M. Antonson  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Also, Dan said the Community Development Department and the Historic Resources Advisory Commission continue to pursue getting the new design review guidelines, drafted with CLG assistance, adopted by the city and borough assembly. He next answered questions from commission members about the City and Borough of Juneau's request for CLG funds to do survey and assessment work on the city and borough owned property at Treadwell mine site. A nonprofit organization, Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society, Inc., with an eight member board of directors, has formed to plan for preservation and enhancement of the area for recreational purposes.

Mt. McKinley name change. Mercedes Theuer, aide to Representative Scott Kawasaki of Fairbanks, spoke to commission members about a resolution introduced in the House of Representatives to change the name of Mt. McKinley to Denali. She noted the Ohio senator, Ralph Regula, who introduced legislation at the start of every session of Congress to retain the name—and hence preclude consideration of a name change proposal—retired. She said that the mountain is viewed as the centerpiece of Alaska's landscape and believes Alaskans should be the ones to name their landmarks. The state House of Representatives will be having a committee hearing on the resolution next week. Noting the Alaska Historical Commission serves as the state's geographic names board, she asked members to write a letter of support for the name change and for a representative to testify. Jonathon Ross said he is in favor of changing the name and using Denali. He suggested the resolution specify that the word Denali is Koyukon. He added that it would be nice to rename Mt. Foraker and Mt. Hunter as well. Doug Veltre concurred, and both suggested contacting Jim Kari, who has studied the Athapaskan languages. Romer Derr moved the Alaska Historical Commission write a letter affirming the board's continuing support for changing the name of Mt. McKinley to Denali. Jonathon Ross seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

James King, Director, Alaska State Parks. James King spoke about the impact the increased cruise ship traffic is having on a number of Alaska state parks. He cited Totem Bight at Ketchikan and Fort Abercrombie at Kodiak as two examples of places the cruise ship visitors have on occasion overwhelmed the parks. He encouraged commission members to talk with their legislators about some of the impacts. He also talked about the division's request for state funds to help the Southeast Conservation Fund purchase lots adjacent to Wrangell petroglyph beach state park mentioned earlier. The governor did not include any land acquisition projects in the administration's budget. Other state historic parks with needs, among them the Wickersham House and Gruening Cabin in Juneau, are included on a list that is in the meeting notebook. Judy Bittner said it is time for the state to invest in visitor destination sites, improve them, and help them accommodate the visitors while protecting what is attractive and important about them.

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**TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR**

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July 2, 2001

Re: 3030-1 USBGN

Roger Payne, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 22092

Dear Roger:

The draft minutes from the June 20-22, 2001 meeting of the Alaska Historical Commission with actions the members took on geographic name proposals are enclosed. Also with this letter, I am forwarding the Domestic Geographic Name Reports with relevant documentation and all review comments received for proposals approved or denied by the commission at the meeting.

If you have any questions about the geographic name proposals or the commission's actions on them, please contact me at e-mail [joa@dnr.state.ak.us](mailto:joa@dnr.state.ak.us) or phone 907-269-8714.

Sincerely,

*JM*

Joan M. Antonson  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

enclosures: draft minutes  
geographic name proposals acted upon at 6/20-22/01 AHC meeting

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(associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history) and C (embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction), with no special criteria considerations, is of local significance, and is associated with Alaska's historic preservation planning themes of commerce and economic development, transportation and communication, and exploration and settlement. The period of significance is 1925-1942, and the areas of significance are industry, architecture, community planning and development. Beverly Beeton seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Point Retreat Light Station, Juneau vicinity. The Alaska Lighthouse Association, who has a lease to the light station from the U.S. Coast Guard, prepared the documentation. The U.S. Coast Guard provided review comments too late for the documentation to be revised. Jo Antonson explained the differences of opinion regarding boundaries, to encompass just the buildings or include the viewshed. Several commission members raised questions about the acreage indicated in the nomination not correlating with the maps. Tom Taylor asked if the acreage was computed from mean sea level. Beverly Beeton moved to table the Point Retreat Light Station nomination. Terry Hyer seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Denali/Mt. McKinley geographic name.

Alaskans have pursued changing the name of Mt. McKinley to Denali since 1975. The U.S. Board of Geographic Names has not acted on the proposal to change the name because of its policy to taken no action when there is legislation pending in Congress, in this case to keep the name Mt. McKinley.

Commission members discussed possible actions they could take to continue efforts to change the name. They decided to re-endorse the state geographic name board's 1976 decision to approve the name change. They directed staff to prepare letters for the Lt. Governor's signature to Alaska's congressional delegation and the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. The letters should reference the commission's discussion, state the commission's position that the name Denali is preferred, and give a brief history of the effort to change the name. Also, members suggested talking with representatives from the Division of Tourism and its boards about the issue and hearing any ideas they might suggest to show Alaskans support for the name Denali. Members thought the fact sheets the State of Alaska has for students, as well as the state's web page, might include sections about the mountain's name. Glenda Carino said she would pursue these avenues. Peter Bowers noted the "Balto connection" between Alaska and Ohio. A suggestion was made to have young Alaskans, particularly Athabaskan children, send letters about the mountain and its name and history to Ohio newspapers. Tom Taylor cited the work by Jim Kari. It was noted that Jim was advised of this meeting. Bob Sattler added that his



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organization could write to tribal entities in Ohio and bring the subject up with the federal government in a government-to-government conversation.

Other business.

A.C. Brown said fieldwork is underway on the Pribilof Islands mapping project. He hopes geographic name proposals for features on the islands will be submitted this year.

Terry Hyer said a recent National Trust for Historic Preservation publication pictured St. Joseph's Church at Nome. Judy Bittner said she had forgotten to mention the Federal Highway Administration used a photograph of Creamer's Dairy on its new report on the TEA-21 enhancement program.

Peter Bowers said he is not going to seek reappointment to the commission when his term ends in July. He has been on two full terms, plus several years. He said that he enjoyed working with everyone. Lt. Governor Ulmer expressed thanks to Peter for his public service.

Tentative place, date, time of next meeting. The next Alaska Historical Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for early November in Anchorage, perhaps following the Governor's Conference on Cultural Tourism.

Adjournment. Lt. Governor Ulmer adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m., June 22, 2001.

cc: Jim Stratton, Director, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

**AGNB MINUTES**  
**February 22, 1990**

→The minutes of the November 2, 1989, meeting were approved.

→**Denali/McKinley Controversy - Update**

Since the last meeting, letters have been written to Donald Orth of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names from Commissioner David Hoffman and Governor Steve Cowper, urging the Board to change their internal policy which places name decisions "on hold" when legislation is introduced in Congress.

Senator Ted Stevens wrote Commissioner Hoffman, explaining that the problem runs deeper than just filibustering or federal policy. Congressman Ralph Regula from Ohio is the Ranking Member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee (House), and since the early 80s, he has included language in the Interior Appropriations bill forbidding the Board from expending any funds to rename McKinley. Whereas Alaska has added nearly \$100 million in the Interior Appropriations bill for Tongass, ANWR research, etc., Ohio has almost nothing in this bill, except this provision. Stevens explained that Regula has helped obtain funding for Tongass for several years; this is his "bargaining chip" with us. Unless we want to jeopardize millions of dollars of funding for the Denali name, we're at a stand-off right now. Stevens feels that he'll be in a better position to push to rename McKinley after the status of Tongass is resolved.

→**Policy on Suggestive or Vulgar Names**

The AGNB has received a proposal that could be considered suggestive or vulgar. It is a descriptive proposal, "Limberdick Lake." Staff is looking for general guidance from the Board. There is no federal policy on suggestive or vulgar names, only against derogatory or racial name proposals. Can staff dismiss the proposal, or should we follow through with the normal process and let the Board decide on a case-by-case basis? Board members discussed that there should be some screening, similar to the state license-plate policy, which would not allow suggestive or vulgar names. Staff will write the proposer.

→**HCR 44 - Martin Luther King Resolution**

The House has proposed that the AGNB name a mountain in Alaska after Martin Luther King, Jr., but they did not specify a physical location. The resolution was sponsored by Pettyjohn and Collins. The Chairman directed George Bonnett and Tom Taylor to explore possible features to be named, and to get back with the Board. Board members discussed that the mountain should be visible from an access point, road, etc. in the Anchorage-Fairbanks area. There was considerable controversy in naming a man-made feature in Anchorage after King; local sentiments must be taken into consideration when a feature is chosen.

→The next AGNB meeting will be held Thursday, May 24, 1990, in Juneau.

ALASKA STATE GEOGRAPHIC NAMES BOARD (AGNB)

November 2, 1989

Community and Regional Affairs Building

150 Third Street, Room 322

Juneau, Alaska

MINUTES

Board Members

David G. Hoffman, Commissioner, Department of Community & Regional Affairs.

Jake Lestenkof, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

Jerry Howard, Museum Services Coordinator, Division of Alaska State Museums, Department of Education.

Kathryn "Kay" H. Shelton, Historical Librarian, Department of Education.

George Bonnett, Photogrammetric Engineer Associate, Mapping Section, Plans, Programs and Budget Division, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Nan Musslewhite, Natural Resource Manager, Division of Land and Water Management, Department of Natural Resources.

Edna MacLean, Coordinator, Rural and Native Education, Department of Education.

Mrs. Neva Egan, Public Member appointed by the Governor.

Advisors

Gregory Fox, U.S. Forest Service.

Tom Taylor, U.S. Geological Survey.

Staff

Vicki L. Moore, Community Development Specialist, Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

Diane Oliphant, Clerk Typist, Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

minutes of the May 17, 1989 of the AGNB meeting were approved.

### Denali/McKinley Debate - Update/new strategies

Back in the files in 1975 or 1976 is when this first started. There was a move by the people in the state to change the name to Denali and the federal board held meetings in Anchorage and hearings in Washington D.C. The proposal was ready to be voted on by the federal board. Then the Ohio delegation put in a proposal in Congress to have the mountain named McKinley in perpetuity. And what that does the federal board had a policy that they cannot render a decision if there is legislation pending in Congress. So for the past 9 years since the federal board wanted to act on it. When legislation is introduced in one session of Congress the next session they have to wait 90 days before the board can act. Every session the Ohio delegation introduces legislation. It works like a procedural filibuster. The federal board has never denied or approved the application; they have never been able to act upon it. Judy Fahys of the Anchorage Times called Vicki Moore about the issue a couple of times and filed several articles regarding it. Senator Ted Steven's office has also contacted the AGNB a couple of times about Denali/McKinley. If the Board on Domestic Names amended their procedure, they could finally act upon the Denali name change proposal. Vicki talked to Ernie Berringer (staff for the federal board), he stated that the Board is getting new appointments. One of the newly organized board's procedures is to review all current procedures to see if any need updating or amending. In February or March of 1990 the board will be doing that. Now is a good time to try to amend the Federal Board's procedure so that a person cannot use the procedure to block a proposal from ever being acted upon. The procedure was never intended to be used to subvert the federal naming procedures. Vicki wrote Senator Ted Steven's office about amending the procedure. The AGNB agreed to continue to pursue this option. The Western States Geographic Names Conference could be asked to lend their support in favor of amending the procedure. This might bring more pressure on the federal board to amend it. The procedure is an internal one, not something that was mandated by Congress.

### WESTERN STATE GEOGRAPHIC NAMES CONFERENCE REPORT

The Western States Geographic Names Conference meets yearly. Members go over issues which are of interest to the western states. One of the topics discussed during the last meeting was GNIS (Geographic Name Information System) and how it works. The federal board would like all states to use GNIS system. There are a number of states who are not in GNIS. They had round table discussions of naming problems, offshore names, Native American names, water rights and university classes in name research. The state that hosts the conference has a number of tours that relate to geographic place names so you get the feel of how that state handles the



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Kok, Lisa M. updated an issue

[NGTOC TNM Data Management](#) /  [TNMDM-1902](#)

[GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes](#)

Change By: [Kok, Lisa M.](#)

Summary: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name ~~Change~~ Changes

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Liu, Linda commented on  [TNMDM-1902](#)

[Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes](#)

Lisa and Jess,

For Public Query Form:

Feature Query Results page: cell\_name column at app\_query\_primary table

Feature Detail Report page: cell\_name column at cells.cell\_polygonal table

For GNIS maintenance apps:

Feature Query Results page: cell\_name column at app\_query\_primary table

Feature Detail Report page: cell\_name column at cells.cell\_polygonal table

For triggers part, I don't know how to work now. I remember the 'trigger\_control' table was used to keep the GAZ IDs which were needed to be kept in synch with all changes. If having the GAZ IDs in trigger\_control table, a PL/SQL procedure/function were invoked. If trigger part is same now, we need to find where this procedure is.

I could check all Procedures/Functions for GAZVECTOR. Does Jess know anything about trigger part? I could send email to Joe to ask him help.

Thanks!

Linda

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[Liu, Linda commented](#) on  [TNMDM-1902](#)

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Lisa,

I copy your section here:  
Yesterday, we updated the Mount McKinley cell names to Denali on the Production database sde29onP.Cells as per BGN decision, and verified that the changes got replicated to SueU-1 Cells. Jenny updated the feature name itself.

So Cell name was update on Production database sde29onP.Cells, not from maintenance form. Did Jenny update name from gnis maintenance form?

If it is this case, I could insert GAZ ID 1414314 into trigger\_control table and see what will happen.

Thanks!

Linda

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[Liu, Linda commented](#) on  [TNMDM-1902](#)

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

1. inserted GAZ ID 1414314 into trigger\_control table
2. waited about 2 minutes
3. Checked the trigger\_control table, GAZ ID 1414314 was deleted
4. waited about 10 minutes
5. checked app\_query\_primary table and two GNIS applications for GAZ ID 1414314. Cell\_name hasn't updated to new cell name

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Kok, Lisa M. commented on  TNMDM-1902

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Linda, Let me get with Jess before we do anything more on this. Thank you!

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Liu, Linda commented on  TNMDM-1902

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Lisa and Jess,

I worked with DBA David Gilliam this afternoon. He gave me the hint. I found the problem.

You need to update the cell\_name in bp.cell\_polygonal table.

Please let me know after you update the cell\_name in bp.cell\_polygonal table!

Thanks!

Linda

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[Kok, Lisa M.](#) commented on  [TNMDM-1902](#)

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Linda, Ahhhh I think you have found the answer!!!

So, I did make that cell name change (a couple days ago) to the Cell.Cell\_PolygonAll feature class (note 'All' not 'AI') but note the feature class is owned by 'CELLS', not BP. (That change happened in January, 2014 when the GNIS db (features and cells) was moved from SueK to SueU-1.GazVector (for the GNIS feature layers, views) and to SueU-1.Cells (for the official cell layers)).

Apparently the trigger did not get repointed, for this particular feature class, correctly during the migration. (We have not had a cell update since before that db move, which explains why we didn't run across this disconnect sooner). So, the trigger needs to be pointed to SueU-1 (sueu-1:1521/gnis.cr.usgs.gov) Cells.Cell\_PolygonAll feature class. If you are good with working with triggers, let us know and we will get the Cells login/password to you. Thanks for finding the solution!!

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[Liu, Linda](#) commented on  [TNMDM-1902](#)

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Lisa,

I will change all bp.Cell\_PolygonAll to cells.Cell\_PolygonAll.

In Lei's code, some pages/trigger use bp.Cell\_PolygonAll to get cell\_name, some pages/trigger use cells.Cell\_PolygonAll to get cell\_name.

I think I don't need Cells login/password to make changes. I will let you know if I need it.

Thanks!

Linda

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## Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes

Lisa,

APP\_\* tables were updated. I checked the Public Query Forms and Maintenance Forms, the cell name is displayed correctly.

Please let me know if having any problems!

Thanks!

Linda

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McCormick, Maria L. commented on  TNMDM-1902

## Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes

Hi Linda -

I tried the map searches again. In the maintenance forms I searched for features on Denali A-2. I'm only getting one feature returned (Denali FID 1414314). There is more than one feature on the quad.

In the public forms Advanced Search Page, if I search on Denali A-2 as the map, I get Invalid Map Name. When I enter Mount McKinley A-2 I get 66 features returned. What's not in the list of features is Denali, 1414314. This is the only record correctly showing the Map Name as Denali A-2.

The only record correctly showing Denali as a map name is the Denali record, 1414314. Everything else is still a mix of results.

Thanks,  
Maria

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**To:** lyost@usgs.gov  
**Subject:** [USGS-JIRA] (TNMDM-1902) GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes

Liu, Linda commented on  TNMDM-1902

## Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes

Hi Maria,

You are right. I only updated APP\_\* tables for GAZ ID 1414314 and changed all bp.Cell\_PolygonAll to cells.Cell\_PolygonAll in PL/SQL procedures and functions. The data of all these feature with Cell Denali A-2 are correct in GAZ\_\* tables. But the cell names in APP\_\* tables for these feature are still Mount McKinley A-2 since trigger procedure used bp.Cell\_PolygonAll before.

We need to insert these GAZ IDs into trigger control table, then the trigger procedure will update all cell names in APP\_\* tables. Do you want to fix these 66 features with Map name 'Mount McKinley A-2'?

Thanks!

Linda

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**Subject:** [USGS-JIRA] (TNMDM-1902) GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes

Kok, Lisa M. commented on  TNMDM-1902

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Linda, we should be able to update all McKinley records in Lei's App\* tables without the GNIS editors having to do it manually. The Denali name change required us to change the cell names (in cells.PolygonAll) for over 400 cells (several different scales of maps). Each of these cells then has multiple features associated with them I think what you corrected were just the cells name at the feature level. There is an App\* table that only includes the Cell names/CelIDs for all 7.5-minute cells (across the nation). Look for ths App table. It is in this listing that the Mount McKinley cellname needs to be corrected. Once corrected there I believe there is a trigger between that App table and the App table that you made your corrections. (The triggers between App tables I believe are fine). I will get this comment on its way to you and continue in another.

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Liu, Linda commented on  TNMDM-1902

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Lisa,

the GNIS editors don't have to do it manually. I could run a SQL to get all features which associated with Denali name change and insert into trigger\_control table. Then APP\_\* tables will be updated automatically by a PL/SQL procedure.

Please let me know how cell names were changed in cells.PolygonAll for over 400 cells ! or you could insert into trigger\_control table if you know all features (GAZ IDs)!

Thanks!

Linda

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Liu, Linda commented on  TNMDM-1902

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Kok, Lisa

12:16 PM (2 hours ago)

to me  
Linda,

On the GNIS maintenance forms (and public forms I think) there is a field which allows the editor to select from a picklist of cells. Could you tell what table populates that field? Better check both in case they are different.

Thank you

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Lisa Kok

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[Liu, Linda commented on](#)  [TNMDM-1902](#)

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1:57 PM (47 minutes ago)

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select count() from cells.Cell_PolygonAll  
where cell_name like 'Denali%'
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I ran this SQL and it returns 692 records

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select distinct b.GAZ_ID,  
b.GAZ_CELLID,  
upper(a.CELL_NAME) ,  
b.gaz_quadsequence,  
a.primary_state  
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Liu, Linda edited a comment on  TNMDM-1902

**Re: GNIS Public and Maintenance Forms Only Partially Picking Up Cell Name Changes**

Kok, Lisa  
Sep 4 (5 days ago)

to me  
Linda, normally yes. But we corrected the trigger after a name change that changed the name of 400 cell names, and affects all the features within those 400 cells plus all the features on the adjoining cells that extend into those 400. Maria would potentially need to correct 400 x say 20 features a cell = 8000 features!!!! The app table I specified is the crosswalk of the features to the cell names. If we update the incorrect cell names there, it IS the same as if the editor had went into each of those records.

Consider when Lei maintained a separate cell name change application. If an editor made a cell name change, she would go into the App tables (this one) and update the cell name in one place. It did not require an editor to then go into all the feature records and correct it for each instance.

See what I mean?

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**Subject:** Week In Review - August 31 - September 4

Team –

I hope you all had a restful Labor Day. Another big week has concluded for NGP:

The national spotlight was on USGS and NGP around Alaska and Board on Geographic Names. Secretary Sally Jewell's renaming the Nation's highest peak Denali and USGS announcing results of Denali's newly measured height thanks to an amazing trek by four mountaineers – 20,310 feet, 10 feet lower than the previous measurement from 1953 but still the 4<sup>th</sup> highest above sea level on the planet. NGTOC was ready and waiting to make immediate updates to USGS and BGN websites as soon as the name was announced. Fifty one Alaska US Topos will be reissued to reflect the name change, probably the week of Sept 7. 96 7.5-minute cells have "Mount McKinley" in their title. The previously published maps will be available for discovery and download, as is normal for new-version US Topos.

Dr. Al Rea, Vicki Lukas, and others participated in several briefings about the Open Water Data Initiative and 3DEP – FGDC's National Geospatial Advisory Committee, OWDI's Executive Committee, and the Advisory Committee on Water Information's Subcommittee on Spatial Water Data. OWDI is an interagency, cross-sector effort to make hydrography-related data more accessible and interoperable, to help improve water management and science. Current areas of focus include flooding, drought, and chemical spill use cases to test and demonstrate how bringing datasets together can provide powerful solutions to critical societal issues. In the lexicon of Pam Haverland, the technical word for this latter process is "munging." Al also briefed the FGDC Steering Committee on OWDI. Vicki Lukas briefed the NGAC on 3DEP and highlighted the recent executive activities in Alaska and progress on the Broad Agency Announcement. The NGAC's 3DEP Subcommittee is reviewing how the BAA is communicated and will share its recommendations at the next NGAC meeting in December.

Diane Eldridge and the Elevation Acquisition Team and others from HQ and NGTOC are in the throes of reviewing the 2016 BAA pre-proposals and will soon share representative summary statistics about them.

NGTOC recently conducted web-based NHD training to attendees from 6 States and 2 Federal agencies along with presenting NHDPlus high-res training for developers. Horizon Systems has been developing this system for over 10 years and it has evolved into several different versions based on the unique geography encountered across the Nation. NGTOC generated the initial version of the NHDlite product which is being tested, reviewed, and debugged.

The US Topo 2015 program of work is essentially finished, with only two maps in Illinois remaining. Later in September, all US Topo production systems will be taken down for upgrades to Arc 10.2.2, with systems to be restored on October 2.

The National Map Corps was highlighted in Cartography and Geographic Information Science (vol. 42, Suppl 1, 2015), Special Issue: US National Report in the article "Crowdsourcing The National Map."

Greg Matthews was invited to participate in drafting the State Department's National Action Plan. Mikel Maron, a Presidential Innovation Fellow at the State Dept and one of the founders of OpenStreetMap, is coordinating a government group to focus on building programs with, contributing data to, and sharing the success stories of open mapping. The initial focus of this group is to create a National Action Plan titled, "Collaborate with Citizens and Global Cartographers in Open Mapping." Other group members include NPS, USAID, and Peace Corps.

Phyllis Altheide attended the first CyberGIS Day on Aug 27. Sponsored by the CyberGIS Center at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications housed at the Univ of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the event saw the official launch of the supercomputer ROGER, configured to support geospatial big data research and innovation. USGS is a partner in the CyberGIS Center and programs.

NGTOC IT Services is working with USGS Telecommunications to increase bandwidth capacity between Denver and Rolla sites. Current secure options include a 1 Gbps or a 10 Gbps point-to-point connections. Discussions with DOI, GSA, and the USGS Contracting Officer are ongoing.

Our budget and planning staff is working on the 2017 Request to OMB, in preparation for the CSS OMB hearing later this month. Finance staff in HQ and NGTOC are quite busy finishing up spending 2015 funds and closing the books.

And don't forget - Sept 11 is the closing bell on GSA's auction of 450 or so sets of Western States copper plates. If you have any questions, please send them to [engravings@usgs.gov](mailto:engravings@usgs.gov) or download files from <http://ftpext.usgs.gov/pub/er/va/reston/Engravings/> Sets from Central, Northeast, and South/Midwest will be auctioned soon.

Thanks,

Julia

(Acting for Mike)

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"Florida's 'Mount McKinley' moment"

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**Subject:** "Florida's 'Mount McKinley' moment"

<http://politics.heraldtribune.com/2015/09/04/floridas-mount-mckinley-moment/>

I wasn't aware that Trump has stated he would restore Mount McKinley.

By the way, Happy BGN Birthday! 125 years ago today.

Jenny

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**From:** "Wade, Anne-Berry" <abwade@usgs.gov>  
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"Recognizing the long history and discussion about the name of this iconic American mountain, the time has come to restore the traditional Alaska Native title Denali for this landmark, which holds great significance to the people of Alaska," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

In 1896, a prospector emerged from exploring the mountains of central Alaska and received news that William McKinley had been nominated as a candidate for President of the United States. In a show of support, the prospector declared the tallest peak of the Alaska Range as Mount McKinley – and the name stuck.

For centuries, the mountain that rises more than 20,000 feet above sea level, the tallest on the North American continent, had been known by another name – Denali. McKinley, our 25th President, was tragically assassinated just six months into his second term, but he never set foot in Alaska.

On March 11, 1975, Governor Jay S. Hammond of Alaska requested that the Secretary of the Interior direct the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to officially designate Mount McKinley in Alaska as Denali. This proposal, never withdrawn, is based on a resolution that was passed by the Alaska State Legislature.

Since 1977, the Board, in deference to potential congressional action, had not resolved the proposal for changing the federally recognized geographic name from Mount McKinley to Denali. Secretary Jewell's action today finally resolves the March 1975 petition by former Governor Hammond.

[Denali National Park & Preserve](#), where the mountain is located, was established in 1917 and annually sees more than 500,000 visitors to the 6 million acres that now make up the park and preserve. About 1,200 mountaineers attempt to summit the mountain each year; typically about half are successful.

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Lou, how about we send this Mike Shelton, NPS member? He could work with reporter on these factual issues.

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Good Afternoon

Just FYI - FOIA request from USA Today. Thank you-Judy

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Dear FOIA Officer,

USA TODAY respectfully requests, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the following records kept by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names:

- All records related to the name of the Alaska mountain formerly known as Mount McKinley.

There is no time limitation to this request.

**Please waive all fees** under 43 C.F.R. §2.45(a)(1). The records concern the operations or activities of the Federal government. The Board on Geographic Names was created by statute in 1947 to allow for the consistent use of geographic names across the federal government. The disclosure is likely to contribute to public understanding of federal activities. There is widespread public interest in the naming of Mount McKinley since the Secretary of the Interior's action of August 28, 2015. I am a White House reporter for USA TODAY. In 21 years as a journalist, my work has relied extensively on public records, including records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. USA TODAY is the largest print newspaper in the United States. According to the Alliance for Audited Media, the newspaper had an average daily circulation of 1.4 million in

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Thank you for your assistance.

Gregory.

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**AS OBAMA CONCLUDES VISIT TO ALASKA, ENVIRONMENTALISTS SLAM DRILLING DECISION.** The final day of the President's visit to Alaska generated a brief report on the [CBS Evening News](#) (9/2, story 12, 0:25, Pelley, 5.08M), which noted an incident in which the President held up a salmon and "the fish...disgraced itself, on Mr. Obama's shoes," and a short report on [NBC Nightly News](#) (9/2, story 9, 0:25, Holt, 7.86M), which also noted the incident. Print and online coverage, which are also lighter, highlight the President's visit to the towns of Dillingham and Kotzebue, casting it as an effort to draw attention to the impact climate change is already having. While it was not as ubiquitous in the coverage as in previous days, criticism from environmentalists over the decision to allow Royal Dutch Shell to drill in the Arctic continues to appear alongside coverage of the President's trip.

Under the headline, "Obama Paints Dire View On Climate Change," the [Alaska Journal of Commerce](#) (9/3, Brehmer, 14K) says the President "seems to be setting the agenda for the final 16 months of his presidency, and climate change is his top priority." However, the Journal also notes that environmentalists, who are "typically in the president's corner had harsh words for him stemming from his administration's approval of Shell's drilling offshore drilling plan in the Chukchi Sea," and includes statements from several groups criticizing the decision. Dan Springer reported on [Fox News' Special Report](#) (9/2, 1.53M) that the Administration's "all-of-the-above energy strategy in Alaska is pleasing none of the above." While environmentalists "are outraged" that the President allowed drilling in the Arctic, the oil industry believes he "remains too restrictive" by blocking "huge potential reserves."

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (9/3, McNally, 288K) reprints a Global Post piece by Caitlin McNally, who noted that as she wrote, "Shell's rig, the Transocean Polar Pioneer, was approaching its destination 70 miles off the shores of Wainwright, Alaska." McNally wrote that during a visit to the Royal Dutch Shell offices on London, "it was made abundantly clear to me that the company accepts the fact of global warming and the consequences of climate change as a new normal," but "part of this focus on climate change reality includes an unapologetic reminder to the world that Shell is, after all, an oil and gas company."

[Reuters](#) (9/3, Rampton, Quinn) portrays the President's visits to Dillingham and Kotzebue as an effort by the White House to draw attention to the impact climate change is having on Americans. The [AP](#) (9/3, Lederman) reports that the President's "goal was to showcase the havoc he says human-influenced climate change is wreaking on Alaska's delicate landscape: entire rural villages sinking into the ground as permafrost thaws, protective sea ice melts and temperatures climb."

A later story from the [AP](#) (9/3, Lederman) reported that the President told residents of Kotzebue "that their plight should be the world's wake-up call on global warming." During his visit to the town, which was "designed to snap the country to attention by illustrating the ways warmer temperatures have already threatened entire communities and ways of life in Alaska," the President "I've been trying to make the rest of the country more aware of the changing climate, but you're already living it." The [New York Times](#) (9/3, Davis, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) says that in his "history-making stop," the President delivered an "alarm-sounding message about the warming of the planet — a phenomenon occurring twice as quickly in Alaska as in the rest of the United States." [USA Today](#) (9/3, Korte, 5.23M) also reports the President "sound[ed] the alarm on climate change," saying, "What's happening here should be America's wake-up call. It's the world's wake up call."

On its website, [Voice of America](#) (9/3, Williams, Gallo, 32K) reviewed the President's entire visit to Alaska, noting that the "highly choreographed trip across Alaska aims to build support for his environmental policies to combat climate change." In a story on the President's use of a "selfie stick" during the trip, [The Hill](#) (9/2, Henry, 471K) noted that the White House cast the trip "as an opportunity for him to personally show Americans the impact of climate change on the region."

In an in-depth piece, [Vox](#) (9/2, Plumer, 1.1M) discusses "why Shell is going to such extreme lengths for oil, why Obama gave it the green light, and how this drilling project acquired such outsized significance in the climate debate." The article discusses several points, including: (1) Shell wants to produce from US Arctic waters as no one else is currently doing; (2) Shell's efforts have so far "been bogged down by lawsuits and disasters;" (3) the Obama Administration "now thinks Shell is ready to drill;" (4) the difficulties of cleaning up an Arctic oil spill; (5) disagreement between Obama and environmentalists "on whether Shell's drilling matters for global warming;" (6) what to expect from the next president; and (7) that Arctic drilling's future "is highly uncertain — and a lot depends on Shell."

Additional coverage was provided by [CNN](#) (9/2, 5.17M), [The Hill](#) (9/3, Biette, 471K), the [Baltimore \(MD\) Sun](#) (9/3, 834K), the [New Republic](#) (9/2, 242K), [KSHB-TV Kansas City \(MO\)](#) Kansas City, MO (9/3, 100K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (9/3, 345K), and [WDIV-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (9/3, 292K).

**White House Announces Initiatives To Promote Energy Efficiency In Alaska.** [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, 219K) reports that ahead of the President's visit to Kotzebue, the White House "announced new efforts and funding to encourage energy efficiency in remote villages and the appointment of a federal coordinator for 'climate resilience' in Alaska." The announcement "includes more than \$20 million in new funding through grants and other routes." Among the initiatives announced by the White House, the [Washington Post](#) (9/3, Eilperin, 6.76M) notes, is \$4 million "to speed the development of renewable energy in remote Alaskan communities, part of a package of new programs aimed at reducing fossil fuel use and countering climate impacts in the region of the world that is warming the fastest." The Post notes that although the Administration announced the initiatives "under the umbrella of helping tribal and rural communities cope with climate change and other challenges," several tribal leaders "said they expected more from the federal government given the peril their communities now face."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication), the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, Martinson, 219K), and the [Seattle \(WA\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (9/2, 560K).

**Obama Administration Unveils New Climate Resilience Tools.** The [Native American Times](#) (9/2, 337) reports that "as part of the Obama Administration's Climate Data Initiative, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announced a new set of online climate data resources to help Arctic communities with climate change planning, adaptation and management." The article notes that "the new data sets, introduced today as part of an online Climate Resilience Toolkit, comprised more than 250 Arctic-related datasets and more than 40 maps, tools, and other resources designed to support climate-resilience efforts in the Arctic." Jewell said, "Through the release of Arctic-themed climate data, the U.S. is demonstrating its leadership in sharing free and open climate-relevant information, while also encouraging public innovation and partnerships with private sector entities

Additional coverage was provided by [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, 219K).

**USGS Announces New Height For Denali.** The [AP](#) (9/2, D'oro) reports that "Denali, the Alaska mountain formerly known Mount McKinley, is now officially 10 feet shorter, measuring 20,310 feet at its highest point, the U.S. Geological Survey announced Wednesday." The article notes that "the previous measurement of 20,320 feet stemmed from a 1953 survey that used the technology of the time, officials said." According to the article, "the new elevation is the result of data collected from the mountain by climbers in June using technology that didn't exist in the earlier survey, such as GPS instruments."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication), [NBC News](#) (9/2, 3.73M), [The Hill](#) (9/2, Cama, 471K), the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/2, Harder, 5.95M), [ABC](#) (9/2, 1.47M), [TIME](#) (9/2, 19.55M), [US News & World Report](#) (9/2, 811K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (9/2, 3.3M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (9/3, Pearce, 4.07M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (9/2, 455K), the [San Jose \(CA\) Mercury News](#) (9/2, 626K), [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/2, 219K), [GISuser](#) (9/2), and [Popular Science](#) (9/2, 6.51M).

Additional coverage of the Denali name change was provided by the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (9/3, 594K) the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (9/3, 183K), the [Kenai \(AK\) Peninsula Clarion](#) (9/2, 18K), the [Santa Fe New Mexican](#) (9/3, 67K), the [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (9/3, 73K), the [Fort Worth \(TX\) Star-Telegram](#) (9/3, 449K), the [Columbus \(OH\) Dispatch](#) (9/2, 515K), the [Cleveland \(OH\) Plain Dealer](#) (9/3, 1.03M), the [Seattle \(WA\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (9/2, 560K), the [Dallas \(TX\) Morning News](#) (9/3, 1.15M), [New Hampshire Public Radio](#) (9/2, 2K), [Western Journalism](#) (9/3, 303K), [Salon](#) (9/2, 1.08M), [Intercontinental Cry Magazine](#) (9/3), [Opposing Views](#) (9/3, 1.75M), and [Yahoo! News](#) (9/3, Palermo, 5.98M).

**Actress Emma Thompson Protests Arctic Drilling.** In continuing coverage, the [Daily Caller](#) (9/2, Bentley, 375K) reports on actress Emma Thompson's protest against Shell's plans to drill in the Arctic. The Caller says Thompson "recited a bizarre poem for news cameras Wednesday warning of an apocalyptic world of 'liquefied slaughter' and melting ice caps all thanks to greedy fossil fuel companies."

[Agencia EFE \(ESP\)](#) (9/3) also covered the story, reporting that Greenpeace installed a polar bear robot the size of a double-decker bus in front of Shell's London headquarters.

**Agencies Responding To Greenpeace Portland Protest Paid Out Nearly \$90,000 In Overtime.** The [Oregonian](#) (9/2, 756K) reports that "the nine agencies that responded to the Greenpeace protest on the St. Johns Bridge," in which "13 rappelled off the Portland bridge and dangled there for two days in an effort to block a Shell Oil Arctic icebreaker from leaving Portland," paid out a total of \$88,737.97 in overtime. Agencies racking up overtime include the Portland Police Bureau, Oregon State Police and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

**Arctic Development Push Sparks Debate Over Law Of The Sea Treaty.** The [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Taylor, 344K) notes that amid the "international scramble over development, energy and climate change in the Arctic" there is "fresh debate over whether American influence in the region may be limited by the fact that the US is the only nation in the fight to have never ratified the Law of the Sea treaty." Noting that US officials often refer to the treaty "as a gold standard for resolving potential future disputes in the Arctic and elsewhere around the globe," the Times says "some international experts say there is a whiff of hypocrisy in such rhetoric because — while American diplomats signed the treaty in 1982 — Congress has never actually approved it."

**Pentagon: Chinese Warships Spotted In Bering Sea During Obama's Alaska Visit.** The [AP](#) (9/3, Baldor) reports that five Chinese warships have been spotted moving into the Bering Sea near Alaska, but US "officials said they don't view the ships as a threat" as the President visits Alaska. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the Pentagon "positively identified a number of Chinese naval vessels in that region, but based on their analysis they have not detected any sort of threat or threatening activities." However, he acknowledged that the intent of the ships presence "is still unclear." [Reuters](#) (9/3, Rampton) also reports Earnest's remarks, and a senior Defense official confirmed to [Fox News' Special Report](#) (9/2, 1.53M) "that five Chinese navy ships have been spotted in the Bering Sea off the Alaskan coast," which "coincides" with the President's visit to the state.

A second [Reuters](#) (9/3, Stewart) report says the ships' positioning in the Bering Sea marked a first for the Chinese military, while the [New York Times](#) (9/3, Cooper, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) reports that a "Pentagon official noted that China has every right to patrol international waters," and Pentagon spokesman Capt. Jeff Davis said that the Defense Department respected "the freedom of all nations to operate military vessels in international waters." According to a front-page story in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, A1, Page, Lubold, Subscription Publication, 5.95M), the Pentagon has known for several days that the ships were in the area and were monitoring their movements.

**Commentary Discusses Visit To Shell London Headquarters, Climate Change.** The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (9/3, McNally, 288K) reprints a Global Post piece by Caitlin McNally, who noted that as she wrote, "Shell's rig, the Transocean Polar Pioneer, was approaching its destination 70 miles off the shores of Wainwright, Alaska." McNally wrote that during a visit to the Royal Dutch Shell offices on London, "it was made abundantly clear to me that the company accepts the fact of global warming and the consequences of climate change as a new normal," but "part of this focus on climate change reality includes an unapologetic reminder to the world that Shell is, after all, an oil and gas company."

**Former Unalaska Mayor Touts Benefits Of Shell's Arctic Drilling Program.** In commentary for [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/2, 219K), Paul Fuhs, former mayor of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, discusses the benefits Shell's Arctic drilling program will have for Alaska by creating jobs, bolstering the economy and increasing area safety because its Arctic fleet can respond to emergencies outside its own companies.

**Arctic Institute Director: Oil Industry Should Be Invited To Discuss Climate Change.** In commentary for [The Hill](#) (9/3, Herrmann, 471K), Victoria Herrmann, U.S. director of the Arctic Institute, argues that "offering the petroleum industry an invitation to discuss climate change mitigation and adaptation in a region that is melting because of their business model is counterintuitive and controversial. But it is essential." Herrmann says it's important to acknowledge "that de-carbonizing the global economy will not happen overnight" and that oil "will continue to play a major role in both international energy supplies and domestic economies in the short and medium-term."

**AJOC Editor Discusses Denali Renaming, Compliments Obama On Allowing Drilling.** Andrew Jensen, managing editor, writes in the [Alaska Journal of Commerce](#) (9/2, 14K) writes on the support of both Alaska residents and lawmakers for Obama's announcement that Mt. McKinley will officially be renamed Denali. Jensen concludes that "amid a global economic slowdown and a collapse in oil prices, Obama's record in Alaska isn't all bad," noting Shell's drilling in the Chukchi Sea and ConocoPhillips drilling in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Says Jensen, "Alaska is one of the few places on Earth where this level of investment and actual drilling is currently happening. Obama's administration hasn't necessarily made it easy, but it hasn't stopped it, either. That's an executive inaction worth appreciating."

**Smith Blasts Obama's Climate Change Plan.** The [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Richardson, 344K) reports that House Science, Space and Technology Committee chairman Rep. Lamar Smith blasted the President's climate change plan, saying in a statement, "The president is on thin ice to claim his costly plan will address climate change or benefit Americans." Noting the President's climate change predictions, Smith said, that "the only thing certain about long-term climate predictions is that they're certain to miss the mark," adding, "The president and his EPA have become traveling salesmen, touring the world to push their extreme climate change agenda. ... But the science doesn't support the president's exaggerated claims linking climate change to severe weather events."

**SECRETARY JEWELL IN NEVADA HIGHLIGHTS "EVERY KID IN A PARK" CAMPAIGN.** The [AP](#) (9/2, 179K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell "led a delegation of schoolchildren to a scenic national area outside Las Vegas on Wednesday to highlight a federal 'Every Kid in a Park' campaign." Jewell and the head of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Christy Goldfuss, "joined fourth-grade students from West Preparatory Academy at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area." According to the article, "organizers called it an inaugural event of an Obama administration campaign to let fourth-graders nationwide use [www.everykidinapark.gov](#) to obtain free family passes to more than 2,000 federally managed parks and conservation areas until next September."

Also providing coverage are the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (9/3, Press, Subscription Publication, 11.82M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Press, 6.76M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (9/3, 344K), the [Oklahoman](#) (9/3, 408K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 3.35M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (9/3, Press, 1.19M), [ABC News](#) (9/3, News, 3.97M), [Yahoo! News](#) (9/3, 5.98M), [KTNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (9/3, 56K), [KOLO-TV Reno \(NV\)](#) Reno, NV (9/3, 3K), [KTNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (9/3, 56K), and [KSL-TV](#) Salt Lake City (9/2, 1.07M).

Additional coverage of the "Every Kid in a Park" initiative was provided by the [Oregonian](#) (9/2, 756K), the [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (9/2, 769K), the [Cambridge \(OH\) Daily Jeffersonian](#) (9/2, 358), [Care2](#) (9/2, 222K), [Dispatch Times](#) (9/2), [HCP Live](#) (9/2, 1K), [KDLT-TV](#) Sioux Falls, SD (9/2, 1K), [KSHB-TV](#) Kansas City, MO (9/2, 100K), [WTVG-TV Toledo \(OH\)](#) Toledo, OH (9/3, 59K), [KGWN-TV Cheyenne \(WY\)](#) Cheyenne, WY (9/3, 519), [KHON-TV Honolulu \(HI\)](#) Honolulu (9/2, 72K), [HolaCiudad!](#) (9/2), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (9/1, 28K), [WCCU-TV](#) Champaign, IL (9/2, 119), [PRNewswire](#) (9/2), and the [Sierra Star \(CA\)](#) (9/2, 12K).

**National Parks Seeing Surge Of Visitors This Summer.** The [AP](#) (9/3) reports that "thongs of tourists have been showing up in big numbers at...national parks" this summer, "driven by good weather, cheap gas and marketing campaigns ahead of next year's National Park Service centennial." The article notes that "with the busy Labor Day weekend still ahead, the Park Service already has recorded 5 million more visitors from this time last year." Officials at the parks say "they are making do with the resources they have, including encouraging visitors to use shuttles to cut down on the number of vehicles within parks and paying overtime to keep as many entrance gates open as possible." The article notes that "the increase in visitors is due partly to the Park Service's 'Find Your Park' campaign, which launched earlier this year to reintroduce people to the parks." And



Additional coverage was picked up by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Felicia Fonseca |, Ap, 6.76M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (9/3, Fonseca, 344K).

**ANALYSIS: WILDFIRE BILL IS HOUSE PANEL'S MOST BIPARTISAN.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "a bill to overhaul how the nation budgets for wildfire is the most bipartisan piece of legislation before the House Natural Resources Committee and should promptly receive a vote, according to an analysis released today by a Western conservation group." The "Wildfire Disaster Funding Act" by Reps. Mike Simpson and Kurt Schrader is "sponsored by 125 lawmakers – 70 Democrats and 55 Republicans – broader support than for any of the 338 other bills that have been referred to the committee this Congress, the Center for Western Priorities said."

**Additional Coverage: Drones Helping To Battle Northwest Wildfires.** Additional coverage that "a Boeing-built drone has been helping out human-piloted aircraft fighting Washington state wildfires" was provided by the [Puget Sound \(WA\) Business Journal](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 59K).

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**CROW TRIBAL MEMBERS PLAN TO CLOSE SAGE CREEK ROAD.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (9/3, 179K) reports that "members of the Crow Tribe plan to close Sage Creek Road across their property beginning Sept. 8, citing years of use and abuse of the route without upkeep in addition to damage to historical sites in the area east of Bridger." Terry Plain Bull said, "We've been complaining to the (Bureau of Indian Affairs) for years, since we closed the Gap, now we're closing the route to the ice caves."

**WILL CALLS FOR CHANGES TO INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT.** George Will writes in his [Washington Post](#) (9/3, 6.76M) column that the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act "was passed to prevent a real abuse, the taking of Indian children from their homes without justifiable cause." But by "protecting tribal sovereignty without stipulating the primary importance of protecting the best interests of the children, the rights of the tribes have essentially erased those of the children and the parents who wish to adopt them." He says the law "should be overturned or revised."

## **Tackling America's Water Challenges:**

**GOLD KING MINE SPILL PROMPTS CHANGES IN WARNING SYSTEM.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that "a massive wastewater spill from an old gold mine in Colorado has prompted state officials to expand the list of downstream users they will warn after such accidents." Last month, "Colorado health officials notified only agencies inside the state after 3 million gallons of water tainted with heavy metals gushed out of the Gold King mine near Silverton and eventually reached the Animas, San Juan and Colorado rivers in New Mexico and Utah." In the future, "the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will warn downstream states as well, department spokesman Mark Salley said."

Additional coverage of the spill was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (9/2, Smith, 259K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (9/3, Paul, 787K), and [The Hill](#) (9/3, Mintz, 471K).

**FIGHT BETWEEN TRIBES AND FARMERS OVER TRINITY RIVER WATER PROVIDES CASE STUDY ABOUT DROUGHT ISSUES.** [McClatchy](#) (9/3, Doyle, 28K) provides an overview of "the conflict over the Trinity River in Northern California." According to the article, "amid record drought, this long-running and singular battle has become a case study about the difficulties in balancing Western water use."

**BACKERS OF DELTA TUNNELS CRITICIZED.** The [Central Valley \(CA\) Business Times](#) (9/3, 206) reports that "the California Department of Water Resources and the federal Bureau of Reclamation have made fundamental errors and perhaps may be lying in their push to get the State Water Resources Control Board to approve the Delta water tunnels, local water agencies say." According to the article, "in a letter to the executive director of the Water Board, the Water Agencies of the North Delta and the Central Delta Water Agency list the problems with the DWR tunnels request." However, "the water agencies are not stopping with calling the petition into question with the water board, four out of five members of which owe their jobs to the governor, the major proponent of the tunnels." They are also "calling on the Sacramento County District Attorney to look into whether the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation lied."

## **Securing America's Energy Future:**

### **Onshore Energy Development:**

**INTERIOR TAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STREAM PROTECTION RULE.** The [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (9/2, 414K) reports that "Kentucky coal industry supporters and environmental advocates are expected to clash in Lexington on Thursday over proposed regulations that seek to protect streams from mining destruction." The article notes that "the Sierra Club and other environmental groups are rallying supporters to attend, as is the Kentucky Coal Association, as a U.S. Interior Department agency takes public comment on a so-called stream protection rule." According to the article, "environmental groups have said the Office of Surface Mining proposal doesn't go far enough and will continue to allow the filling of mountain valleys in headwaters of streams with waste rock, harming aquatic life and causing pollution that flows downriver." Meanwhile, "mining interests and their political supporters are saying the proposed regulations are another example of a 'war on coal' by the Obama administration."

The [Greene County \(PA\) Observer-Reporter](#) (9/2, 83K) reports that "a public hearing will be held in Green Tree next week on proposed federal rules aimed at protecting streams from the impacts of coal mining, a contentious issue particularly in Washington and Greene counties where longwall mining is employed."

Additional coverage was provided by the [4-Traders](#) (9/3, 5K) and [WFPL-FM Louisville \(KY\)](#) Louisville, KY (9/3, 6K).

**OSMRE RELEASES COLOWYO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AHEAD OF DEADLINE.** The [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (9/3, 73K) reports that "a federal agency has completed an environmental review involving the Colowyo Coal Mine a week ahead of a court-ordered deadline, likely ending the threat of a temporary shutdown in operations there." The OSMRE "finds in an environmental assessment that the mine's continued operations in an expansion area would result in no significant environmental impact, including when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions resulting from mining the coal and burning it in the nearby Craig Station power plant in Moffat County."

[Steamboat \(CO\) Pilot & Today](#) (9/2, 30K) reports that "sometime this week, it will issue a mining plan recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior's Office."

Additional coverage was provided by [KDVR-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (9/2, 166K).

**HEARING HELD ON BADGER-TWO MEDICINE GAS LEASE.** The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (9/2, 75K) reports that "public comments given at a hearing held by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Choteau on Wednesday urged overwhelmingly that a lease for an exploratory natural gas well in the Badger-Two Medicine be canceled." According to the article, "the purpose of Wednesday's meeting was to look at ways to mitigate the affect drilling could have on the Badger-Two Medicine." The article notes that "many meeting attendees argued that no mitigation effort could prevent the area from being damaged."

Also providing coverage is the [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (9/3, 39K).

**PUBLIC CALLS FOR FEDERAL COAL LEASING REFORM AT HEARINGS.** For "The Blog" of the [Huffington Post](#) (9/2, Hitt, 164K), Mary Anne Hitt, Director, Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign, writes that "in August, the Sierra Club and its partners united for a series of hearings on the federal coal program by the BLM's parent agency, the Department of the Interior." She notes that "four of the five sessions took place in the heart of coal country, so it's no surprise that Big Coal brought senior executives out in number." However, Hitt says that "Interior probably did not expect to hear from so many passionate community members who asked BLM to reform the federal coal leasing program."

### **Offshore Energy Development:**

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: RESEARCHERS RECOMMEND MONITORING OCEAN SEISMIC TESTING LIKE POLLUTION.** Additional coverage that "scientists say new global regulations on ocean noise pollution are needed to protect marine life" was provided by the [Summit County \(CO\) Citizens Voice](#) (9/2, 506) and the [AZoCleantech](#) (9/3).

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### **Bureau of Land Management:**

**JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT PROPOSAL RECEIVES LOCAL SUPPORT.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that a local county board on Tuesday "unanimously backed a proposal from Utah Republican Reps. Jason Chaffetz and Rob Bishop to designate a quarry packed with dinosaur fossils as a national monument." According to the article, "with the Emery County public lands council's approval, the plan to turn the Cleveland-Lloyd dinosaur fossil quarry, already a national natural landmark

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Brady McCombs |, Ap, 6.76M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), and the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 3.35M).

**EFFORT TO SAVE SAGE GROUSE CONCENTRATES ON SAGEBRUSH.** The [Washington Post](#) (9/3, Fears, 6.76M) reports that "the vast sagebrush that sprawls across 11 Western states" is "being overshadowed by attention focused on the greater sage grouse, a chicken-like bird that dances and shouts in mating rituals across the West." However, "a new effort by the federal government, Western states, environmental groups and ranchers to revive the dwindling sage grouse population is, in reality, a determined push to save the ranging sagebrush." According to the article, "this consortium of strange bedfellows is finally giving sagebrush its due, throwing movie money at it — hundreds of millions of dollars — in a bid to restore the ecology in large chunks of one of the largest ecosystems in the United States so that 350 species of animals living there can survive." The article notes that "in less than two weeks, the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service, which own more than half of the land covered by sagebrush, are expected to finalize a plan that will change how mining operations, cattle ranchers and developers have operated on the territory for decades."

**OHV Group Seeks Delay In Sage Grouse Listing.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "an off-highway vehicle (OHV) group last week asked the Obama administration to push back its legally binding Sept. 30 deadline to decide whether to protect the greater sage grouse, warning it is prepared to join a 'flurry of litigation' against the government's actions." Paul Turcke, an attorney for the national OHV group BlueRibbon Coalition, "warned in a letter to administration officials that land-use restrictions proposed by the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service to avoid an Endangered Species Act listing for the sage grouse are untested and need additional environmental review." Turcke wrote that "while the BLM and Forest Service plans are the cornerstone of federal efforts to avoid a listing, they include 'unjustified and unacceptable conditions' that could harm the interest of motorized recreation."

**MURDER TRIAL POSSIBLE FOR STEINLE SHOOTING SUSPECT.** The [AP](#) (9/3) reports that "a San Francisco judge is deciding whether to schedule a murder trial for" Steinle murder suspect Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, who "has pleaded not guilty to murder charges, though he admits to firing the shot that killed Kathryn Steinle, while she was on an evening stroll with her father." The AP recounts San Francisco's dealings with Lopez-Sanchez and details of the shooting.

**BLM'S ST. GEORGE FIELD OFFICE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE ON DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLANS.** The [St. George \(UT\) News](#) (9/2, 3K) reports that "conservationists, rock climbers, off-road enthusiasts and public officials were among the attendees at the Bureau of Land Management's open house in St. George Tuesday." The St. George Field Office of the BLM-Utah is "conducting public open houses this week to provide the public with information about recently released draft management plans for the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs national conservation areas." The bureau "presented its draft resource management plans to the public at the meeting, answering questions about the resource management plans and also accepting public comments."

**LONG-TERM WILD HORSES PLACEMENT COSTS TAXPAYERS \$43 MILLION A YEAR.** [KJCT-TV](#) Grand Junction, CO (9/3, 1K) reports that "the excesses number of horses are ruining range-land health and costing tax payers a lot of money." According to the article, "since the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 the Bureau of Land Management has worked to manage and protect wild horses on the Western Slope, yet in recent years the horse numbers have grown so large that they are exhausting the land of resources necessary for them to survive." The article notes that "according to the BLM the long term placement of the horses is costing tax payers more than \$43 million a year."

**BLM HOLDING WILD HORSE ADOPTION EVENT IN WISCONSIN.** On [WUWM-FM](#) Milwaukee (9/3, 3K), Martha Malik, public affairs specialist for the BLM in Milwaukee, talked "about a wild horse adoption effort this weekend in Mequon." Malik "explains that because wild horses have no predators and can double their size in four years, their population has increased," and "this increase in population has led to the efforts of the federal Bureau of Land Management to find people in Wisconsin to adopt the horses."

#### *Fish and Wildlife Service:*

**JUDGE TOSSES FWS LISTING OF LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN.** [Politico Pro](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "a Texas federal judge has vacated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's listing of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, saying the agency failed to conduct a rigorous enough analysis." The service "did not follow its own rules when evaluating proposed and existing conservation measures throughout the five-state range of the bird when it finalized the listing under the ESA in 2014," held Judge Robert Junell of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in his opinion in Permian Basin Petroleum, et al., v. Department of the Interior.

The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "Junell said FWS's regulations require the agency to fully consider such conservation measures — including ones that have yet to be implemented — to see whether they will be sufficient to avoid a listing."

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (9/3, Henry, 471K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (9/3, 344K), the [Topeka \(KS\) Capital-Journal](#) (9/2, 109K), the [Midland \(TX\) Reporter-Telegram](#) (9/3, 45K), the [Fort Worth \(TX\) Star-Telegram](#) (9/3, 449K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Press, 6.76M), the [Hutchinson \(KS\) News](#) (9/3, 2K), the [Garden City \(KS\) Telegram](#) (9/3, 24K), the [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#) (9/3, 566K), the [San Antonio \(TX\) Express-News](#) (9/3, 884K), [Fox News](#) (9/2, 8.91M), [Agri-Pulse](#) (9/3), and [KFDA-TV Amarillo \(TX\)](#) Amarillo, TX (9/3, 88K).

**GROUPS NOTIFY FWS OF LAWSUIT FOR COASTAL MARTEN PROTECTION.** The [Eureka \(CA\) Times Standard](#) (9/2, 55K) reports that "continuing with efforts started half a decade ago to protect the small carnivore known as the coastal marten, two environmental groups notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of their intent to sue after the service denied a petition to federally protect the species earlier this year." In 2010, the Environmental Protection Information Center joined the Center for Biological Diversity "in filing a petition to federally list the marten under the Endangered Species Act," and "in April of this year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined the species was not eligible for protection under the act." EPIC and the Center for Biological Diversity sent the notice of intent to sue to the FWS on Tuesday.

**LAWSUIT FILED OVER THE STEPHENS' KANGAROO RAT .** The [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (9/3, 303K) reports that the Riverside County Farm Bureau and others are contending in federal court that the FWS "failed to respond as required by law to a petition filed last year that claims" the Stephens' kangaroo rat is no longer endangered. The lawsuit was "filed in federal court Wednesday, Sept. 2, opening another chapter in the ongoing litigation over the nocturnal Inland critter that dates back to at least 1995." According to the article, "the petition argues that new scientific analysis by the Fresno-based Center for Environmental Science, Accuracy, and Reliability found that the animal is doing well and does not need to be listed as endangered, which requires more stringent habitat protections."

**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BACKS AWAY FROM FEDERAL PLAN TO CREATE NEW PANTHER POPULATIONS.** The [Naples \(FL\) Daily News](#) (9/3, 143K) reports that "Florida's lead wildlife agency backed away Wednesday from a key part of a federal plan that calls for establishing new Florida panther populations before the iconic wildcat can be taken off the endangered species list." According to the article, "after hearing from more than 40 environmentalists, ranchers and hunters — including a fourth-grade girl clutching a toy stuffed panther — the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission voted 4-1 to approve a new panther policy to focus instead on managing conflicts between humans and panthers south of the Caloosahatchee River in Southwest Florida." Meanwhile, "Commissioner Ron Bergeron, who cast the lone dissenting vote Wednesday, said it was too soon to give up on establishing two new panther populations in Florida or other southeastern states as called for in the federal plan."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington County \(FL\) Foster Folly News](#) (9/2).

**"SUE AND SETTLE" TACTICS CRITICIZED.** For the "Congress" blog of [The Hill](#) (9/3, Bradley, 471K), Robert L. Bradley Jr., CEO of the Institute for Energy Research, writes that "in a scathing report, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) has blown the whistle on the oft-used, controversial 'sue-and-settle' tactic used to design environmental regulations." He claims that "the federal bureaucracy has aligned itself with interest groups, rather than working for the benefit of the citizens." Bradley urges Congress to "stop the sue-and-settle ruse and challenge the cozy relationship between federal agencies and politically motivated environmental groups."

#### *National Park Service:*

**TWO HOUSE DEMOCRATS BACK BILL TO PROVIDE \$1 BILLION TO NPS.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "a pair of House Democrats is backing legislation released by the Obama administration that would pump more than \$1 billion into the National Park Service to honor its 100th anniversary next year." In a joint statement with Rep. Niki Tsongas, the top Democrat on the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands, Rep. Raúl Grijalva, the ranking member on the Natural Resources Committee, said, "I intend to sponsor this bill in the House and work with my colleagues to see it move forward." The article notes that "the bill is likely to be a tougher sell with Republicans, who are generally loath to increase spending without offsetting the expenditures elsewhere in the federal budget." However, Emily Beyer, a spokeswoman for the Interior Department, said in an email that "a number of members in both the House and Senate have expressed interest in the legislation and are currently reviewing the details."

Additional coverage of the proposal was provided by [National Parks Traveler](#) (9/3, 989) and [WTSP-TV St. Petersburg \(FL\)](#) St. Petersburg, FL (9/2, 89K).

**DOLE JOINS VETERANS AT WWII MEMORIAL TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE SURRENDER.** The [CBS Evening News](#) (9/2, story 11, 0:25, Pelley, 5.08M)

**YELLOWSTONE GRIZZLY CUBS ARRIVE AT NEW HOME AT TOLEDO ZOO.** [CNN](#) (9/2, 5.17M) reports that “two orphaned grizzly cubs have found a new home at the Toledo Zoo.” The article notes that “the twin females were orphaned soon after their mother killed a hiker in Yellowstone National Park in August.” Zoo officials said that “the cubs, which appear to be in good health, will undergo the zoo’s standard 30-to-60-day quarantine process before any public viewing will be considered.”

Additional coverage was provided by [WDIV-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (9/3, 292K) and [WTVR-TV Richmond \(VA\)](#) Richmond, VA (9/2, 130K).

**SCHOODIC CAMPGROUND OPENS AT ACADIA NATIONAL PARK.** The [Ellsworth \(ME\) American](#) (9/2, 40K) reports that “the owners of the new Schoodic Woods Campground on the Schoodic Peninsula have transferred their interest in the property to the National Park Foundation.” According to the article, “the change in ownership occurred two weeks before the Sept. 2 ribbon-cutting at the 94-site campground.” Susan Newton, an executive with the National Park Foundation, said “on Wednesday that the foundation has taken ownership of the property until it can be transferred to the National Park Service.”

The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that “federal officials and conservationists are celebrating the opening of a new campground at Acadia National Park.” The more than 1,400-acre Schoodic Woods Campground is opening on Wednesday. Sen. Angus King, Acadia Superintendent Sheridan Steele and Schoodic Institute President Mark Berry will speak at a ceremony at the campground.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (9/2, 223K).

**NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH HELP WITH PRESERVATION PROJECTS THROUGH HOPE INITIATIVE.** The [AP](#) (9/3, Susan Montoya Bryan |, Ap, 6.76M) reports that Native American youth “spent most of the summer helping” with preservation projects “as part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s HOPE initiative, or Hands-On Preservation Experience.” The trust partnered with the National Park Service and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps “to train more young people in preservation skills while helping historical sites on public land.” The article notes that “from New Mexico and Arizona to Virginia and Vermont, crews worked on some 30 projects this summer.”

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY.** The [Loveland \(CO\) Reporter-Herald](#) (9/3, 51K) reports that Rocky Mountain National Park will “mark its 100th anniversary with a rededication ceremony at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday in a meadow at the Glacier Basin Campground.” The article notes that “the event will feature music, family activities and cake, and special guests including Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, Sen. Cory Gardner, National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, Rocky Mountain National Park Superintendent Vaughn Baker and former Sen. Mark Udall, the honorary chairman of Rocky’s Centennial.”

**CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK NAMED “INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PARK”.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that Canyonlands National Park is “being recognized for its dark skies and lack of light pollution.” Park officials announced that Canyonlands was “named as an ‘International Dark Sky Park’ by the Arizona-based International Dark-Sky Association.” The NPS is “planning a special astronomy event at the park on Sept. 18 to commemorate the dark-sky designation and showcase views of star-filled skies.”

**TWO YOSEMITE VISITORS RECOVER AFTER BEING INFECTED WITH BUBONIC PLAGUE.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (9/3, 535K) reports that “in the past two months, two people became infected with the bubonic plague after visiting Yosemite National Park, a boy from Los Angeles and an adult from Georgia.” According to the article, “in response, the state park closed two campgrounds and posted warning signs at all campsites.” The article notes that “both people have been treated and recovered.”

**NPS RELEASES EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN.** [Trade Only](#) (9/3) reports that the NPS “released the final General Management Plan for Everglades National Park, which includes several changes that will affect recreational boating and fishing access and habitat conservation in the park.” The article notes that “a coalition of eight groups representing recreational fishing and boating expressed its appreciation to park officials for addressing concerns that were raised during the process.”

**BIOLOGIST RECOMMENDS IMPORTING WOLVES TO MICHIGAN’S ISLE ROYALE “AS SOON AS POSSIBLE”.** The [MLive \(MI\)](#) (9/3, 739K) reports that as the NPS “mulls what, if anything, should be done to save the meager wolf population on Isle Royale, a leading environmental science researcher says the best way to tame the exploding moose population and protect island vegetation is to begin importing wolves.” John Vucetich, a Michigan Tech University biologist who studies the wildlife of Isle Royale, said, “It’s important that action be taken sooner rather than later.” Meanwhile, Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow are “trying to speed things up by urging the park service to complete a management plan to save the wolves by next July, a deadline that’s unlikely to be met.”

**WILDLIFE OVERPASS PROPOSED ON 101 FREEWAY IN LOS ANGELES.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (9/3, Groves, 4.07M) reports that “mountain lions, bobcats and other wildlife would have less chance of becoming roadkill if the state adopts a plan to build a landscaped bridge over the 101 Freeway in Agoura Hills, supporters of the proposal said Wednesday.” According to the article, “state agencies, elected officials and wildlife advocates urged the state to provide the much-needed link in an area where rampant development and highways have fragmented once-continuous habitat.” The article notes that since NPS “biologists began researching mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains in 2002, motorists have struck and killed a dozen of the big cats in the study area, including a male puma hit on the 101 near Liberty Canyon two years ago.”

**KAYMOOR TRAIL IN NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER CLOSED FOR WEATHER-RELATED REPAIRS.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 344K) reports that the NPS has “closed a portion of a hiking trail in southern West Virginia due to an unstable slope.” Park officials say “parts of the Kaymoor Trail in the New River Gorge National River will remain closed indefinitely until repairs can be made.”

**ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE TO HOLD FUNERAL FOR 13,000.** The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (9/3, 1.05M) reports that “the Andersonville National Historic Site, already a gutwrenchingly moving testament to the rigors of the Civil War, takes on a new role on Sept. 19th as the setting for a one-of-a-kind funeral.” According to the article, the “Funeral for 13,000” is “an acknowledgment of the more than 12,900 United States soldiers who died at the southwest Georgia facility during its fourteen months of operation as a Confederate prison.”

**NPS TO DECIDE ON BELMONT BARBECUE PIT.** The [Citizen of Laconia \(NH\)](#) (9/3) reports that the NPS is “being asked to amend a grant boundary to Belmont’s Sargent Park and allow the town to reconstruct a barbecue pit at the new Tioga Pavilion.” The article notes that “the new pit is part of Belmont’s recent effort to construct the \$89,000 pavilion using partial grant money from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.”

**BODY OF MISSING HIKER IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK FOUND.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that “officials at Yosemite National Park have found the body of a man who was missing for more than three weeks.” According to park spokesman Scott Gediman, “the body of 39-year-old James Michael Millet Jr. was found above Yosemite Valley on Tuesday.” The article notes that “a cause of death was not released” and “an investigation is ongoing.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (9/3, Rocha, 4.07M), the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (9/3, 265K), and [Reuters](#) (9/2).

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**HIKER WHO DIED AT GRAND CANYON WAS USGS RESEARCHER.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 344K) reports that “a hiker who fell to his death at the Grand Canyon was a U.S. Geological Survey researcher studying riparian vegetation.” According to Grand Canyon National Park spokeswoman Emily Davis, “51-year-old Daniel Sarr fell into a gully Friday while hiking to the Colorado River to join a rafting trip.” Sarr was a research ecologist at the USGS Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center in Flagstaff.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (9/2, 1.12M) and the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (9/3, 34K).

**DECLINING SNOWFALL HITTING NAVAJO PEOPLE.** The [Arizona Republic](#) (9/2, 1.12M) reports that “a lifetime of declining snowfall on the Navajo Reservation is making an already unforgiving desert landscape increasingly uninhabitable.” The article notes that “snow tracked at six northeastern Arizona weather stations has plummeted by more than two-thirds on average since the 1930s, according to research led by the U.S. Geological Survey.” USGS geomorphologist Margaret Hiza Redsteer said, “It’s just hitting the Navajo people first.”

#### [Top National News:](#)

**MEDIA ANALYSES: SAVING IRAN DEAL IN US SENATE A MAJOR VICTORY FOR OBAMA.** Sen. Barbara Mikulski’s announcement that she will support the Iran nuclear deal, which gives the President the 34 votes he needs to prevent the Senate from overriding his veto of a resolution of disapproval, is being cast as a major victory for the President. Coverage is extensive, with reports on all three network news broadcasts and heavy print and online coverage. While many reports say Mikulski’s decision will embolden Democrats in their effort to secure the 41 votes they need to filibuster the resolution and keep the President from having to use his veto, several also indicate that Republicans are considering other options to derail the deal.

[ABC World News](#) (9/2, story 6, 0:25, Muir, 5.84M) called Mikulski’s announcement a “big victory” for the President, adding that the deal, which has been “under fire” from Republicans, “is safe,” and [NBC Nightly News](#) (9/2, story 5, 1:20, Holt, 7.86M) said it was “a major win for the Obama Administration,” adding that the deal “now appears



"scor[ed] a big foreign policy victory." Rachel Maddow said on [MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show](#) (9/2, 769K) that the President has "sealed what may be the biggest diplomatic achievement of his presidency," adding that this is "a huge political victory for the Obama Administration."

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (9/3, Richter, Mascaro, 4.07M) similarly says Mikulski's support "assured a political victory for Obama, and a surprising loss for the Republican majority in Congress, which uniformly opposes the deal." In addition, it "pushed Obama's allies in the Senate to go for broke and try to get seven of the final 10 wavering Democrats on their side," which could "block a GOP-backed resolution of disapproval with a filibuster." However, [Reuters](#) (9/3, Zengerle) reports that leadership aides from both sides of the aisle say it is too soon to tell whether deal supporters will be able to muster the 41 votes they need. Kristen Welker said on [MSNBC](#) (9/2, 545K) that Mikulski's support is "being greeted as a victory by President Obama." Welker added that while the White House is "optimistic" about securing the 41 votes needed to prevent a vote, "they say it's going to be tough."

[Politico](#) (9/2, Toosi, 942K) said the White House "is more determined than ever to keep the agreement from reaching a vote in the first place," and the [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Wolfgang, 344K) reports that while the White House "celebrated" word of Mikulski's support, press secretary Josh Earnest "said the White House will continue lobbying undecided members of Congress."

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (9/3, Fritze, 834K) says Mikulski "handed the White House a symbolic victory, at least," and both [Voice of America](#) (9/3, Saine, 32K) and [TIME](#) (9/3, Calabresi, 19.55M) called Mikulski's announcement "a major foreign-policy victory" for the President. TIME adds, however, that the support of 34 senators is "hardly a resounding victory for the administration's position" as it is "the bare minimum number of Senators Obama needs to ensure he can deliver on his end of the deal with Iran." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, A1, Peterson, Lee, Subscription Publication, 5.95M) notes that while Mikulski's support represents a victory for the Administration, the downside is that the President will be carrying out a major piece of US foreign policy without majority support from Congress.

While the [New York Times](#) (9/3, A1, Weisman, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) says that "support for the deal has not been enthusiastic," it adds that there is "growing recognition, even among some accord opponents, that the other nations — Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia, and especially Iran — would be unwilling to renegotiate the agreement even if Congress formally rejected it." The [Huffington Post](#) (9/2, Stein, Terkel, 164K) said that while the President has "both notched one of the most significant nuclear non-proliferation agreements in history and cemented a foreign policy legacy of robust diplomatic engagement," the question of whether "that legacy turns out sterling or sour" will not be answered until "well beyond the end date of his presidency." An editorial in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 5.95M) says that with Mikulski's support, which ensures that the deal will move forward, Democrats, including the Vice President and Hillary Clinton, have taken responsibility for ensuring that Iran complies.

The [AP](#) (9/3, Werner) says Mikulski's support "spells failure for opponents of the international agreement who sought to foil it by turning Congress against it." [USA Today](#) (9/3, Kelly, 5.23M) notes that while they acknowledged they will be unable to override the President's veto, Senate Republicans "pushed back hard against the deal." GOP presidential candidate Sen. Lindsey Graham said, "The Iranians have now secured enough votes in the Senate to ensure they have a pathway to a bomb, the missile to deliver it and the money to pay for it." Another presidential hopeful, Sen. Marco Rubio, "vowed to overturn the agreement if he is elected." Majority Leader McConnell, meanwhile, "accused the Obama administration of reducing 'this important national security matter to a partisan contest.'" [Bloomberg Politics](#) (9/3, Miller, 247K) reports.

The [New York Daily News](#) (9/3, Edelman, 3.75M) reports that Republicans said that "the next President will have a chance to undo the deal," adding that a spokesman for House Speaker Boehner "said the deal 'is far from being implemented.'" The [CBS Evening News](#) (9/2, story 2, 1:00, Cordes, 5.08M) cast Boehner's comment as a signal that "Republicans might try to find some other way to block it or at least to slow its implementation." The [New York Times](#) (9/3, Steinhauer, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) says Republicans "are considering legislative options to counter the deal, including the possible reimposition of sanctions the agreement is supposed to lift," adding that they have been "thinking through alternatives for months, knowing that Mr. Obama would probably be able to fend off efforts to override his veto."

In a separate story, [Politico](#) (9/2, Kim, 942K) noted that House Minority Leader Pelosi "has indicated that she's confident there will be enough Democratic support in her chamber to sustain a veto of a resolution disapproving the Iran deal, should Obama issue one." [The Hill](#) (9/2, Marcos, 471K) reported in its "Floor Action" blog that Pelosi "urged Democrats to announce their position as soon as possible," noting in a letter to House Democrats that she learned from Boehner "that the critical vote to disapprove of the Iran deal could take place in the House as soon as next week when Congress returns from the August recess." Pelosi "stressed that the looming vote...means that House Democrats who haven't yet stated their position on the Iran deal should do so sooner rather than later."

The [Washington Post](#) (9/3, A1, Morello, 6.76M) notes that "the splits forming around the agreement in Congress appear to be reflected throughout the country," noting that while "a majority of Americans oppose the deal, a strong majority of Democrats support it and a strong majority of Republicans oppose it."

[Roll Call](#) (9/2, Lesniewski, 113K), meanwhile, reported that Mikulski said in a statement, "No deal is perfect, especially one negotiated with the Iranian regime. ... I have concluded that this Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is the best option available to block Iran from having a nuclear bomb. For these reasons, I will vote in favor of this deal. However, Congress must also reaffirm our commitment to the safety and security of Israel."

**Cardin Remains Undecided.** The [Washington Post](#) (9/3, Weiner, 6.76M) reports that Mikulski's Maryland colleague, Sen. Ben Cardin, "continues to wrestle with whether to support the deal," as the White House continues its push to secure seven more votes in favor of it. Cardin is seen by supporters and opponents "as a key vote" because, as ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, his views on the deal carry "considerable weight," but as of Wednesday morning, he "remained undecided."

**Kerry Defends Deal In Speech, On Television, In Letters To Lawmakers.** In a speech at the National Constitution Center on Wednesday, Secretary of State Kerry defended the deal as a "hugely positive step" for world stability," the

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**AS OBAMA CONCLUDES VISIT TO ALASKA, ENVIRONMENTALISTS SLAM DRILLING DECISION.** The final day of the President's visit to Alaska generated a brief report on the [CBS Evening News](#) (9/2, story 12, 0:25, Pelley, 5.08M), which noted an incident in which the President held up a salmon and "the fish...disgraced itself, on Mr. Obama's shoes," and a short report on [NBC Nightly News](#) (9/2, story 9, 0:25, Holt, 7.86M), which also noted the incident. Print and online coverage, which are also lighter, highlight the President's visit to the towns of Dillingham and Kotzebue, casting it as an effort to draw attention to the impact climate change is already having. While it was not as ubiquitous in the coverage as in previous days, criticism from environmentalists over the decision to allow Royal Dutch Shell to drill in the Arctic continues to appear alongside coverage of the President's trip.

Under the headline, "Obama Paints Dire View On Climate Change," the [Alaska Journal of Commerce](#) (9/3, Brehmer, 14K) says the President "seems to be setting the agenda for the final 16 months of his presidency, and climate change is his top priority." However, the Journal also notes that environmentalists, who are "typically in the president's corner had harsh words for him stemming from his administration's approval of Shell's drilling offshore drilling plan in the Chukchi Sea," and includes statements from several groups criticizing the decision. Dan Springer reported on [Fox News' Special Report](#) (9/2, 1.53M) that the Administration's "all-of-the-above energy strategy in Alaska is pleasing none of the above." While environmentalists "are outraged" that the President allowed drilling in the Arctic, the oil industry believes he "remains too restrictive" by blocking "huge potential reserves."

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (9/3, McNally, 288K) reprints a Global Post piece by Caitlin McNally, who noted that as she wrote, "Shell's rig, the Transocean Polar Pioneer, was approaching its destination 70 miles off the shores of Wainwright, Alaska." McNally wrote that during a visit to the Royal Dutch Shell offices on London, "it was made abundantly clear to me that the company accepts the fact of global warming and the consequences of climate change as a new normal," but "part of this focus on climate change reality includes an unapologetic reminder to the world that Shell is, after all, an oil and gas company."

[Reuters](#) (9/3, Rampton, Quinn) portrays the President's visits to Dillingham and Kotzebue as an effort by the White House to draw attention to the impact climate change is having on Americans. The [AP](#) (9/3, Lederman) reports that the President's "goal was to showcase the havoc he says human-influenced climate change is wreaking on Alaska's delicate landscape: entire rural villages sinking into the ground as permafrost thaws, protective sea ice melts and temperatures climb."

A later story from the [AP](#) (9/3, Lederman) reported that the President told residents of Kotzebue "that their plight should be the world's wake-up call on global warming." During his visit to the town, which was "designed to snap the country to attention by illustrating the ways warmer temperatures have already threatened entire communities and ways of life in Alaska," the President "I've been trying to make the rest of the country more aware of the changing climate, but you're already living it." The [New York Times](#) (9/3, Davis, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) says that in his "history-making stop," the President delivered an "alarm-sounding message about the warming of the planet — a phenomenon occurring twice as quickly in Alaska as in the rest of the United States." [USA Today](#) (9/3, Korte, 5.23M) also reports the President "sound[ed] the alarm on climate change," saying, "What's happening here should be America's wake-up call. It's the world's wake up call."

On its website, [Voice of America](#) (9/3, Williams, Gallo, 32K) reviewed the President's entire visit to Alaska, noting that the "highly choreographed trip across Alaska aims to build support for his environmental policies to combat climate change." In a story on the President's use of a "selfie stick" during the trip, [The Hill](#) (9/2, Henry, 471K) noted that the White House cast the trip "as an opportunity for him to personally show Americans the impact of climate change on the region."

In an in-depth piece, [Vox](#) (9/2, Plumer, 1.1M) discusses "why Shell is going to such extreme lengths for oil, why Obama gave it the green light, and how this drilling project acquired such outsized significance in the climate debate." The article discusses several points, including: (1) Shell wants to produce from US Arctic waters as no one else is currently doing; (2) Shell's efforts have so far "been bogged down by lawsuits and disasters;" (3) the Obama Administration "now thinks Shell is ready to drill;" (4) the difficulties of cleaning up an Arctic oil spill; (5) disagreement between Obama and environmentalists "on whether Shell's drilling matters for global warming;" (6) what to expect from the next president; and (7) that Arctic drilling's future "is highly uncertain — and a lot depends on Shell."

Additional coverage was provided by [CNN](#) (9/2, 5.17M), [The Hill](#) (9/3, Biette, 471K), the [Baltimore \(MD\) Sun](#) (9/3, 834K), the [New Republic](#) (9/2, 242K), [KSHB-TV Kansas City \(MO\)](#) Kansas City, MO (9/3, 100K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (9/3, 345K), and [WDIV-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (9/3, 292K).

**White House Announces Initiatives To Promote Energy Efficiency In Alaska.** [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, 219K) reports that ahead of the President's visit to Kotzebue, the White House "announced new efforts and funding to encourage energy efficiency in remote villages and the appointment of a federal coordinator for 'climate resilience' in Alaska." The announcement "includes more than \$20 million in new funding through grants and other routes." Among the initiatives announced by the White House, the [Washington Post](#) (9/3, Eilperin, 6.76M) notes, is \$4 million "to speed the development of renewable energy in remote Alaskan communities, part of a package of new programs aimed at reducing fossil fuel use and countering climate impacts in the region of the world that is warming the fastest." The Post notes that although the Administration announced the initiatives "under the umbrella of helping tribal and rural communities cope with climate change and other challenges," several tribal leaders "said they expected more from the federal government given the peril their communities now face."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication), the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, Martinson, 219K), and the [Seattle \(WA\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (9/2, 560K).

**Obama Administration Unveils New Climate Resilience Tools.** The [Native American Times](#) (9/2, 337) reports that "as part of the Obama Administration's Climate Data Initiative, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announced a new set of online climate data resources to help Arctic communities with climate change planning, adaptation and management." The article notes that "the new data sets, introduced today as part of an online Climate Resilience Toolkit, comprised more than 250 Arctic-related datasets and more than 40 maps, tools, and other resources designed to support climate-resilience efforts in the Arctic." Jewell said, "Through the release of Arctic-themed climate data, the U.S. is demonstrating its leadership in sharing free and open climate-relevant information, while also encouraging public innovation and partnerships with private sector entities that are interested in leveraging this data. Also, by sharing climate data among nations, we are providing tools that may be useful in increasing resilience measures across national boundaries in the Arctic."

Additional coverage was provided by [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, 219K).

**USGS Announces New Height For Denali.** The [AP](#) (9/2, D'oro) reports that "Denali, the Alaska mountain formerly known Mount McKinley, is now officially 10 feet shorter, measuring 20,310 feet at its highest point, the U.S. Geological Survey announced Wednesday." The article notes that "the previous measurement of 20,320 feet stemmed from a 1953 survey that used the technology of the time, officials said." According to the article, "the new elevation is the result of data collected from the mountain by climbers in June using technology that didn't exist in the earlier survey, such as GPS instruments."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication), [NBC News](#) (9/2, 3.73M), [The Hill](#) (9/2, Cama, 471K), the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/2, Harder, 5.95M), [ABC](#) (9/2, 1.47M), [TIME](#) (9/2, 19.55M), [US News & World Report](#) (9/2, 811K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (9/2, 3.3M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (9/3, Pearce, 4.07M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (9/2, 455K), the [San Jose \(CA\) Mercury News](#) (9/2, 626K), [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/2, 219K), [GISuser](#) (9/2), and [Popular Science](#) (9/2, 6.51M).

Additional coverage of the Denali name change was provided by the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (9/3, 594K) the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (9/3, 183K), the [Kenai \(AK\) Peninsula Clarion](#) (9/2, 18K), the [Santa Fe New Mexican](#) (9/3, 67K), the [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (9/3, 73K), the [Fort Worth \(TX\) Star-Telegram](#) (9/3, 449K), the [Columbus \(OH\) Dispatch](#) (9/2, 515K), the [Cleveland \(OH\) Plain Dealer](#) (9/3, 1.03M), the [Seattle \(WA\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (9/2, 560K), the [Dallas \(TX\) Morning News](#) (9/3, 1.15M), [New Hampshire Public Radio](#) (9/2, 2K), [Western Journalism](#) (9/3, 303K), [Salon](#) (9/2, 1.08M), [Intercontinental Cry Magazine](#) (9/3), [Opposing Views](#) (9/3, 1.75M), and [Yahoo! News](#) (9/3, Palermo, 5.98M).

**Actress Emma Thompson Protests Arctic Drilling.** In continuing coverage, the [Daily Caller](#) (9/2, Bentley, 375K) reports on actress Emma Thompson's protest against Shell's plans to drill in the Arctic. The Caller says Thompson "recited a bizarre poem for news cameras Wednesday warning of an apocalyptic world of 'liquefied slaughter' and melting ice caps all thanks to greedy fossil fuel companies."

[Agencia EFE \(ESP\)](#) (9/3) also covered the story, reporting that Greenpeace installed a polar bear robot the size of a double-decker bus in front of Shell's London headquarters.

**Agencies Responding To Greenpeace Portland Protest Paid Out Nearly \$90,000 In Overtime.** The [Oregonian](#) (9/2, 756K) reports that "the nine agencies that responded to the Greenpeace protest on the St. Johns Bridge," in which "13 rappelled off the Portland bridge and dangled there for two days in an effort to block a Shell Oil Arctic icebreaker from leaving Portland," paid out a total of \$88,737.97 in overtime. Agencies racking up overtime include the Portland Police Bureau, Oregon State Police and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

**Arctic Development Push Sparks Debate Over Law Of The Sea Treaty.** The [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Taylor, 344K) notes that amid the "international scramble over development, energy and climate change in the Arctic" there is "fresh debate over whether American influence in the region may be limited by the fact that the US is the only nation in the fight to have never ratified the Law of the Sea treaty." Noting that US officials often refer to the treaty "as a gold standard for resolving potential future disputes in the

**Pentagon: Chinese Warships Spotted In Bering Sea During Obama's Alaska Visit.** The [AP](#) (9/3, Baldor) reports that five Chinese warships have been spotted moving into the Bering Sea near Alaska, but US "officials said they don't view the ships as a threat" as the President visits Alaska. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the Pentagon "positively identified a number of Chinese naval vessels in that region, but based on their analysis they have not detected any sort of threat or threatening activities." However, he acknowledged that the intent of the ships presence "is still unclear." [Reuters](#) (9/3, Rampton) also reports Earnest's remarks, and a senior Defense official confirmed to [Fox News' Special Report](#) (9/2, 1.53M) "that five Chinese navy ships have been spotted in the Bering Sea off the Alaskan coast," which "coincides" with the President's visit to the state.

A second [Reuters](#) (9/3, Stewart) report says the ships' positioning in the Bering Sea marked a first for the Chinese military, while the [New York Times](#) (9/3, Cooper, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) reports that a "Pentagon official noted that China has every right to patrol international waters," and Pentagon spokesman Capt. Jeff Davis said that the Defense Department respected "the freedom of all nations to operate military vessels in international waters." According to a front-page story in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, A1, Page, Lubold, Subscription Publication, 5.95M), the Pentagon has known for several days that the ships were in the area and were monitoring their movements.

**Commentary Discusses Visit To Shell London Headquarters, Climate Change.** The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (9/3, McNally, 288K) reprints a Global Post piece by Caitlin McNally, who noted that as she wrote, "Shell's rig, the Transocean Polar Pioneer, was approaching its destination 70 miles off the shores of Wainwright, Alaska." McNally wrote that during a visit to the Royal Dutch Shell offices in London, "it was made abundantly clear to me that the company accepts the fact of global warming and the consequences of climate change as a new normal," but "part of this focus on climate change reality includes an unapologetic reminder to the world that Shell is, after all, an oil and gas company."

**Former Unalaska Mayor Touts Benefits Of Shell's Arctic Drilling Program.** In commentary for [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/2, 219K), Paul Fuhs, former mayor of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, discusses the benefits Shell's Arctic drilling program will have for Alaska by creating jobs, bolstering the economy and increasing area safety because its Arctic fleet can respond to emergencies outside its own companies.

**Arctic Institute Director: Oil Industry Should Be Invited To Discuss Climate Change.** In commentary for [The Hill](#) (9/3, Herrmann, 471K), Victoria Herrmann, U.S. director of the Arctic Institute, argues that "offering the petroleum industry an invitation to discuss climate change mitigation and adaptation in a region that is melting because of their business model is counterintuitive and controversial. But it is essential." Herrmann says it's important to acknowledge "that de-carbonizing the global economy will not happen overnight" and that oil "will continue to play a major role in both international energy supplies and domestic economies in the short and medium-term."

**AJOC Editor Discusses Denali Renaming, Compliments Obama On Allowing Drilling.** Andrew Jensen, managing editor, writes in the [Alaska Journal of Commerce](#) (9/2, 14K) writes on the support of both Alaska residents and lawmakers for Obama's announcement that Mt. McKinley will officially be renamed Denali. Jensen concludes that "amid a global economic slowdown and a collapse in oil prices, Obama's record in Alaska isn't all bad," noting Shell's drilling in the Chukchi Sea and ConocoPhillips drilling in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Says Jensen, "Alaska is one of the few places on Earth where this level of investment and actual drilling is currently happening. Obama's administration hasn't necessarily made it easy, but it hasn't stopped it, either. That's an executive inaction worth appreciating."

**Smith Blasts Obama's Climate Change Plan.** The [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Richardson, 344K) reports that House Science, Space and Technology Committee chairman Rep. Lamar Smith blasted the President's climate change plan, saying in a statement, "The president is on thin ice to claim his costly plan will address climate change or benefit Americans." Noting the President's climate change predictions, Smith said, that "the only thing certain about long-term climate predictions is that they're certain to miss the mark," adding, "The president and his EPA have become traveling salesmen, touring the world to push their extreme climate change agenda. ... But the science doesn't support the president's exaggerated claims linking climate change to severe weather events."

**SECRETARY JEWELL IN NEVADA HIGHLIGHTS "EVERY KID IN A PARK" CAMPAIGN.** The [AP](#) (9/2, 179K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell "led a delegation of schoolchildren to a scenic national area outside Las Vegas on Wednesday to highlight a federal 'Every Kid in a Park' campaign." Jewell and the head of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Christy Goldfuss, "joined fourth-grade students from West Preparatory Academy at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area." According to the article, "organizers called it an inaugural event of an Obama administration campaign to let fourth-graders nationwide use [www.everykidinapark.gov](#) to obtain free family passes to more than 2,000 federally managed parks and conservation areas until next September."

Also providing coverage are the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (9/3, Press, Subscription Publication, 11.82M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Press, 6.76M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (9/3, 344K), the [Oklahoman](#) (9/3, 408K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 3.35M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (9/3, Press, 1.19M), [ABC News](#) (9/3, News, 3.97M), [Yahoo! News](#) (9/3, 5.98M), [KTNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (9/3, 56K), [KOLO-TV Reno \(NV\)](#) Reno, NV (9/3, 3K), [KTNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (9/3, 56K), and [KSL-TV](#) Salt Lake City (9/2, 1.07M).

Additional coverage of the "Every Kid in a Park" initiative was provided by the [Oregonian](#) (9/2, 756K), the [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (9/2, 769K), the [Cambridge \(OH\) Daily Jeffersonian](#) (9/2, 358), [Care2](#) (9/2, 222K), [Dispatch Times](#) (9/2), [HCP Live](#) (9/2, 1K), [KDLT-TV](#) Sioux Falls, SD (9/2, 1K), [KSHB-TV](#) Kansas City, MO (9/2, 100K), [WTVG-TV Toledo \(OH\)](#) Toledo, OH (9/3, 59K), [KGWN-TV Cheyenne \(WY\)](#) Cheyenne, WY (9/3, 519), [KHON-TV Honolulu \(HI\)](#) Honolulu (9/2, 72K), [HolaCiudad!](#) (9/2), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (9/1, 28K), [WCCU-TV](#) Champaign, IL (9/2, 119), [PRNewswire](#) (9/2), and the [Sierra Star \(CA\)](#) (9/2, 12K).

**National Parks Seeing Surge Of Visitors This Summer.** The [AP](#) (9/3) reports that "throng of tourists have been showing up in big numbers at...national parks" this summer, "driven by good weather, cheap gas and marketing campaigns ahead of next year's National Park Service centennial." The article notes that "with the busy Labor Day weekend still ahead, the Park Service already has recorded 5 million more visitors from this time last year." Officials at the parks say "they are making do with the resources they have, including encouraging visitors to use shuttles to cut down on the number of vehicles within parks and paying overtime to keep as many entrance gates open as possible." The article notes that "the increase in visitors is due partly to the Park Service's 'Find Your Park' campaign, which launched earlier this year to reintroduce people to the parks." And "another campaign promises to bring more tourists: Fourth-graders and their families are being encouraged to go to national parks with a free, yearlong pass for them, starting this week."

Additional coverage was picked up by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Felicia Fonseca |, Ap, 6.76M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (9/3, Fonseca, 344K).

**ANALYSIS: WILDFIRE BILL IS HOUSE PANEL'S MOST BIPARTISAN.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "a bill to overhaul how the nation budgets for wildfire is the most bipartisan piece of legislation before the House Natural Resources Committee and should promptly receive a vote, according to an analysis released today by a Western conservation group." The "Wildfire Disaster Funding Act" by Reps. Mike Simpson and Kurt Schrader is "sponsored by 125 lawmakers – 70 Democrats and 55 Republicans – broader support than for any of the 338 other bills that have been referred to the committee this Congress, the Center for Western Priorities said."

**Additional Coverage: Drones Helping To Battle Northwest Wildfires.** Additional coverage that "a Boeing-built drone has been helping out human-piloted aircraft fighting Washington state wildfires" was provided by the [Puget Sound \(WA\) Business Journal](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 59K).

## [Empowering Native American Communities:](#)

**CROW TRIBAL MEMBERS PLAN TO CLOSE SAGE CREEK ROAD.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (9/3, 179K) reports that "members of the Crow Tribe plan to close Sage Creek Road across their property beginning Sept. 8, citing years of use and abuse of the route without upkeep in addition to damage to historical sites in the area east of Bridger." Terry Plain Bull said, "We've been complaining to the (Bureau of Indian Affairs) for years, since we closed the Gap, now we're closing the route to the ice caves."

**WILL CALLS FOR CHANGES TO INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT.** George Will writes in his [Washington Post](#) (9/3, 6.76M) column that the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act "was passed to prevent a real abuse, the taking of Indian children from their homes without justifiable cause." But by "protecting tribal sovereignty without stipulating the primary importance of protecting the best interests of the children, the rights of the tribes have essentially erased those of the children and the parents who wish to adopt them." He says the law "should be overturned or revised."

## [Tackling America's Water Challenges:](#)

**GOLD KING MINE SPILL PROMPTS CHANGES IN WARNING SYSTEM.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that "a massive wastewater spill from an old gold mine in Colorado has prompted state officials to expand the list of downstream users they will warn after such accidents." Last month, "Colorado health officials notified only agencies inside the state after 3 million gallons of water tainted with heavy metals gushed out of the Gold King mine near Silverton and eventually reached the Animas, San Juan and Colorado rivers in New Mexico and Utah." In the future, "the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will warn downstream states as well, department spokesman Mark Salley said."

Additional coverage of the spill was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (9/2, Smith, 259K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (9/3, Paul, 787K), and [The Hill](#) (9/3, Mintz, 471K).



**BACKERS OF DELTA TUNNELS CRITICIZED.** The [Central Valley \(CA\) Business Times](#) (9/3, 206) reports that “the California Department of Water Resources and the federal Bureau of Reclamation have made fundamental errors and perhaps may be lying in their push to get the State Water Resources Control Board to approve the Delta water tunnels, local water agencies say.” According to the article, “in a letter to the executive director of the Water Board, the Water Agencies of the North Delta and the Central Delta Water Agency list the problems with the DWR tunnels request.” However, “the water agencies are not stopping with calling the petition into question with the water board, four out of five members of which owe their jobs to the governor, the major proponent of the tunnels.” They are also “calling on the Sacramento County District Attorney to look into whether the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation lied.”

## **Securing America’s Energy Future:**

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**INTERIOR TAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STREAM PROTECTION RULE.** The [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (9/2, 414K) reports that “Kentucky coal industry supporters and environmental advocates are expected to clash in Lexington on Thursday over proposed regulations that seek to protect streams from mining destruction.” The article notes that “the Sierra Club and other environmental groups are rallying supporters to attend, as is the Kentucky Coal Association, as a U.S. Interior Department agency takes public comment on a so-called stream protection rule.” According to the article, “environmental groups have said the Office of Surface Mining proposal doesn’t go far enough and will continue to allow the filling of mountain valleys in headwaters of streams with waste rock, harming aquatic life and causing pollution that flows downriver.” Meanwhile, “mining interests and their political supporters are saying the proposed regulations are another example of a ‘war on coal’ by the Obama administration.”

The [Greene County \(PA\) Observer-Reporter](#) (9/2, 83K) reports that “a public hearing will be held in Green Tree next week on proposed federal rules aimed at protecting streams from the impacts of coal mining, a contentious issue particularly in Washington and Greene counties where longwall mining is employed.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [4-Traders](#) (9/3, 5K) and [WFPL-FM Louisville \(KY\)](#) Louisville, KY (9/3, 6K).

**OSMRE RELEASES COLOWYO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AHEAD OF DEADLINE.** The [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (9/3, 73K) reports that “a federal agency has completed an environmental review involving the Colowyo Coal Mine a week ahead of a court-ordered deadline, likely ending the threat of a temporary shutdown in operations there.” The OSMRE “finds in an environmental assessment that the mine’s continued operations in an expansion area would result in no significant environmental impact, including when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions resulting from mining the coal and burning it in the nearby Craig Station power plant in Moffat County.”

[Steamboat \(CO\) Pilot & Today](#) (9/2, 30K) reports that “sometime this week, it will issue a mining plan recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior’s Office.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KDVR-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (9/2, 166K).

**HEARING HELD ON BADGER-TWO MEDICINE GAS LEASE.** The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (9/2, 75K) reports that “public comments given at a hearing held by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Choteau on Wednesday urged overwhelmingly that a lease for an exploratory natural gas well in the Badger-Two Medicine be canceled.” According to the article, “the purpose of Wednesday’s meeting was to look at ways to mitigate the affect drilling could have on the Badger-Two Medicine.” The article notes that “many meeting attendees argued that no mitigation effort could prevent the area from being damaged.”

Also providing coverage is the [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (9/3, 39K).

**PUBLIC CALLS FOR FEDERAL COAL LEASING REFORM AT HEARINGS.** For “The Blog” of the [Huffington Post](#) (9/2, Hitt, 164K), Mary Anne Hitt, Director, Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal Campaign, writes that “in August, the Sierra Club and its partners united for a series of hearings on the federal coal program by the BLM’s parent agency, the Department of the Interior.” She notes that “four of the five sessions took place in the heart of coal country, so it’s no surprise that Big Coal brought senior executives out in number.” However, Hitt says that “Interior probably did not expect to hear from so many passionate community members who asked BLM to reform the federal coal leasing program.”

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: RESEARCHERS RECOMMEND MONITORING OCEAN SEISMIC TESTING LIKE POLLUTION.** Additional coverage that “scientists say new global regulations on ocean noise pollution are needed to protect marine life” was provided by the [Summit County \(CO\) Citizens Voice](#) (9/2, 506) and the [AZoCleanTech](#) (9/3).

## **America’s Great Outdoors:**

### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT PROPOSAL RECEIVES LOCAL SUPPORT.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that a local county board on Tuesday “unanimously backed a proposal from Utah Republican Reps. Jason Chaffetz and Rob Bishop to designate a quarry packed with dinosaur fossils as a national monument.” According to the article, “with the Emery County public lands council’s approval, the plan to turn the Cleveland-Lloyd dinosaur fossil quarry, already a national natural landmark, into Jurassic National Monument is not expected to face opposition locally.” Ethan Migliori, chairman of the Emery County Commission, said “ranchers’ fears about losing grazing access have been allayed, clearing the way for widespread support.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Brady Mccombs |, Ap, 6.76M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), and the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 3.35M).

**EFFORT TO SAVE SAGE GROUSE CONCENTRATES ON SAGEBRUSH.** The [Washington Post](#) (9/3, Fears, 6.76M) reports that “the vast sagebrush that sprawls across 11 Western states” is “being overshadowed by attention focused on the greater sage grouse, a chicken-like bird that dances and shouts in mating rituals across the West.” However, “a new effort by the federal government, Western states, environmental groups and ranchers to revive the dwindling sage grouse population is, in reality, a determined push to save the ranging sagebrush.” According to the article, “this consortium of strange bedfellows is finally giving sagebrush its due, throwing movie money at it — hundreds of millions of dollars — in a bid to restore the ecology in large chunks of one of the largest ecosystems in the United States so that 350 species of animals living there can survive.” The article notes that “in less than two weeks, the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service, which own more than half of the land covered by sagebrush, are expected to finalize a plan that will change how mining operations, cattle ranchers and developers have operated on the territory for decades.”

**OHV Group Seeks Delay In Sage Grouse Listing.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that “an off-highway vehicle (OHV) group last week asked the Obama administration to push back its legally binding Sept. 30 deadline to decide whether to protect the greater sage grouse, warning it is prepared to join a ‘flurry of litigation’ against the government’s actions.” Paul Turcke, an attorney for the national OHV group BlueRibbon Coalition, “warned in a letter to administration officials that land-use restrictions proposed by the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service to avoid an Endangered Species Act listing for the sage grouse are untested and need additional environmental review.” Turcke wrote that “while the BLM and Forest Service plans are the cornerstone of federal efforts to avoid a listing, they include ‘unjustified and unacceptable conditions’ that could harm the interest of motorized recreation.”

**MURDER TRIAL POSSIBLE FOR STEINLE SHOOTING SUSPECT.** The [AP](#) (9/3) reports that “a San Francisco judge is deciding whether to schedule a murder trial for” Steidle murder suspect Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, who “has pleaded not guilty to murder charges, though he admits to firing the shot that killed Kathryn Steidle, while she was on an evening stroll with her father.” The AP recounts San Francisco’s dealings with Lopez-Sanchez and details of the shooting.

**BLM’S ST. GEORGE FIELD OFFICE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE ON DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLANS.** The [St. George \(UT\) News](#) (9/2, 3K) reports that “conservationists, rock climbers, off-road enthusiasts and public officials were among the attendees at the Bureau of Land Management’s open house in St. George Tuesday.” The St. George Field Office of the BLM-Utah is “conducting public open houses this week to provide the public with information about recently released draft management plans for the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs national conservation areas.” The bureau “presented its draft resource management plans to the public at the meeting, answering questions about the resource management plans and also accepting public comments.”

**LONG-TERM WILD HORSES PLACEMENT COSTS TAXPAYERS \$43 MILLION A YEAR.** [KJCT-TV](#) Grand Junction, CO (9/3, 1K) reports that “the excesses number of horses are ruining range-land health and costing tax payers a lot of money.” According to the article, “since the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 the Bureau of Land Management has worked to manage and protect wild horses on the Western Slope, yet in recent years the horse numbers have grown so large that they are exhausting the land’s carrying capacity.” The article notes that “according to the BLM the long-term placement of the horses to protect the range costs more than \$40 million a year.”

**BLM HOLDING WILD HORSE ADOPTION EVENT IN WISCONSIN.** On [WUWM-FM Milwaukee](#) (9/3, 3K), Martha Malik, public affairs specialist for the BLM in Milwaukee, talked "about a wild horse adoption effort this weekend in Mequon." Malik "explains that because wild horses have no predators and can double their size in four years, their population has increased," and "this increase in population has led to the efforts of the federal Bureau of Land Management to find people in Wisconsin to adopt the horses."

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**JUDGE TOSSES FWS LISTING OF LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN.** [Politico Pro](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "a Texas federal judge has vacated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's listing of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, saying the agency failed to conduct a rigorous enough analysis." The service "did not follow its own rules when evaluating proposed and existing conservation measures throughout the five-state range of the bird when it finalized the listing under the ESA in 2014," held Judge Robert Junell of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in his opinion in *Permian Basin Petroleum, et al., v. Department of the Interior*.

The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "Junell said FWS's regulations require the agency to fully consider such conservation measures – including ones that have yet to be implemented – to see whether they will be sufficient to avoid a listing."

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (9/3, Henry, 471K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (9/3, 344K), the [Topeka \(KS\) Capital-Journal](#) (9/2, 109K), the [Midland \(TX\) Reporter-Telegram](#) (9/3, 45K), the [Fort Worth \(TX\) Star-Telegram](#) (9/3, 449K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Press, 6.76M), the [Hutchinson \(KS\) News](#) (9/3, 2K), the [Garden City \(KS\) Telegram](#) (9/3, 24K), the [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#) (9/3, 566K), the [San Antonio \(TX\) Express-News](#) (9/3, 884K), [Fox News](#) (9/2, 8.91M), [Agri-Pulse](#) (9/3), and [KFDA-TV Amarillo \(TX\)](#) Amarillo, TX (9/3, 88K).

**GROUPS NOTIFY FWS OF LAWSUIT FOR COASTAL MARTEN PROTECTION.** The [Eureka \(CA\) Times Standard](#) (9/2, 55K) reports that "continuing with efforts started half a decade ago to protect the small carnivore known as the coastal marten, two environmental groups notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of their intent to sue after the service denied a petition to federally protect the species earlier this year." In 2010, the Environmental Protection Information Center joined the Center for Biological Diversity "in filing a petition to federally list the marten under the Endangered Species Act," and "in April of this year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined the species was not eligible for protection under the act." EPIC and the Center for Biological Diversity sent the notice of intent to sue to the FWS on Tuesday.

**LAWSUIT FILED OVER THE STEPHENS' KANGAROO RAT .** The [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (9/3, 303K) reports that the Riverside County Farm Bureau and others are contending in federal court that the FWS "failed to respond as required by law to a petition filed last year that claims" the Stephens' kangaroo rat is no longer endangered. The lawsuit was "filed in federal court Wednesday, Sept. 2, opening another chapter in the ongoing litigation over the nocturnal Inland critter that dates back to at least 1995." According to the article, "the petition argues that new scientific analysis by the Fresno-based Center for Environmental Science, Accuracy, and Reliability found that the animal is doing well and does not need to be listed as endangered, which requires more stringent habitat protections."

**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BACKS AWAY FROM FEDERAL PLAN TO CREATE NEW PANTHER POPULATIONS.** The [Naples \(FL\) Daily News](#) (9/3, 143K) reports that "Florida's lead wildlife agency backed away Wednesday from a key part of a federal plan that calls for establishing new Florida panther populations before the iconic wildcat can be taken off the endangered species list." According to the article, "after hearing from more than 40 environmentalists, ranchers and hunters — including a fourth-grade girl clutching a toy stuffed panther — the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission voted 4-1 to approve a new panther policy to focus instead on managing conflicts between humans and panthers south of the Caloosahatchee River in Southwest Florida." Meanwhile, "Commissioner Ron Bergeron, who cast the lone dissenting vote Wednesday, said it was too soon to give up on establishing two new panther populations in Florida or other southeastern states as called for in the federal plan."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington County \(FL\) Foster Folly News](#) (9/2).

**"SUE AND SETTLE" TACTICS CRITICIZED.** For the "Congress" blog of [The Hill](#) (9/3, Bradley, 471K), Robert L. Bradley Jr., CEO of the Institute for Energy Research, writes that "in a scathing report, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) has blown the whistle on the oft-used, controversial 'sue-and-settle' tactic used to design environmental regulations." He claims that "the federal bureaucracy has aligned itself with interest groups, rather than working for the benefit of the citizens." Bradley urges Congress to "stop the sue-and-settle ruse and challenge the cozy relationship between federal agencies and politically motivated environmental groups."

#### ***National Park Service:***

**TWO HOUSE DEMOCRATS BACK BILL TO PROVIDE \$1 BILLION TO NPS.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "a pair of House Democrats is backing legislation released by the Obama administration that would pump more than \$1 billion into the National Park Service to honor its 100th anniversary next year." In a joint statement with Rep. Niki Tsongas, the top Democrat on the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands, Rep. Raúl Grijalva, the ranking member on the Natural Resources Committee, said, "I intend to sponsor this bill in the House and work with my colleagues to see it move forward." The article notes that "the bill is likely to be a tougher sell with Republicans, who are generally loath to increase spending without offsetting the expenditures elsewhere in the federal budget." However, Emily Beyer, a spokeswoman for the Interior Department, said in an email that "a number of members in both the House and Senate have expressed interest in the legislation and are currently reviewing the details."

Additional coverage of the proposal was provided by [National Parks Traveler](#) (9/3, 989) and [WTSP-TV St. Petersburg \(FL\)](#) St. Petersburg, FL (9/2, 89K).

**DOLE JOINS VETERANS AT WWII MEMORIAL TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE SURRENDER.** The [CBS Evening News](#) (9/2, story 11, 0:25, Pelley, 5.08M) briefly reported that on Wednesday, "American veterans marked the 70th anniversary of Japan's surrender at the World War II Memorial in Washington. Former Sen. Bob Dole, now 92, reflected on the sacrifices made by so many. He also joked that it would be a good time to announce his candidacy for president."

**YELLOWSTONE GRIZZLY CUBS ARRIVE AT NEW HOME AT TOLEDO ZOO.** [CNN](#) (9/2, 5.17M) reports that "two orphaned grizzly cubs have found a new home at the Toledo Zoo." The article notes that "the twin females were orphaned soon after their mother killed a hiker in Yellowstone National Park in August." Zoo officials said that "the cubs, which appear to be in good health, will undergo the zoo's standard 30-to-60-day quarantine process before any public viewing will be considered."

Additional coverage was provided by [WDIV-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (9/3, 292K) and [WTVR-TV Richmond \(VA\)](#) Richmond, VA (9/2, 130K).

**SCHOODIC CAMPGROUND OPENS AT ACADIA NATIONAL PARK.** The [Ellsworth \(ME\) American](#) (9/2, 40K) reports that "the owners of the new Schoodic Woods Campground on the Schoodic Peninsula have transferred their interest in the property to the National Park Foundation." According to the article, "the change in ownership occurred two weeks before the Sept. 2 ribbon-cutting at the 94-site campground." Susan Newton, an executive with the National Park Foundation, said "on Wednesday that the foundation has taken ownership of the property until it can be transferred to the National Park Service."

The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that "federal officials and conservationists are celebrating the opening of a new campground at Acadia National Park." The more than 1,400-acre Schoodic Woods Campground is opening on Wednesday. Sen. Angus King, Acadia Superintendent Sheridan Steele and Schoodic Institute President Mark Berry will speak at a ceremony at the campground.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (9/2, 223K).

**NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH HELP WITH PRESERVATION PROJECTS THROUGH HOPE INITIATIVE.** The [AP](#) (9/3, Susan Montoya Bryan |, Ap, 6.76M) reports that Native American youth "spent most of the summer helping" with preservation projects "as part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's HOPE initiative, or Hands-On Preservation Experience." The trust partnered with the National Park Service and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps "to train more young people in preservation skills while helping historical sites on public land." The article notes that "from New Mexico and Arizona to Virginia and Vermont, crews worked on some 30 projects this summer."

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY.** The [Loveland \(CO\) Reporter-Herald](#) (9/3, 51K) reports that Rocky Mountain National Park will "mark its 100th anniversary with a rededication ceremony at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday in a meadow at the Glacier Basin Campground." The article notes that "the event will feature music, family activities and cake, and special guests including Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, Sen. Cory Gardner, National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, Rocky Mountain National Park Superintendent Vaughn Baker and former Sen. Mark Udall, the honorary chairman of Rocky's Centennial."

**CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK NAMED "INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PARK".** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that Canyonlands National Park is "being recognized for its dark skies and lack of light pollution." Park officials announced that Canyonlands was "named as an 'International Dark Sky Park' by the Arizona-based International Dark-Sky Association." The NPS is "planning a special astronomy event at the park on Sept. 18 to commemorate the dark-sky designation and showcase views of star-filled skies."

**TWO YOSEMITE VISITORS RECOVER AFTER BEING INFECTED WITH BUBONIC PLAGUE.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (9/3, 535K) reports that "in the past two months,

**NPS RELEASES EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN.** [Trade Only](#) (9/3) reports that the NPS "released the final General Management Plan for Everglades National Park, which includes several changes that will affect recreational boating and fishing access and habitat conservation in the park." The article notes that "a coalition of eight groups representing recreational fishing and boating expressed its appreciation to park officials for addressing concerns that were raised during the process."

**BIOLOGIST RECOMMENDS IMPORTING WOLVES TO MICHIGAN'S ISLE ROYALE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"**. The [MLive \(MI\)](#) (9/3, 739K) reports that as the NPS "mulls what, if anything, should be done to save the meager wolf population on Isle Royale, a leading environmental science researcher says the best way to tame the exploding moose population and protect island vegetation is to begin importing wolves." John Vucetich, a Michigan Tech University biologist who studies the wildlife of Isle Royale, said, "It's important that action be taken sooner rather than later." Meanwhile, Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow are "trying to speed things up by urging the park service to complete a management plan to save the wolves by next July, a deadline that's unlikely to be met."

**WILDLIFE OVERPASS PROPOSED ON 101 FREEWAY IN LOS ANGELES.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (9/3, Groves, 4.07M) reports that "mountain lions, bobcats and other wildlife would have less chance of becoming roadkill if the state adopts a plan to build a landscaped bridge over the 101 Freeway in Agoura Hills, supporters of the proposal said Wednesday." According to the article, "state agencies, elected officials and wildlife advocates urged the state to provide the much-needed link in an area where rampant development and highways have fragmented once-continuous habitat." The article notes that since NPS "biologists began researching mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains in 2002, motorists have struck and killed a dozen of the big cats in the study area, including a male puma hit on the 101 near Liberty Canyon two years ago."

**KAYMOOR TRAIL IN NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER CLOSED FOR WEATHER-RELATED REPAIRS.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 344K) reports that the NPS has "closed a portion of a hiking trail in southern West Virginia due to an unstable slope." Park officials say "parts of the Kaymoor Trail in the New River Gorge National River will remain closed indefinitely until repairs can be made."

**ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE TO HOLD FUNERAL FOR 13,000.** The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (9/3, 1.05M) reports that "the Andersonville National Historic Site, already a gutwrenchingly moving testament to the rigors of the Civil War, takes on a new role on Sept. 19th as the setting for a one-of-a-kind funeral." According to the article, the "Funeral for 13,000" is "an acknowledgment of the more than 12,900 United States soldiers who died at the southwest Georgia facility during its fourteen months of operation as a Confederate prison."

**NPS TO DECIDE ON BELMONT BARBECUE PIT.** The [Citizen of Laconia \(NH\)](#) (9/3) reports that the NPS is "being asked to amend a grant boundary to Belmont's Sargent Park and allow the town to reconstruct a barbecue pit at the new Tioga Pavilion." The article notes that "the new pit is part of Belmont's recent effort to construct the \$89,000 pavilion using partial grant money from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund."

**BODY OF MISSING HIKER IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK FOUND.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that "officials at Yosemite National Park have found the body of a man who was missing for more than three weeks." According to park spokesman Scott Gediman, "the body of 39-year-old James Michael Millet Jr. was found above Yosemite Valley on Tuesday." The article notes that "a cause of death was not released" and "an investigation is ongoing."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (9/3, Rocha, 4.07M), the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (9/3, 265K), and [Reuters](#) (9/2).

#### ***US Geological Survey:***

**HIKER WHO DIED AT GRAND CANYON WAS USGS RESEARCHER.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 344K) reports that "a hiker who fell to his death at the Grand Canyon was a U.S. Geological Survey researcher studying riparian vegetation." According to Grand Canyon National Park spokeswoman Emily Davis, "51-year-old Daniel Sarr fell into a gully Friday while hiking to the Colorado River to join a rafting trip." Sarr was a research ecologist at the USGS Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center in Flagstaff.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (9/2, 1.12M) and the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (9/3, 34K).

**DECLINING SNOWFALL HITTING NAVAJO PEOPLE.** The [Arizona Republic](#) (9/2, 1.12M) reports that "a lifetime of declining snowfall on the Navajo Reservation is making an already unforgiving desert landscape increasingly uninhabitable." The article notes that "snow tracked at six northeastern Arizona weather stations has plummeted by more than two-thirds on average since the 1930s, according to research led by the U.S. Geological Survey." USGS geomorphologist Margaret Hiza Redsteer said, "It's just hitting the Navajo people first."

#### **Top National News:**

**MEDIA ANALYSES: SAVING IRAN DEAL IN US SENATE A MAJOR VICTORY FOR OBAMA.** Sen. Barbara Mikulski's announcement that she will support the Iran nuclear deal, which gives the President the 34 votes he needs to prevent the Senate from overriding his veto of a resolution of disapproval, is being cast as a major victory for the President. Coverage is extensive, with reports on all three network news broadcasts and heavy print and online coverage. While many reports say Mikulski's decision will embolden Democrats in their effort to secure the 41 votes they need to filibuster the resolution and keep the President from having to use his veto, several also indicate that Republicans are considering other options to derail the deal.

[ABC World News](#) (9/2, story 6, 0:25, Muir, 5.84M) called Mikulski's announcement a "big victory" for the President, adding that the deal, which has been "under fire" from Republicans, "is safe," and [NBC Nightly News](#) (9/2, story 5, 1:20, Holt, 7.86M) said it was "a major win for the Obama Administration," adding that the deal "now appears unstoppable." Cable commentary was similar Wednesday evening. Jake Tapper said on [CNN's The Lead](#) (9/2, 320K) that the White House dodged a "major legislative bullet," while Brianna Keilar on [CNN Wolf](#) (9/2, 224K) called it "a major victory for President Obama," and Shannon Bream said on [Fox News Real Story](#) (9/2) that the White House "score[d] a big foreign policy victory." Rachel Maddow said on [MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show](#) (9/2, 769K) that the President has "sealed what may be the biggest diplomatic achievement of his presidency," adding that this is "a huge political victory for the Obama Administration."

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (9/3, Richter, Mascaro, 4.07M) similarly says Mikulski's support "assured a political victory for Obama, and a surprising loss for the Republican majority in Congress, which uniformly opposes the deal." In addition, it "pushed Obama's allies in the Senate to go for broke and try to get seven of the final 10 wavering Democrats on their side," which could "block a GOP-backed resolution of disapproval with a filibuster." However, [Reuters](#) (9/3, Zengerle) reports that leadership aides from both sides of the aisle say it is too soon to tell whether deal supporters will be able to muster the 41 votes they need. Kristen Welker said on [MSNBC](#) (9/2, 545K) that Mikulski's support is "being greeted as a victory by President Obama." Welker added that while the White House is "optimistic" about securing the 41 votes needed to prevent a vote, "they say it's going to be tough."

[Politico](#) (9/2, Toosi, 942K) said the White House "is more determined than ever to keep the agreement from reaching a vote in the first place," and the [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Wolfgang, 344K) reports that while the White House "celebrated" word of Mikulski's support, press secretary Josh Earnest "said the White House will continue lobbying undecided members of Congress."

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (9/3, Fritze, 834K) says Mikulski "handed the White House a symbolic victory, at least," and both [Voice of America](#) (9/3, Saine, 32K) and [TIME](#) (9/3, Calabresi, 19.55M) called Mikulski's announcement "a major foreign-policy victory" for the President. TIME adds, however, that the support of 34 senators is "hardly a resounding victory for the administration's position" as it is "the bare minimum number of Senators Obama needs to ensure he can deliver on his end of the deal with Iran." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, A1, Peterson, Lee, Subscription Publication, 5.95M) notes that while Mikulski's support represents a victory for the Administration, the downside is that the President will be carrying out a major piece of US foreign policy without majority support from Congress.

While the [New York Times](#) (9/3, A1, Weisman, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) says that "support for the deal has not been enthusiastic," it adds that there is "growing recognition, even among some accord opponents, that the other nations — Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia, and especially Iran — would be unwilling to renegotiate the agreement even if Congress formally rejected it." The [Huffington Post](#) (9/2, Stein, Terkel, 164K) said that while the President has "both notched one of the most significant nuclear non-proliferation agreements in history and cemented a foreign policy legacy of robust diplomatic engagement," the question of whether "that legacy turns out sterling or sour" will not be answered until "well beyond the end date of his presidency." An editorial in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 5.95M) says that with Mikulski's support, which ensures that the deal will move forward, Democrats, including the Vice President and Hillary Clinton, have taken responsibility for ensuring that Iran complies.

The [AP](#) (9/3, Werner) says Mikulski's support "spells failure for opponents of the international agreement who sought to foil it by turning Congress against it." [USA Today](#) (9/3, Kelly, 5.23M) notes that while they acknowledged they will be unable to override the President's veto, Senate Republicans "pushed back hard against the deal." GOP presidential candidate Sen. Lindsey Graham said, "The Iranians have now secured enough votes in the Senate to ensure they have a pathway to a bomb, the missile to deliver it and the money to pay for it." Another presidential hopeful, Sen. Marco Rubio, "vowed to overturn the agreement if he is elected." Majority Leader McConnell, meanwhile, "accused the Obama administration of reducing 'this important national security matter to a partisan contest,'" [Bloomberg Politics](#) (9/3, Miller, 247K) reports.

The [New York Daily News](#) (9/3, Edelman, 3.75M) reports that Republicans said that "the next President will have a chance to undo the deal." adding that a spokesman for House

Republicans "are considering legislative options to counter the deal, including the possible reimposition of sanctions the agreement is supposed to lift," adding that they have been "thinking through alternatives for months, knowing that Mr. Obama would probably be able to fend off efforts to override his veto."

In a separate story, [Politico](#) (9/2, Kim, 942K) noted that House Minority Leader Pelosi "has indicated that she's confident there will be enough Democratic support in her chamber to sustain a veto of a resolution disapproving the Iran deal, should Obama issue one." [The Hill](#) (9/2, Marcos, 471K) reported in its "Floor Action" blog that Pelosi "urged Democrats to announce their position as soon as possible," noting in a letter to House Democrats that she learned from Boehner "that the critical vote to disapprove of the Iran deal could take place in the House as soon as next week when Congress returns from the August recess." Pelosi "stressed that the looming vote...mea

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### **DOI in the News:**

**AS OBAMA CONCLUDES VISIT TO ALASKA, ENVIRONMENTALISTS SLAM DRILLING DECISION.** The final day of the President's visit to Alaska generated a brief report on the [CBS Evening News](#) (9/2, story 12, 0:25, Pelley, 5.08M), which noted an incident in which the President held up a salmon and "the fish...disgraced itself, on Mr. Obama's shoes," and a short report on [NBC Nightly News](#) (9/2, story 9, 0:25, Holt, 7.86M), which also noted the incident. Print and online coverage, which are also lighter, highlight the President's visit to the towns of Dillingham and Kotzebue, casting it as an effort to draw attention to the impact climate change is already having. While it was not as ubiquitous in the coverage as in previous days, criticism from environmentalists over the decision to allow Royal Dutch Shell to drill in the Arctic continues to appear alongside coverage of the President's trip.

Under the headline, "Obama Paints Dire View On Climate Change," the [Alaska Journal of Commerce](#) (9/3, Brehmer, 14K) says the President "seems to be setting the agenda for the final 16 months of his presidency, and climate change is his top priority." However, the Journal also notes that environmentalists, who are "typically in the president's corner had harsh words for him stemming from his administration's approval of Shell's drilling offshore drilling plan in the Chukchi Sea," and includes statements from several groups criticizing the decision. Dan Springer reported on [Fox News' Special Report](#) (9/2, 1.53M) that the Administration's "all-of-the-above energy strategy in Alaska is pleasing none of the above." While environmentalists "are outraged" that the President allowed drilling in the Arctic, the oil industry believes he "remains too restrictive" by blocking "huge potential reserves."

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (9/3, McNally, 288K) reprints a Global Post piece by Caitlin McNally, who noted that as she wrote, "Shell's rig, the Transocean Polar Pioneer, was approaching its destination 70 miles off the shores of Wainwright, Alaska." McNally wrote that during a visit to the Royal Dutch Shell offices on London, "it was made abundantly clear to me that the company accepts the fact of global warming and the consequences of climate change as a new normal," but "part of this focus on climate change reality includes an unapologetic reminder to the world that Shell is, after all, an oil and gas company."

[Reuters](#) (9/3, Rampton, Quinn) portrays the President's visits to Dillingham and Kotzebue as an effort by the White House to draw attention to the impact climate change is having on Americans. The [AP](#) (9/3, Lederman) reports that the President's "goal was to showcase the havoc he says human-influenced climate change is wreaking on Alaska's delicate landscape: entire rural villages sinking into the ground as permafrost thaws, protective sea ice melts and temperatures climb."

A later story from the [AP](#) (9/3, Lederman) reported that the President told residents of Kotzebue "that their plight should be the world's wake-up call on global warming." During his visit to the town, which was "designed to snap the country to attention by illustrating the ways warmer temperatures have already threatened entire communities and ways of life in Alaska," the President "I've been trying to make the rest of the country more aware of the changing climate, but you're already living it." The [New York Times](#) (9/3, Davis, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) says that in his "history-making stop," the President delivered an "alarm-sounding message about the warming of the planet — a phenomenon occurring twice as quickly in Alaska as in the rest of the United States." [USA Today](#) (9/3, Korte, 5.23M) also reports the President "sound[ed] the alarm on climate change," saying, "What's happening here should be America's wake-up call. It's the world's wake up call."

On its website, [Voice of America](#) (9/3, Williams, Gallo, 32K) reviewed the President's entire visit to Alaska, noting that the "highly choreographed trip across Alaska aims to build support for his environmental policies to combat climate change." In a story on the President's use of a "selfie stick" during the trip, [The Hill](#) (9/2, Henry, 471K) noted that the White House cast the trip "as an opportunity for him to personally show Americans the impact of climate change on the region."

In an in-depth piece, [Vox](#) (9/2, Plumer, 1.1M) discusses "why Shell is going to such extreme lengths for oil, why Obama gave it the green light, and how this drilling project acquired such outsized significance in the climate debate." The article discusses several points, including: (1) Shell wants to produce from US Arctic waters as no one else is currently doing; (2) Shell's efforts have so far "been bogged down by lawsuits and disasters;" (3) the Obama Administration "now thinks Shell is ready to drill;" (4) the difficulties of cleaning up an Arctic oil spill; (5) disagreement between Obama and environmentalists "on whether Shell's drilling matters for global warming;" (6) what to expect from the next president; and (7) that Arctic drilling's future "is highly uncertain — and a lot depends on Shell."

Additional coverage was provided by [CNN](#) (9/2, 5.17M), [The Hill](#) (9/3, Biette, 471K), the [Baltimore \(MD\) Sun](#) (9/3, 834K), the [New Republic](#) (9/2, 242K), [KSHB-TV Kansas City \(MO\)](#) Kansas City, MO (9/3, 100K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (9/3, 345K), and [WDIV-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (9/3, 292K).

**White House Announces Initiatives To Promote Energy Efficiency In Alaska.** [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, 219K) reports that ahead of the President's visit to Kotzebue, the White House "announced new efforts and funding to encourage energy efficiency in remote villages and the appointment of a federal coordinator for 'climate resilience' in

aimed at reducing fossil fuel use and countering climate impacts in the region of the world that is warming the fastest." The Post notes that although the Administration announced the initiatives "under the umbrella of helping tribal and rural communities cope with climate change and other challenges," several tribal leaders "said they expected more from the federal government given the peril their communities now face."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication), the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, Martinson, 219K), and the [Seattle \(WA\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (9/2, 560K).

**Obama Administration Unveils New Climate Resilience Tools.** The [Native American Times](#) (9/2, 337) reports that "as part of the Obama Administration's Climate Data Initiative, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announced a new set of online climate data resources to help Arctic communities with climate change planning, adaptation and management." The article notes that "the new data sets, introduced today as part of an online Climate Resilience Toolkit, comprised more than 250 Arctic-related datasets and more than 40 maps, tools, and other resources designed to support climate-resilience efforts in the Arctic." Jewell said, "Through the release of Arctic-themed climate data, the U.S. is demonstrating its leadership in sharing free and open climate-relevant information, while also encouraging public innovation and partnerships with private sector entities that are interested in leveraging this data. Also, by sharing climate data among nations, we are providing tools that may be useful in increasing resilience measures across national boundaries in the Arctic."

Additional coverage was provided by [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/3, 219K).

**USGS Announces New Height For Denali.** The [AP](#) (9/2, D'oro) reports that "Denali, the Alaska mountain formerly known Mount McKinley, is now officially 10 feet shorter, measuring 20,310 feet at its highest point, the U.S. Geological Survey announced Wednesday." The article notes that "the previous measurement of 20,320 feet stemmed from a 1953 survey that used the technology of the time, officials said." According to the article, "the new elevation is the result of data collected from the mountain by climbers in June using technology that didn't exist in the earlier survey, such as GPS instruments."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication), [NBC News](#) (9/2, 3.73M), [The Hill](#) (9/2, Cama, 471K), the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/2, Harder, 5.95M), [ABC](#) (9/2, 1.47M), [TIME](#) (9/2, 19.55M), [US News & World Report](#) (9/2, 811K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (9/2, 3.3M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (9/3, Pearce, 4.07M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (9/2, 455K), the [San Jose \(CA\) Mercury News](#) (9/2, 626K), [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/2, 219K), [GISuser](#) (9/2), and [Popular Science](#) (9/2, 6.51M).

Additional coverage of the Denali name change was provided by the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (9/3, 594K) the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (9/3, 183K), the [Kenai \(AK\) Peninsula Clarion](#) (9/2, 18K), the [Santa Fe New Mexican](#) (9/3, 67K), the [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (9/3, 73K), the [Fort Worth \(TX\) Star-Telegram](#) (9/3, 449K), the [Columbus \(OH\) Dispatch](#) (9/2, 515K), the [Cleveland \(OH\) Plain Dealer](#) (9/3, 1.03M), the [Seattle \(WA\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (9/2, 560K), the [Dallas \(TX\) Morning News](#) (9/3, 1.15M), [New Hampshire Public Radio](#) (9/2, 2K), [Western Journalism](#) (9/3, 303K), [Salon](#) (9/2, 1.08M), [Intercontinental Cry Magazine](#) (9/3), [Opposing Views](#) (9/3, 1.75M), and [Yahoo! News](#) (9/3, Palermo, 5.98M).

**Actress Emma Thompson Protests Arctic Drilling.** In continuing coverage, the [Daily Caller](#) (9/2, Bentley, 375K) reports on actress Emma Thompson's protest against Shell's plans to drill in the Arctic. The Caller says Thompson "recited a bizarre poem for news cameras Wednesday warning of an apocalyptic world of 'liquefied slaughter' and melting ice caps all thanks to greedy fossil fuel companies."

[Agencia EFE \(ESP\)](#) (9/3) also covered the story, reporting that Greenpeace installed a polar bear robot the size of a double-decker bus in front of Shell's London headquarters.

**Agencies Responding To Greenpeace Portland Protest Paid Out Nearly \$90,000 In Overtime.** The [Oregonian](#) (9/2, 756K) reports that "the nine agencies that responded to the Greenpeace protest on the St. Johns Bridge," in which "13 rappelled off the Portland bridge and dangled there for two days in an effort to block a Shell Oil Arctic icebreaker from leaving Portland," paid out a total of \$88,737.97 in overtime. Agencies racking up overtime include the Portland Police Bureau, Oregon State Police and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

**Arctic Development Push Sparks Debate Over Law Of The Sea Treaty.** The [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Taylor, 344K) notes that amid the "international scramble over development, energy and climate change in the Arctic" there is "fresh debate over whether American influence in the region may be limited by the fact that the US is the only nation in the fight to have never ratified the Law of the Sea treaty." Noting that US officials often refer to the treaty "as a gold standard for resolving potential future disputes in the Arctic and elsewhere around the globe," the Times says "some international experts say there is a whiff of hypocrisy in such rhetoric because — while American diplomats signed the treaty in 1982 — Congress has never actually approved it."

**Pentagon: Chinese Warships Spotted In Bering Sea During Obama's Alaska Visit.** The [AP](#) (9/3, Baldor) reports that five Chinese warships have been spotted moving into the Bering Sea near Alaska, but US "officials said they don't view the ships as a threat" as the President visits Alaska. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the Pentagon "positively identified a number of Chinese naval vessels in that region, but based on their analysis they have not detected any sort of threat or threatening activities." However, he acknowledged that the intent of the ships presence "is still unclear." [Reuters](#) (9/3, Rampton) also reports Earnest's remarks, and a senior Defense official confirmed to [Fox News' Special Report](#) (9/2, 1.53M) "that five Chinese navy ships have been spotted in the Bering Sea off the Alaskan coast," which "coincides" with the President's visit to the state.

A second [Reuters](#) (9/3, Stewart) report says the ships' positioning in the Bering Sea marked a first for the Chinese military, while the [New York Times](#) (9/3, Cooper, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) reports that a "Pentagon official noted that China has every right to patrol international waters," and Pentagon spokesman Capt. Jeff Davis said that the Defense Department respected "the freedom of all nations to operate military vessels in international waters." According to a front-page story in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, A1, Page, Lubold, Subscription Publication, 5.95M), the Pentagon has known for several days that the ships were in the area and were monitoring their movements.

**Commentary Discusses Visit To Shell London Headquarters, Climate Change.** The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (9/3, McNally, 288K) reprints a Global Post piece by Caitlin McNally, who noted that as she wrote, "Shell's rig, the Transocean Polar Pioneer, was approaching its destination 70 miles off the shores of Wainwright, Alaska." McNally wrote that during a visit to the Royal Dutch Shell offices in London, "it was made abundantly clear to me that the company accepts the fact of global warming and the consequences of climate change as a new normal," but "part of this focus on climate change reality includes an unapologetic reminder to the world that Shell is, after all, an oil and gas company."

**Former Unalaska Mayor Touts Benefits Of Shell's Arctic Drilling Program.** In commentary for [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (9/2, 219K), Paul Fuhs, former mayor of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, discusses the benefits Shell's Arctic drilling program will have for Alaska by creating jobs, bolstering the economy and increasing area safety because its Arctic fleet can respond to emergencies outside its own companies.

**Arctic Institute Director: Oil Industry Should Be Invited To Discuss Climate Change.** In commentary for [The Hill](#) (9/3, Herrmann, 471K), Victoria Herrmann, U.S. director of the Arctic Institute, argues that "offering the petroleum industry an invitation to discuss climate change mitigation and adaptation in a region that is melting because of their business model is counterintuitive and controversial. But it is essential." Herrmann says it's important to acknowledge "that de-carbonizing the global economy will not happen overnight" and that oil "will continue to play a major role in both international energy supplies and domestic economies in the short and medium-term."

**AJOC Editor Discusses Denali Renaming, Compliments Obama On Allowing Drilling.** Andrew Jensen, managing editor, writes in the [Alaska Journal of Commerce](#) (9/2, 14K) writes on the support of both Alaska residents and lawmakers for Obama's announcement that Mt. McKinley will officially be renamed Denali. Jensen concludes that "amid a global economic slowdown and a collapse in oil prices, Obama's record in Alaska isn't all bad," noting Shell's drilling in the Chukchi Sea and ConocoPhillips drilling in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Says Jensen, "Alaska is one of the few places on Earth where this level of investment and actual drilling is currently happening. Obama's administration hasn't necessarily made it easy, but it hasn't stopped it, either. That's an executive inaction worth appreciating."

**Smith Blasts Obama's Climate Change Plan.** The [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Richardson, 344K) reports that House Science, Space and Technology Committee chairman Rep. Lamar Smith blasted the President's climate change plan, saying in a statement, "The president is on thin ice to claim his costly plan will address climate change or benefit Americans." Noting the President's climate change predictions, Smith said, that "the only thing certain about long-term climate predictions is that they're certain to miss the mark," adding, "The president and his EPA have become traveling salesmen, touring the world to push their extreme climate change agenda. ... But the science doesn't support the president's exaggerated claims linking climate change to severe weather events."

**SECRETARY JEWELL IN NEVADA HIGHLIGHTS "EVERY KID IN A PARK" CAMPAIGN.** The [AP](#) (9/2, 179K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell "led a delegation of schoolchildren to a scenic national area outside Las Vegas on Wednesday to highlight a federal 'Every Kid in a Park' campaign." Jewell and the head of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Christy Goldfuss, "joined fourth-grade students from West Preparatory Academy at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area." According to the article, "organizers called it an inaugural event of an Obama administration campaign to let fourth-graders nationwide use [www.everykidinapark.gov](#) to obtain

[Times](#) (9/3, 344K), the [Oklahoman](#) (9/3, 408K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 3.35M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (9/3, Press, 1.19M), [ABC News](#) (9/3, News, 3.97M), [Yahoo! News](#) (9/3, 5.98M), [KTNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (9/3, 56K), [KOLO-TV Reno \(NV\)](#) Reno, NV (9/3, 3K), [KTNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (9/3, 56K), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City](#) (9/2, 1.07M).

Additional coverage of the "Every Kid in a Park" initiative was provided by the [Oregonian](#) (9/2, 756K), the [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (9/2, 769K), the [Cambridge \(OH\) Daily Jeffersonian](#) (9/2, 358), [Care2](#) (9/2, 222K), [Dispatch Times](#) (9/2), [HCP Live](#) (9/2, 1K), [KDLT-TV Sioux Falls, SD](#) (9/2, 1K), [KSHB-TV Kansas City, MO](#) (9/2, 100K), [WTVG-TV Toledo \(OH\)](#) Toledo, OH (9/3, 59K), [KGWN-TV Cheyenne \(WY\)](#) Cheyenne, WY (9/3, 519), [KHON-TV Honolulu \(HI\)](#) Honolulu (9/2, 72K), [HOLA Ciudad!](#) (9/2), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (9/1, 28K), [WCCU-TV Champaign, IL](#) (9/2, 119), [PRNewswire](#) (9/2), and the [Sierra Star \(CA\)](#) (9/2, 12K).

**National Parks Seeing Surge Of Visitors This Summer.** The [AP](#) (9/3) reports that "throng of tourists have been showing up in big numbers at...national parks" this summer, "driven by good weather, cheap gas and marketing campaigns ahead of next year's National Park Service centennial." The article notes that "with the busy Labor Day weekend still ahead, the Park Service already has recorded 5 million more visitors from this time last year." Officials at the parks say "they are making do with the resources they have, including encouraging visitors to use shuttles to cut down on the number of vehicles within parks and paying overtime to keep as many entrance gates open as possible." The article notes that "the increase in visitors is due partly to the Park Service's 'Find Your Park' campaign, which launched earlier this year to reintroduce people to the parks." And "another campaign promises to bring more tourists: Fourth-graders and their families are being encouraged to go to national parks with a free, yearlong pass for them, starting this week."

Additional coverage was picked up by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Felicia Fonseca |, Ap, 6.76M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (9/3, Fonseca, 344K).

**ANALYSIS: WILDFIRE BILL IS HOUSE PANEL'S MOST BIPARTISAN.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "a bill to overhaul how the nation budgets for wildfire is the most bipartisan piece of legislation before the House Natural Resources Committee and should promptly receive a vote, according to an analysis released today by a Western conservation group." The "Wildfire Disaster Funding Act" by Reps. Mike Simpson and Kurt Schrader is "sponsored by 125 lawmakers – 70 Democrats and 55 Republicans – broader support than for any of the 338 other bills that have been referred to the committee this Congress, the Center for Western Priorities said."

**Additional Coverage: Drones Helping To Battle Northwest Wildfires.** Additional coverage that "a Boeing-built drone has been helping out human-piloted aircraft fighting Washington state wildfires" was provided by the [Puget Sound \(WA\) Business Journal](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 59K).

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**CROW TRIBAL MEMBERS PLAN TO CLOSE SAGE CREEK ROAD.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (9/3, 179K) reports that "members of the Crow Tribe plan to close Sage Creek Road across their property beginning Sept. 8, citing years of use and abuse of the route without upkeep in addition to damage to historical sites in the area east of Bridger." Terry Plain Bull said, "We've been complaining to the (Bureau of Indian Affairs) for years, since we closed the Gap, now we're closing the route to the ice caves."

**WILL CALLS FOR CHANGES TO INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT.** George Will writes in his [Washington Post](#) (9/3, 6.76M) column that the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act "was passed to prevent a real abuse, the taking of Indian children from their homes without justifiable cause." But by "protecting tribal sovereignty without stipulating the primary importance of protecting the best interests of the children, the rights of the tribes have essentially erased those of the children and the parents who wish to adopt them." He says the law "should be overturned or revised."

## **Tackling America's Water Challenges:**

**GOLD KING MINE SPILL PROMPTS CHANGES IN WARNING SYSTEM.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that "a massive wastewater spill from an old gold mine in Colorado has prompted state officials to expand the list of downstream users they will warn after such accidents." Last month, "Colorado health officials notified only agencies inside the state after 3 million gallons of water tainted with heavy metals gushed out of the Gold King mine near Silverton and eventually reached the Animas, San Juan and Colorado rivers in New Mexico and Utah." In the future, "the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will warn downstream states as well, department spokesman Mark Salley said."

Additional coverage of the spill was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (9/2, Smith, 259K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (9/3, Paul, 787K), and [The Hill](#) (9/3, Mintz, 471K).

**FIGHT BETWEEN TRIBES AND FARMERS OVER TRINITY RIVER WATER PROVIDES CASE STUDY ABOUT DROUGHT ISSUES.** [McClatchy](#) (9/3, Doyle, 28K) provides an overview of "the conflict over the Trinity River in Northern California." According to the article, "amid record drought, this long-running and singular battle has become a case study about the difficulties in balancing Western water use."

**BACKERS OF DELTA TUNNELS CRITICIZED.** The [Central Valley \(CA\) Business Times](#) (9/3, 206) reports that "the California Department of Water Resources and the federal Bureau of Reclamation have made fundamental errors and perhaps may be lying in their push to get the State Water Resources Control Board to approve the Delta water tunnels, local water agencies say." According to the article, "in a letter to the executive director of the Water Board, the Water Agencies of the North Delta and the Central Delta Water Agency list the problems with the DWR tunnels request." However, "the water agencies are not stopping with calling the petition into question with the water board, four out of five members of which owe their jobs to the governor, the major proponent of the tunnels." They are also "calling on the Sacramento County District Attorney to look into whether the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation lied."

## **Securing America's Energy Future:**

### **Onshore Energy Development:**

**INTERIOR TAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STREAM PROTECTION RULE.** The [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (9/2, 414K) reports that "Kentucky coal industry supporters and environmental advocates are expected to clash in Lexington on Thursday over proposed regulations that seek to protect streams from mining destruction." The article notes that "the Sierra Club and other environmental groups are rallying supporters to attend, as is the Kentucky Coal Association, as a U.S. Interior Department agency takes public comment on a so-called stream protection rule." According to the article, "environmental groups have said the Office of Surface Mining proposal doesn't go far enough and will continue to allow the filling of mountain valleys in headwaters of streams with waste rock, harming aquatic life and causing pollution that flows downriver." Meanwhile, "mining interests and their political supporters are saying the proposed regulations are another example of a 'war on coal' by the Obama administration."

The [Greene County \(PA\) Observer-Reporter](#) (9/2, 83K) reports that "a public hearing will be held in Green Tree next week on proposed federal rules aimed at protecting streams from the impacts of coal mining, a contentious issue particularly in Washington and Greene counties where longwall mining is employed."

Additional coverage was provided by the [4-Traders](#) (9/3, 5K) and [WFPL-FM Louisville \(KY\)](#) Louisville, KY (9/3, 6K).

**OSMRE RELEASES COLOWYO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AHEAD OF DEADLINE.** The [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (9/3, 73K) reports that "a federal agency has completed an environmental review involving the Colowyo Coal Mine a week ahead of a court-ordered deadline, likely ending the threat of a temporary shutdown in operations there." The OSMRE "finds in an environmental assessment that the mine's continued operations in an expansion area would result in no significant environmental impact, including when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions resulting from mining the coal and burning it in the nearby Craig Station power plant in Moffat County."

[Steamboat \(CO\) Pilot & Today](#) (9/2, 30K) reports that "sometime this week, it will issue a mining plan recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior's Office."

Additional coverage was provided by [KDVR-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (9/2, 166K).

**HEARING HELD ON BADGER-TWO MEDICINE GAS LEASE.** The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (9/2, 75K) reports that "public comments given at a hearing held by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Choteau on Wednesday urged overwhelmingly that a lease for an exploratory natural gas well in the Badger-Two Medicine be canceled." According to the article, "the purpose of Wednesday's meeting was to look at ways to mitigate the affect drilling could have on the Badger-Two Medicine." The article notes that "many meeting attendees argued that no mitigation effort could prevent the area from being damaged."

Also providing coverage is the [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (9/3, 39K).

Department of the Interior." She notes that "four of the five sessions took place in the heart of coal country, so it's no surprise that Big Coal brought senior executives out in number." However, Hitt says that "Interior probably did not expect to hear from so many passionate community members who asked BLM to reform the federal coal leasing program."

#### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: RESEARCHERS RECOMMEND MONITORING OCEAN SEISMIC TESTING LIKE POLLUTION.** Additional coverage that "scientists say new global regulations on ocean noise pollution are needed to protect marine life" was provided by the [Summit County \(CO\) Citizens Voice](#) (9/2, 506) and the [AZoCleantech](#) (9/3).

### **America's Great Outdoors:**

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**JURASSIC NATIONAL MONUMENT PROPOSAL RECEIVES LOCAL SUPPORT.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that a local county board on Tuesday "unanimously backed a proposal from Utah Republican Reps. Jason Chaffetz and Rob Bishop to designate a quarry packed with dinosaur fossils as a national monument." According to the article, "with the Emery County public lands council's approval, the plan to turn the Cleveland-Lloyd dinosaur fossil quarry, already a national natural landmark, into Jurassic National Monument is not expected to face opposition locally." Ethan Migliori, chairman of the Emery County Commission, said "ranchers' fears about losing grazing access have been allayed, clearing the way for widespread support."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Brady Mccombs |, Ap, 6.76M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), and the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 3.35M).

**EFFORT TO SAVE SAGE GROUSE CONCENTRATES ON SAGEBRUSH.** The [Washington Post](#) (9/3, Fears, 6.76M) reports that "the vast sagebrush that sprawls across 11 Western states" is "being overshadowed by attention focused on the greater sage grouse, a chicken-like bird that dances and shouts in mating rituals across the West." However, "a new effort by the federal government, Western states, environmental groups and ranchers to revive the dwindling sage grouse population is, in reality, a determined push to save the ranging sagebrush." According to the article, "this consortium of strange bedfellows is finally giving sagebrush its due, throwing movie money at it — hundreds of millions of dollars — in a bid to restore the ecology in large chunks of one of the largest ecosystems in the United States so that 350 species of animals living there can survive." The article notes that "in less than two weeks, the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service, which own more than half of the land covered by sagebrush, are expected to finalize a plan that will change how mining operations, cattle ranchers and developers have operated on the territory for decades."

**OHV Group Seeks Delay In Sage Grouse Listing.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "an off-highway vehicle (OHV) group last week asked the Obama administration to push back its legally binding Sept. 30 deadline to decide whether to protect the greater sage grouse, warning it is prepared to join a 'flurry of litigation' against the government's actions." Paul Turcke, an attorney for the national OHV group BlueRibbon Coalition, "warned in a letter to administration officials that land-use restrictions proposed by the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service to avoid an Endangered Species Act listing for the sage grouse are untested and need additional environmental review." Turcke wrote that "while the BLM and Forest Service plans are the cornerstone of federal efforts to avoid a listing, they include 'unjustified and unacceptable conditions' that could harm the interest of motorized recreation."

**MURDER TRIAL POSSIBLE FOR STEINLE SHOOTING SUSPECT.** The [AP](#) (9/3) reports that "a San Francisco judge is deciding whether to schedule a murder trial for" Steinfeld murder suspect Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, who "has pleaded not guilty to murder charges, though he admits to firing the shot that killed Kathryn Steinle, while she was on an evening stroll with her father." The AP recounts San Francisco's dealings with Lopez-Sanchez and details of the shooting.

**BLM'S ST. GEORGE FIELD OFFICE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE ON DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLANS.** The [St. George \(UT\) News](#) (9/2, 3K) reports that "conservationists, rock climbers, off-road enthusiasts and public officials were among the attendees at the Bureau of Land Management's open house in St. George Tuesday." The St. George Field Office of the BLM-Utah is "conducting public open houses this week to provide the public with information about recently released draft management plans for the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs national conservation areas." The bureau "presented its draft resource management plans to the public at the meeting, answering questions about the resource management plans and also accepting public comments."

**LONG-TERM WILD HORSES PLACEMENT COSTS TAXPAYERS \$43 MILLION A YEAR.** [KJCT-TV](#) Grand Junction, CO (9/3, 1K) reports that "the excesses number of horses are ruining range-land health and costing tax payers a lot of money." According to the article, "since the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 the Bureau of Land Management has worked to manage and protect wild horses on the Western Slope, yet in recent years the horse numbers have grown so large that they are exhausting the land of resources necessary for them to survive." The article notes that "according to the BLM the long term placement of the horses is costing tax payers more than \$43 million a year."

**BLM HOLDING WILD HORSE ADOPTION EVENT IN WISCONSIN.** On [WUWM-FM](#) Milwaukee (9/3, 3K), Martha Malik, public affairs specialist for the BLM in Milwaukee, talked "about a wild horse adoption effort this weekend in Mequon." Malik "explains that because wild horses have no predators and can double their size in four years, their population has increased," and "this increase in population has led to the efforts of the federal Bureau of Land Management to find people in Wisconsin to adopt the horses."

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**JUDGE TOSSES FWS LISTING OF LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN.** [Politico Pro](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "a Texas federal judge has vacated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's listing of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, saying the agency failed to conduct a rigorous enough analysis." The service "did not follow its own rules when evaluating proposed and existing conservation measures throughout the five-state range of the bird when it finalized the listing under the ESA in 2014," held Judge Robert Junell of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in his opinion in *Permian Basin Petroleum, et al., v. Department of the Interior*.

The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that "Junell said FWS's regulations require the agency to fully consider such conservation measures — including ones that have yet to be implemented — to see whether they will be sufficient to avoid a listing."

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (9/3, Henry, 471K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (9/3, 2.28M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (9/3, 344K), the [Topeka \(KS\) Capital-Journal](#) (9/2, 109K), the [Midland \(TX\) Reporter-Telegram](#) (9/3, 45K), the [Fort Worth \(TX\) Star-Telegram](#) (9/3, 449K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (9/3, Press, 6.76M), the [Hutchinson \(KS\) News](#) (9/3, 2K), the [Garden City \(KS\) Telegram](#) (9/3, 24K), the [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#) (9/3, 566K), the [San Antonio \(TX\) Express-News](#) (9/3, 884K), [Fox News](#) (9/2, 8.91M), [Agri-Pulse](#) (9/3), and [KFDA-TV Amarillo \(TX\)](#) Amarillo, TX (9/3, 88K).

**GROUPS NOTIFY FWS OF LAWSUIT FOR COASTAL MARTEN PROTECTION.** The [Eureka \(CA\) Times Standard](#) (9/2, 55K) reports that "continuing with efforts started half a decade ago to protect the small carnivore known as the coastal marten, two environmental groups notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of their intent to sue after the service denied a petition to federally protect the species earlier this year." In 2010, the Environmental Protection Information Center joined the Center for Biological Diversity "in filing a petition to federally list the marten under the Endangered Species Act," and "in April of this year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined the species was not eligible for protection under the act." EPIC and the Center for Biological Diversity sent the notice of intent to sue to the FWS on Tuesday.

**LAWSUIT FILED OVER THE STEPHENS' KANGAROO RAT .** The [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (9/3, 303K) reports that the Riverside County Farm Bureau and others are contending in federal court that the FWS "failed to respond as required by law to a petition filed last year that claims" the Stephens' kangaroo rat is no longer endangered. The lawsuit was "filed in federal court Wednesday, Sept. 2, opening another chapter in the ongoing litigation over the nocturnal Inland critter that dates back to at least 1995." According to the article, "the petition argues that new scientific analysis by the Fresno-based Center for Environmental Science, Accuracy, and Reliability found that the animal is doing well and does not need to be listed as endangered, which requires more stringent habitat protections."

**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BACKS AWAY FROM FEDERAL PLAN TO CREATE NEW PANTHER POPULATIONS.** The [Naples \(FL\) Daily News](#) (9/3, 143K) reports that "Florida's lead wildlife agency backed away Wednesday from a key part of a federal plan that calls for establishing new Florida panther populations before the iconic wildcat can be taken off the endangered species list." According to the article, "after hearing from more than 40 environmentalists, ranchers and hunters — including a fourth-grade girl clutching a toy stuffed panther — the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission voted 4-1 to approve a new panther policy to focus instead on managing conflicts between humans and panthers south of the Caloosahatchee River in Southwest Florida." Meanwhile, "Commissioner Ron Bergeron, who cast the lone dissenting vote Wednesday, said it was too soon to give up on establishing two new panther populations in Florida or other southeastern states as called for in the federal plan."



**“SUE AND SETTLE” TACTICS CRITICIZED.** For the “Congress” blog of [The Hill](#) (9/3, Bradley, 471K), Robert L. Bradley Jr., CEO of the Institute for Energy Research, writes that “in a scathing report, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) has blown the whistle on the oft-used, controversial ‘sue-and-settle’ tactic used to design environmental regulations.” He claims that “the federal bureaucracy has aligned itself with interest groups, rather than working for the benefit of the citizens.” Bradley urges Congress to “stop the sue-and-settle ruse and challenge the cozy relationship between federal agencies and politically motivated environmental groups.”

#### **National Park Service:**

**TWO HOUSE DEMOCRATS BACK BILL TO PROVIDE \$1 BILLION TO NPS.** The [Greenwire](#) (9/2, Subscription Publication) reports that “a pair of House Democrats is backing legislation released by the Obama administration that would pump more than \$1 billion into the National Park Service to honor its 100th anniversary next year.” In a joint statement with Rep. Niki Tsongas, the top Democrat on the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands, Rep. Raúl Grijalva, the ranking member on the Natural Resources Committee, said, “I intend to sponsor this bill in the House and work with my colleagues to see it move forward.” The article notes that “the bill is likely to be a tougher sell with Republicans, who are generally loath to increase spending without offsetting the expenditures elsewhere in the federal budget.” However, Emily Beyer, a spokeswoman for the Interior Department, said in an email that “a number of members in both the House and Senate have expressed interest in the legislation and are currently reviewing the details.”

Additional coverage of the proposal was provided by [National Parks Traveler](#) (9/3, 989) and [WTSP-TV St. Petersburg \(FL\)](#) St. Petersburg, FL (9/2, 89K).

**DOLE JOINS VETERANS AT WWII MEMORIAL TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE SURRENDER.** The [CBS Evening News](#) (9/2, story 11, 0:25, Pelley, 5.08M) briefly reported that on Wednesday, “American veterans marked the 70th anniversary of Japan’s surrender at the World War II Memorial in Washington. Former Sen. Bob Dole, now 92, reflected on the sacrifices made by so many. He also joked that it would be a good time to announce his candidacy for president.”

**YELLOWSTONE GRIZZLY CUBS ARRIVE AT NEW HOME AT TOLEDO ZOO.** [CNN](#) (9/2, 5.17M) reports that “two orphaned grizzly cubs have found a new home at the Toledo Zoo.” The article notes that “the twin females were orphaned soon after their mother killed a hiker in Yellowstone National Park in August.” Zoo officials said that “the cubs, which appear to be in good health, will undergo the zoo’s standard 30-to-60-day quarantine process before any public viewing will be considered.”

Additional coverage was provided by [WDIV-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (9/3, 292K) and [WTVR-TV Richmond \(VA\)](#) Richmond, VA (9/2, 130K).

**SCHOODIC CAMPGROUND OPENS AT ACADIA NATIONAL PARK.** The [Ellsworth \(ME\) American](#) (9/2, 40K) reports that “the owners of the new Schoodic Woods Campground on the Schoodic Peninsula have transferred their interest in the property to the National Park Foundation.” According to the article, “the change in ownership occurred two weeks before the Sept. 2 ribbon-cutting at the 94-site campground.” Susan Newton, an executive with the National Park Foundation, said “on Wednesday that the foundation has taken ownership of the property until it can be transferred to the National Park Service.”

The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that “federal officials and conservationists are celebrating the opening of a new campground at Acadia National Park.” The more than 1,400-acre Schoodic Woods Campground is opening on Wednesday. Sen. Angus King, Acadia Superintendent Sheridan Steele and Schoodic Institute President Mark Bery will speak at a ceremony at the campground.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (9/2, 223K).

**NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH HELP WITH PRESERVATION PROJECTS THROUGH HOPE INITIATIVE.** The [AP](#) (9/3, Susan Montoya Bryan |, Ap, 6.76M) reports that Native American youth “spent most of the summer helping” with preservation projects “as part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s HOPE initiative, or Hands-On Preservation Experience.” The trust partnered with the National Park Service and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps “to train more young people in preservation skills while helping historical sites on public land.” The article notes that “from New Mexico and Arizona to Virginia and Vermont, crews worked on some 30 projects this summer.”

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY.** The [Loveland \(CO\) Reporter-Herald](#) (9/3, 51K) reports that Rocky Mountain National Park will “mark its 100th anniversary with a rededication ceremony at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday in a meadow at the Glacier Basin Campground.” The article notes that “the event will feature music, family activities and cake, and special guests including Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, Sen. Cory Gardner, National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, Rocky Mountain National Park Superintendent Vaughn Baker and former Sen. Mark Udall, the honorary chairman of Rocky’s Centennial.”

**CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK NAMED “INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PARK”.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that Canyonlands National Park is “being recognized for its dark skies and lack of light pollution.” Park officials announced that Canyonlands was “named as an ‘International Dark Sky Park’ by the Arizona-based International Dark-Sky Association.” The NPS is “planning a special astronomy event at the park on Sept. 18 to commemorate the dark-sky designation and showcase views of star-filled skies.”

**TWO YOSEMITE VISITORS RECOVER AFTER BEING INFECTED WITH BUBONIC PLAGUE.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (9/3, 535K) reports that “in the past two months, two people became infected with the bubonic plague after visiting Yosemite National Park, a boy from Los Angeles and an adult from Georgia.” According to the article, “in response, the state park closed two campgrounds and posted warning signs at all campsites.” The article notes that “both people have been treated and recovered.”

**NPS RELEASES EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN.** [Trade Only](#) (9/3) reports that the NPS “released the final General Management Plan for Everglades National Park, which includes several changes that will affect recreational boating and fishing access and habitat conservation in the park.” The article notes that “a coalition of eight groups representing recreational fishing and boating expressed its appreciation to park officials for addressing concerns that were raised during the process.”

**BIOLOGIST RECOMMENDS IMPORTING WOLVES TO MICHIGAN’S ISLE ROYALE “AS SOON AS POSSIBLE”.** The [MLive \(MI\)](#) (9/3, 739K) reports that as the NPS “mulls what, if anything, should be done to save the meager wolf population on Isle Royale, a leading environmental science researcher says the best way to tame the exploding moose population and protect island vegetation is to begin importing wolves.” John Vucetich, a Michigan Tech University biologist who studies the wildlife of Isle Royale, said, “It’s important that action be taken sooner rather than later.” Meanwhile, Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow are “trying to speed things up by urging the park service to complete a management plan to save the wolves by next July, a deadline that’s unlikely to be met.”

**WILDLIFE OVERPASS PROPOSED ON 101 FREEWAY IN LOS ANGELES.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (9/3, Groves, 4.07M) reports that “mountain lions, bobcats and other wildlife would have less chance of becoming roadkill if the state adopts a plan to build a landscaped bridge over the 101 Freeway in Agoura Hills, supporters of the proposal said Wednesday.” According to the article, “state agencies, elected officials and wildlife advocates urged the state to provide the much-needed link in an area where rampant development and highways have fragmented once-continuous habitat.” The article notes that since NPS “biologists began researching mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains in 2002, motorists have struck and killed a dozen of the big cats in the study area, including a male puma hit on the 101 near Liberty Canyon two years ago.”

**KAYMOOR TRAIL IN NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER CLOSED FOR WEATHER-RELATED REPAIRS.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 344K) reports that the NPS has “closed a portion of a hiking trail in southern West Virginia due to an unstable slope.” Park officials say “parts of the Kaymoor Trail in the New River Gorge National River will remain closed indefinitely until repairs can be made.”

**ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE TO HOLD FUNERAL FOR 13,000.** The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (9/3, 1.05M) reports that “the Andersonville National Historic Site, already a gutwrenchingly moving testament to the rigors of the Civil War, takes on a new role on Sept. 19th as the setting for a one-of-a-kind funeral.” According to the article, the “Funeral for 13,000” is “an acknowledgment of the more than 12,900 United States soldiers who died at the southwest Georgia facility during its fourteen months of operation as a Confederate prison.”

**NPS TO DECIDE ON BELMONT BARBECUE PIT.** The [Citizen of Laconia \(NH\)](#) (9/3) reports that the NPS is “being asked to amend a grant boundary to Belmont’s Sargent Park and allow the town to reconstruct a barbecue pit at the new Tioga Pavilion.” The article notes that “the new pit is part of Belmont’s recent effort to construct the \$89,000 pavilion using partial grant money from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.”

**BODY OF MISSING HIKER IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK FOUND.** The [AP](#) (9/3, 2.28M) reports that “officials at Yosemite National Park have found the body of a man who was missing for more than three weeks.” According to park spokesman Scott Gediman, “the body of 39-year-old James Michael Millet Jr. was found above Yosemite Valley on Tuesday.” The article notes that “a cause of death was not released” and “an investigation is ongoing.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (9/3, Rocha, 4.07M), the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (9/3, 265K), and [Reuters](#) (9/2).

#### **US Geological Survey:**

Additional coverage was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (9/2, 1.12M) and the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (9/3, 34K).

**DECLINING SNOWFALL HITTING NAVAJO PEOPLE.** The [Arizona Republic](#) (9/2, 1.12M) reports that “a lifetime of declining snowfall on the Navajo Reservation is making an already unforgiving desert landscape increasingly uninhabitable.” The article notes that “snow tracked at six northeastern Arizona weather stations has plummeted by more than two-thirds on average since the 1930s, according to research led by the U.S. Geological Survey.” USGS geomorphologist Margaret Hiza Redsteer said, “It’s just hitting the Navajo people first.”

## [Top National News:](#)

**MEDIA ANALYSES: SAVING IRAN DEAL IN US SENATE A MAJOR VICTORY FOR OBAMA.** Sen. Barbara Mikulski’s announcement that she will support the Iran nuclear deal, which gives the President the 34 votes he needs to prevent the Senate from overriding his veto of a resolution of disapproval, is being cast as a major victory for the President. Coverage is extensive, with reports on all three network news broadcasts and heavy print and online coverage. While many reports say Mikulski’s decision will embolden Democrats in their effort to secure the 41 votes they need to filibuster the resolution and keep the President from having to use his veto, several also indicate that Republicans are considering other options to derail the deal.

[ABC World News](#) (9/2, story 6, 0:25, Muir, 5.84M) called Mikulski’s announcement a “big victory” for the President, adding that the deal, which has been “under fire” from Republicans, “is safe,” and [NBC Nightly News](#) (9/2, story 5, 1:20, Holt, 7.86M) said it was “a major win for the Obama Administration,” adding that the deal “now appears unstoppable.” Cable commentary was similar Wednesday evening. Jake Tapper said on [CNN’s The Lead](#) (9/2, 320K) that the White House dodged a “major legislative bullet,” while Brianna Keilar on [CNN Wolf](#) (9/2, 224K) called it “a major victory for President Obama,” and Shannon Bream said on [Fox News Real Story](#) (9/2) that the White House “score[d] a big foreign policy victory.” Rachel Maddow said on [MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow Show](#) (9/2, 769K) that the President has “sealed what may be the biggest diplomatic achievement of his presidency,” adding that this is “a huge political victory for the Obama Administration.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (9/3, Richter, Mascaro, 4.07M) similarly says Mikulski’s support “assured a political victory for Obama, and a surprising loss for the Republican majority in Congress, which uniformly opposes the deal.” In addition, it “pushed Obama’s allies in the Senate to go for broke and try to get seven of the final 10 wavering Democrats on their side,” which could “block a GOP-backed resolution of disapproval with a filibuster.” However, [Reuters](#) (9/3, Zengerle) reports that leadership aides from both sides of the aisle say it is too soon to tell whether deal supporters will be able to muster the 41 votes they need. Kristen Welker said on [MSNBC](#) (9/2, 545K) that Mikulski’s support is “being greeted as a victory by President Obama.” Welker added that while the White House is “optimistic” about securing the 41 votes needed to prevent a vote, “they say it’s going to be tough.”

[Politico](#) (9/2, Toosi, 942K) said the White House “is more determined than ever to keep the agreement from reaching a vote in the first place,” and the [Washington Times](#) (9/3, Wolfgang, 344K) reports that while the White House “celebrated” word of Mikulski’s support, press secretary Josh Earnest “said the White House will continue lobbying undecided members of Congress.”

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (9/3, Fritze, 834K) says Mikulski “handed the White House a symbolic victory, at least,” and both [Voice of America](#) (9/3, Saine, 32K) and [TIME](#) (9/3, Calabresi, 19.55M) called Mikulski’s announcement “a major foreign-policy victory” for the President. [TIME](#) adds, however, that the support of 34 senators is “hardly a resounding victory for the administration’s position” as it is “the bare minimum number of Senators Obama needs to ensure he can deliver on his end of the deal with Iran.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, A1, Peterson, Lee, Subscription Publication, 5.95M) notes that while Mikulski’s support represents a victory for the Administration, the downside is that the President will be carrying out a major piece of US foreign policy without majority support from Congress.

While the [New York Times](#) (9/3, A1, Weisman, Subscription Publication, 11.82M) says that “support for the deal has not been enthusiastic,” it adds that there is “growing recognition, even among some accord opponents, that the other nations — Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia, and especially Iran — would be unwilling to renegotiate the agreement even if Congress formally rejected it.” The [Huffington Post](#) (9/2, Stein, Terkel, 164K) said that while the President has “both notched one of the most significant nuclear non-proliferation agreements in history and cemented a foreign policy legacy of robust diplomatic engagement,” the question of whether “that legacy turns out sterling or sour” will not be answered until “well beyond the end date of his presidency.” An editorial in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (9/3, Subscription Publication, 5.95M) says that with Mikulski’s support, which ensures that the deal will move forward, Democrats, including the Vice President and Hillary Clinton, have taken responsibility for ensuring that Iran complies.

The [AP](#) (9/3, Werner) says Mikulski’s support “spells failure for opponents of the international agreement who sought to foil it by turning Congress against it.” [USA Today](#) (9/3, Kelly, 5.23M) notes that while they acknowledged they will be unable to override the President’s veto, Senate Republicans “pushed back hard against the deal.” GOP presidential candidate Sen. Lindsey Graham said, “The Iranians have now secured enough votes in the Senate to ensure they have a pathway to a bomb, the missile to deliver it and the money to pay for it.” Another presidential hopeful, Sen. Marco Rubio, “vowed to overturn the agreement if he is elected.” Majority Leader McConnell, meanwhile, “accused the Obama administration of reducing ‘this important national security matter to a partisan contest,’” [Bloomberg Politics](#) (9/3, Miller, 247K) reports.

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Lou

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**Norman Cherkis <fiveoceanscon@yahoo.com>**

**From:** Norman Cherkis <fiveoceanscon@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 02 2015 18:40:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Mount McKinley name changed to Denali (for your eyes only)

I seem to remember the flap over a certain unnamed and non-recognized sovereignty group of rocks in the East Sea/Sea of Japan. UU code went back to something else, at the direction of POTUS, who was on his way to the Beijing Olympics. Absolute power.....absolutely.

**Norman Z. Cherkis**  
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**Bristow VA 20136-3505**  
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**To:** Norman Cherkis <fiveoceanscon@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 1, 2015 8:43 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Mount McKinley name changed to Denali (for your eyes only)

Yes, but the POTUS doesn't have conjoint responsibility with the BGN to standardize geographic names like the SECINT does. Of course that doesn't mean that he couldn't have issued an executive order changing it if he had of been so inclined.

On Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 8:06 AM, Norman Cherkis <[fiveoceanscon@yahoo.com](mailto:fiveoceanscon@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
SECINT works for (serves at the pleasure of) POTUS, right?

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**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 8:13 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Mount McKinley name changed to Denali (for your eyes only)

You might enjoy this - <http://www.theonion.com/americanvoices/mt-mckinley-be-renamed-denali-51216>

On Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 6:17 PM, Norman Cherkis <[fiveoceanscon@yahoo.com](mailto:fiveoceanscon@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Interesting that the POTUS decided, unilaterally, to change the name of the mountain, to the name of the base model of his vehicle, (the Denali, of course).

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Lou

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Congressional Republicans from Ohio question Mount McKinley name change

"Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>

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**From:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 02 2015 21:02:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Anne-Berry Wade <abwade@usgs.gov>, Jon Campbell <joncampbell@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Congressional Republicans from Ohio question Mount McKinley name change

I figured this was coming, see - <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/09/02/ohio-lawmakers-mckinley-denali-letter.html>

While I can't guarantee that I have read the final Bill, the versions that I have read of the 1917 Bill, including what I could find at the <http://congressional.proquest.com/congressional> site; the "Bill" does contain the name Mount McKinley, it does so incidentally, using it at a reference point. It does not say that the name of the mountain is Mount McKinley. The Bill creates the National Park, it doesn't say anything about giving the mountain a name.

FYI - The National Park was created more as a wildlife preserve because a lot of the sheep in the area were being killed to feed the gold prospectors, and not because of the mountain's stature (check with NPS on this).

Principle III of the BGN says -

Principle III: Names Established by Act of Congress or Executive order--Geographic names and their applications specifically established by an act of Congress or Executive order are official by law. This does not apply to geographic names used incidentally in language of an act of Congress intended for other purposes, unless the language clearly indicates that naming is part of the intent of the act.

Also, this is from the BGN's 100 year history for January 1952 -

Naming By Congress

It was recognized that a name specifically bestowed by Congress is treated as a decision, but that incidental use of a name or spelling in legislation is not binding on the Board.

So by the BGN's Principles, Policies, and Procedures (as well as common sense), just mentioning the name of a geographic feature in an Act of Congress does not make that name official by an Act of Congress. Those writing Bills rarely think of the consequence of including geographic names when submitting Bills for entirely different reasons.



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**Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>**

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**From:** Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 02 2015 19:21:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Congressional Republicans from Ohio question Mount McKinley name change | The Columbus Dispatch

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/09/02/ohio-lawmakers-mckinley-denali-letter.html>

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Re: What Ohioans could nae after McKinley instead of Denali

"Campbell, Jon" <[joncampbell@usgs.gov](mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov)>

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**From:** "Campbell, Jon" <[joncampbell@usgs.gov](mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 02 2015 13:34:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Puckett, Catherine" <[cpuckett@usgs.gov](mailto:cpuckett@usgs.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: What Ohioans could nae after McKinley instead of Denali

THanks, Catherine. Very droll.

The 6th commenter, Noble Renard, has read up on the BGN.

Jon Campbell  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Office of Communications and Publishing  
703-648-4180 | m 571-230-6831  
[joncampbell@usgs.gov](mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov)

On Wed, Sep 2, 2015 at 3:24 PM, Puckett, Catherine <[cpuckett@usgs.gov](mailto:cpuckett@usgs.gov)> wrote:  
<http://gawker.com/some-other-things-we-could-name-after-william-mckinley-1727744361>

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From Greenwire -- NATIONAL PARKS: Despite new moniker, Denali drops in stature

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### NATIONAL PARKS: Despite new moniker, Denali drops in stature

Dylan Brown, E&E reporter  
Published: Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Denali, North America's tallest mountain, which was known as Mount McKinley until last week, is 10 feet shorter than previously thought, the U.S. Geological Survey said today.

The old measurement of 20,320 feet, dating from 1953, was replaced with a new official height of 20,310 feet based on data gathered by mountaineers who climbed to the summit of Denali in mid-June.

USGS acting Director Suzette Kimball said knowing the precise height of Denali is important to earth scientists and geographers as well as the more than 500,000 visitors to Denali National Park each year and the roughly 1,200 mountaineers who attempt to reach the summit of the mountain each year -- only roughly half of whom are successful.

"It is inspiring to think we can measure this magnificent peak with such accuracy," Kimball said. "This is a feeling everyone can share, whether you happen to be an armchair explorer or an experienced mountain climber."

Denali National Park Superintendent Don Striker said he hopes how the new measurement was obtained inspires future generations of park rangers and the public.

In 2013, an aerial survey hinted that McKinley's recorded height was wrong, using an interferometric synthetic aperture radar sensor to measure the mountain at 20,237 feet.

The radar sensor has proved effective for helping map Alaska's rugged remote areas and is an integral part of a new push by USGS to map elevations to help the large number of pilots in Alaska reliably circumvent the state's many mountaintops.

The technology, however, cannot provide pinpoint elevation calculations, especially along steep terrain. So a team of mountaineers and GPS experts -- assembled through a partnership among USGS; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Geodetic Survey; Dewberry Geospatial Products and Services; and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks -- climbed the mountain.

In June, the team carrying modern GPS technology made it to the top of Denali, or the "the high one," as it was known in the Athabascan language.

The data brought back from the mountaintop were analyzed, factoring in the effects of variables like snowpack and mean sea level before determining a new apex elevation.

"Climbers and other visitors will be fascinated by this process, and I hope our future park rangers see from this firsthand example how a background in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and staying physically active in the outdoors, can enable them to do some of America's coolest jobs," Striker said.

It's been a busy week for North America's tallest peak. President Obama officially renamed the mountain on Friday to Denali, the name originally bestowed on it by Alaska Natives, much to the chagrin of House Speaker John Boehner and other congressional Republicans from Ohio, the home state of former namesake President William McKinley ([Greenwire](#), Aug. 31). The mountain was named after the 25th president in 1917 after McKinley, who never visited Alaska, was assassinated in 1901 by former stockbroker and assassin Leon Czolgosz.

for more than 100 years, and that is because it is a testament to his great legacy," Boehner said in a statement, noting McKinley's service in the Civil War, in the House of Representatives and as Ohio governor.

Meanwhile, Alaska's delegation praised the name change, and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) thanked Obama for giving the mountain back its rightful name.

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**From:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
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**To:** Margaret Hamilton <mhamilton@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Hyperlinks for BGN website  
**Attachments:** Margaret.pptx

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Let me know if there are any questions.

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### "Hamilton, Margaret" <mhamilton@usgs.gov>

**From:** "Hamilton, Margaret" <mhamilton@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 31 2015 09:47:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Hyperlinks for BGN website

Lou,



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**"McCormick, Maria" <[mlmccormick@usgs.gov](mailto:mlmccormick@usgs.gov)>**

**From:** "McCormick, Maria" <[mlmccormick@usgs.gov](mailto:mlmccormick@usgs.gov)>  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 31 2015 10:13:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Lou Yost <[lyost@usgs.gov](mailto:lyost@usgs.gov)>, Jennifer Runyon <[jrunyon@usgs.gov](mailto:jrunyon@usgs.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hyperlinks for BGN website

Looks like these changes are completed.

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From: **Hamilton, Margaret** <[mhamilton@usgs.gov](mailto:mhamilton@usgs.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 9:47 AM  
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To: "Yost, Louis" <[lyost@usgs.gov](mailto:lyost@usgs.gov)>  
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**To:** "Hamilton, Margaret" <[mhamilton@usgs.gov](mailto:mhamilton@usgs.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Hyperlinks for BGN website

Margaret - It was a bit hectic around here yesterday, but I wanted to thank you for updating the website site pages promptly. Appreciate it. - Lou





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The original program of names standardization addressed the complex issues of domestic geographic feature names during the surge of exploration, mining, and settlement of western territories after the American Civil War. Inconsistencies and contradictions among many names, spellings, and applications became a serious problem to surveyors, map makers, and scientists who required uniform, non-conflicting geographic nomenclature. President Benjamin Harrison signed an Executive Order establishing the Board and giving it authority to resolve unsettled geographic names questions. Decisions of the Board were accepted as binding by all departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

The Board gradually expanded its interests to include foreign names and other areas of interest to the United States, a process that accelerated during World War II. In 1947, the Board was recreated by Congress in [Public Law 80-242](#). The usefulness of standardizing (not regulating) geographic names has been proven time and again, and today more than 50 nations have some type of national names authority. The United Nations stated that "the best method to achieve international standardization is through strong programs of national standardization." Numerous nations established policies relevant to toponomy (the study of names) in their respective countries.

In this age of geographic information systems, the Internet, and homeland defense, geographic names data are even more important and more challenging. Applying the latest technology, the Board on Geographic Names continues its mission. It serves the Federal Government and the public as a central authority to which name problems, name inquiries, name changes, and new name proposals can be directed. In partnership with Federal, State, and local agencies, the Board provides a conduit through which uniform geographic name usage is applied and current names data are promulgated.

For geographic feature names policies applying to the United States, or to the use of foreign geographic names, Antarctica names, and undersea feature names by the United States, see the respective items in the main menu on the left. Any person or organization, public or private, may make inquiries or request the Board to render formal decisions on proposed new names, proposed name changes, or names that are in conflict. Minutes of the Board's meetings are available. Communications concerning the Board should be addressed to:

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the United States Board on Geographic Names. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/index.html>. The page features a blue header with the text "United States Board on Geographic Names" and a "125 years 1890-2015" anniversary logo. Below the header, there are navigation links for "Domestic Names - Search Domestic Names or Download Domestic Names". A left sidebar contains a "Main Menu" with categories like "Domestic Names", "Foreign Names", and "125th Anniversary Celebration". The main content area contains several paragraphs of text about the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) and a prominent announcement: "Announcement: Mount McKinley name changed to Denali". This announcement is highlighted with a red starburst graphic that says "Please Read Important!". Below the announcement, there is a section titled "New Policy Regarding the Maintenance of Administrative Feature Names in The National Map" which is effective as of October 1, 2014. The footer of the page includes links for "Accessibility", "FOIA", "Privacy", and "Policies and Notices", along with the logos for the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Geological Survey. The system tray at the bottom of the screen shows the date as 8/26/2015 and the time as 4:53 PM.

**Announcement: Mount McKinley name changed to Denali**

**Please Read Important!**

The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) is the Federal and national standard for geographic nomenclature. The U.S. Geological Survey developed the GNIS in support of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names as the official repository of domestic geographic names data, the official vehicle for geographic names use by all departments of the Federal Government, and the source for applying geographic names to Federal electronic and printed products.

The GNIS contains information about physical and cultural geographic features of all types in the United States, associated areas, and Antarctica, current and historical, but not including roads and highways. The database holds the Federally recognized name of each feature and defines the feature location by state, county, USGS topographic map, and geographic coordinates. Other attributes include names or spellings other than the official name, feature designations, feature classification, historical and descriptive information, and for some categories the geometric boundaries.

The database assigns a unique, permanent feature identifier, the Feature ID, as the *only* standard Federal key for accessing, integrating, or reconciling feature data from multiple data sets. The GNIS collects data from a broad program of partnerships with Federal, State, and local government agencies and other authorized contributors, and provides data to all levels of government, to the public, and to numerous applications through a web query site, web map and feature services, file download services, and customized files upon request.

The GNIS Feature ID, Official Feature Name, and Official Feature Location are American National Standards Institute standards as specified in ANSI INCITS 446-2008 (Identifying Attributes for Named Physical and Cultural Geographic Features (Except Roads and Highways) of the United States, Its Territories, Outlying Areas, and Freely Associated Areas, and the Waters of the Same to the Limit of the Twelve-Mile Statutory Zone). The standard is available at the [ANSI Web Store](#).

**New Policy Regarding the Maintenance of Administrative Feature Names in The National Map**

**Effective October 1, 2014:**

As a result of reprioritized budgets and resources, the decision has been made to suspend the maintenance of some administrative (i.e. cultural or manmade) feature names in The National Map and to discontinue the maintenance of all administrative names through the GNIS public interface at this site (<http://geonames.usgs.gov>). The features that will continue to be maintained in The National Map will be updated in GNIS on a periodic revision cycle through submissions from authoritative sources or based on input from volunteers through The National Map Corps.

If you are interested in participating in The National Map Corps, which "encourages citizens to collect structures data by adding new features, removing obsolete points, and correcting existing data for The National Map," please visit the following Web site: <http://navigator.er.usgs.gov>. To identify the administrative features to be maintained through The National Map Corps program, click "Structures List" located on the left-hand side of the page.

If you have further questions, please visit The National Map home page at: <http://nationalmap.gov>.

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**From:** "Campbell, Jon" <joncampbell@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 31 2015 13:17:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** m.richinick@newsweek.com  
**Subject:** Re: Initiatives in changing landmark names

Michele,

The BGN staff can provide a couple examples of this - currently proposed names for landmark features. It's not a common occurrence.

Will need a little time to organize our thoughts in writing.

Best,  
Jon  
USGS Public Affairs

From: Michele Richinick <[m.richinick@newsweek.com](mailto:m.richinick@newsweek.com)>  
Date: Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 1:02 PM  
Subject: Renaming of U.S. landmarks  
To: [april\\_slayton@nps.gov](mailto:april_slayton@nps.gov)

Hello April,

My name is Michele Richinick and I am a reporter for Newsweek in New York. With the name of Mount McKinley changing, I am writing a post about other landmarks that could change. So far I have the Robert E. Lee Memorial Park in Baltimore. I am reaching out to you to ask if you might know of a few more initiatives in which people are trying to change the name of a landmark?

I appreciate any insight you can provide.

Thank you,

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Yes- just HP and DT. She's been counseled on the Balt. park name.

Could either of you provide short write-ups on those cases? If written down, they could answer multiple inquiries.

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## WYOMING

Change **Devils Tower** to **Bear Lodge**: summit; elevation 5,125 ft.; located in Devils Tower National Monument, 44 mi. NE of Gillette; the proposed name is the English translation of a native name for the feature; Crook County, Wyoming; 44°35'26"N, 104°42'55"W; USGS map - Devils Tower 1:24,000

Proposal: to restore a native name and remove a name considered by some to be offensive  
Map: USGS Devils Tower 1:24,000  
Proponent: Arvol Looking Horse  
Administrative area: Devils Tower National Monument  
Previous BGN Action: Devils Tower (BGN 1904)

Case Summary: The new name Bear Lodge is proposed for the summit currently named Devils Tower. This prominent geologic feature is located in Devils Tower National Monument in northeast Wyoming on the edge of the Black Hills. It rises over 1,000 feet above the surrounding landscape and is an important geologic example of columnar jointing, a sacred site for the Lakota and other American Indian tribes, and a popular tourist and rock climbing destination.

The proponent, a neutral mediator speaking on behalf of a Spiritual Leader of the Lakota Nation, objects to the name Devils Tower for such a holy site. She wishes to have the name changed to Bear Lodge, a native name with current and historical usage, stating, “The Devils Tower name is offensive because it equates cultural and faith traditions practiced at this site to ‘devil worship,’ in essence equating indigenous people to ‘devils.’ The Devils Tower name is perceived by indigenous elders, leaders and individual tribal members as highly offensive...and [it] serves as a constant irritant that causes...ongoing resentment in their community.” A related proposal is to change the name of the populated place named Devils Tower to Bear Lodge.

The summit is a crucial part of many American Indian tribes’ spirituality, rituals, and cosmology. Many tribes have similar stories about how it was formed. Most involve a group of people being chased by a bear onto a rock. This rock is then raised high out of the reach of the bear which left long claw marks in the side as it tried to climb. The summit is known by numerous names in many native languages, but many are variations on “Bear Lodge” or “Bear Tipi.”

A study commissioned by the National Park Service in 1997 found evidence that six tribes likely have found the summer solstice, Lakota hold the Sun Dance, “a ceremony of fasting and sacrifice that leads to the renewal of the individual and the group as a whole,” according to an NPS document. The Lakota refer to the summit as Mato Tipila, or Bear Lodge.

The first American explorers to refer to the feature in their records were part of an 1859 expedition led by Captain William F. Reynolds. In an 1857 report, he called the summit Mato Teepee and the official 1859 map from the expedition labels it as “Mato Teepee or Bear’s Lodge.” Variations on the name Bear Lodge appear on many expeditionary, survey, and commercial atlas maps until the 1880s. An 1875 expedition under Lieutenant Colonel Richard I. Dodge was sent after gold and other mineral resources were discovered in the Black Hills. Surveyors from his crew reported the summit’s name as Bear Lodge, but a popular 1876 book by Dodge stated that “the Indians call this shaft ‘The Bad God’s Tower,’ a name adopted, with proper modification by our surveyors.” The phrase evolved into Devils Tower and the memorable and evocative, if inappropriate to American Indians, name stuck. Scholars believe that poor translation by someone in Dodge’s party caused the name change. In Lakota, devil or “bad god” is wakansica (pronounced wah-KON-she-cha) whereas black bear is wahanksica (pronounced wah-ON-ksee-cha).

The area around the summit was designated Devils Tower National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and was the Nation's first National Monument. The proponent has also asked the Monument be renamed but has been advised that this would require an Act of Congress or Executive Order.

With the exception of the 113th, a bill has been introduced into each Congress since the 106th to retain the name Devils Tower for the summit.

The proponent believes the name should be changed because (1) the name Devils Tower was applied based on a faulty translation; (2) the name is offensive to the religious practices of the Lakota; and (3) the Board has "a firm policy prohibiting the inclusion of a word in an official geographic name considered by the Board to be derogatory to any racial, ethnic, gender, or religious group." She contends the name Bear Lodge is apt because it is a correct translation of several of the native names for the tower, it is "currently in regular usage, therefore this formal change would not cause confusion," the name is historically well-documented, has widespread national support, and "it corrects the patently offensive name." The proposal references "a bi-partisan, interfaith petition that includes Wyoming residents and signatories from across the nation, as well as letters of support from human rights organizations, religious leaders, tribal authorities and indigenous elders." The proponent requests that the name change be considered and decided before "the centennial year of the National Park Service and the 110th anniversary celebration of the monument in September 2016."

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Change **Harney Peak** to **Black Elk Peak**: summit; elevation 7,211 ft.; in Black Hills National Forest/Black Elk Wilderness; the proposed name honors Black Elk (1863-1950), a Lakota spiritual leader who reported having a vision on the summit; Pennington County, South Dakota; 43°51'58"N, 103°31'53"W

Previous BGN Action: Harney Peak (BGN 1906)

Case Summary: The new name Black Elk Peak is proposed for the summit currently named Harney Peak. This summit is located in the Black Elk Wilderness of Black Hills National Forest in Pennington County in southwestern South Dakota. It is the highest point not only in the State but also east of the Rocky Mountains in North America. The summit has been labeled Harney Peak on U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps since 1896 and on U.S. Forest Service maps since 1988. It was reportedly first applied to the summit in 1864 or 1865.

Black Elk or Nicholas Black Elk (1863-1950) was a revered Oglala Lakota holy man. His life's story became widely known after the publication of *Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt. Black Elk's teachings on sacred rituals have inspired many Lakota and non-Lakota to take up traditional ceremonies and study Native spirituality. He revived the Sun Dance rituals and his version is now celebrated by Lakota traditionalists, often at Devils Tower National Monument at the feature known to them as "Bear Lodge." Black Elk became a Catholic and stressed the concordance between Lakota and Christian religions.

The summit is one of the most holy sites of the Lakota. Early each spring at the summit, the Lakota hold ceremonies known as Yate Iwakicipi or "welcoming back the thunders," in which they pray for rain, help, and strength.

The proponent believes that the summit is desecrated by the name of General William S. Harney, who participated in atrocious attacks on American Indians early in his military career. Particular objection is raised about his role in the Battle of Ash Hollow in September 1855. Harney and his men were reportedly brutal in their attack, killing women and children. The Lakota later called him "Squaw Killer," "Woman Killer," or "The Butcher."

Harney was involved in many frontier conflicts between 1818 and 1863, including wars with Black Hawk the Sauk, the Seminoles, the Lakota Sioux, and tribes in Texas. He served with distinction in the Mexican War in battles at Veracruz, Cerro Gordo, and Mexico City. However, after the Civil War, Harney worked as a peace negotiator with Plains American Indian Tribes, many of whom were the same ones he fought against in the Sioux Wars. He urged the U.S. Government to improve the treatment of native tribes and to honor past treaties. He retired to Florida and died in Orlando. After his death, the Lakota conferred to him the name "Man-who-always-kept-his-word."

A BGN decision in 1906 approved the singular form Harney Peak. In 1970, a proposal was submitted by two residents of California to change the name to Black Elk Peak. The change was proposed again by a different proponent in 1973; again, the BGN declined to take any action, citing a reluctance to change "well-established" names and a belief that there would not be local or State support for the change. An online search for references to Harney Peak shows that in 2011 the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe passed a resolution requesting the name Harney Peak "revert to its Lakota name, Hinhan Kaga Paha, or such other name acceptable to the affected communities in the Black Hills region." However, this resolution was never forwarded to the BGN.

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Reporters are a pain, yesterday was crazy. And there are different versions of what happened! Tell those businesses there is still a McKinley River at the base of Denali :)

I'm glad that you had cell reception when I called too.

I'll check on the 125th shirts but I think the order has been placed.

Yours in toponymy,

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**Subject:** Denali details

Lou, all,

I was just reading the [WSJ article](#). Better written than most. But I see a couple details that we might want to be prepared for.

1. BGN approval of Mt. McKinley

Does Monmonier have this right?

*In 1901, after Mr. McKinley was assassinated, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names "hurriedly" endorsed it despite the fact that the president had no connection to the mountain, according to the 1995 cartography book "Drawing the Lines—Tales of Maps and Cartocontroversy" by Mark S. Monmonier.*

I've understood - and written - that BGN approval dates from 1897.

Is that implicit from use of the name on federal maps?  
Or explicit from 1897 in BGN records?

Might have some bearing on Ohioans' claim that the name dates from 1917 incorporation of McKinley NP.

2. Possibility of a future DOI Sec., using same authority under PL 80-242, to rescind Jewell's Secretarial Order.

*The order could be rescinded by Ms. Jewell's successor, so Ms. Murkowski's spokesman said the senator will continue pushing for Congress to make the change official. She used her seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee to insert the measure into a spending package that Congress will take up this fall.*

I don't see that this allowed by the law. But I suggest that we have legality of the Secretarial Order for Denali and its transfer to a BGN decision nailed down as tight as can be, perhaps with Solicitors Office assistance.

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On Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 8:10 AM, Gilbert, Tony N. <[tgilbert@gpo.gov](mailto:tgilbert@gpo.gov)> wrote:

Lou,

I trust you implicitly.

Refer Olivier to Monmonier's book.

Tony

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ORDER NO. 3337

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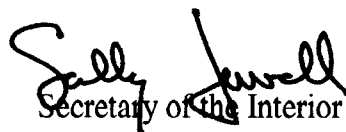
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**"BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC" <bgnexec@usgs.gov>**

**From:** "BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC" <bgnexec@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 15:29:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: It's Mount McKinley whether you like it or not

Thank you gentlemen. There's nothing to be said that would pacify these folks and we have more important things to focus on. Happy to delete.

Jenny

On Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 5:17 PM, Yost, Louis <[lyost@usgs.gov](mailto:lyost@usgs.gov)> wrote:

I agree.

On Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 4:48 PM, Campbell, Jon <[joncampbell@usgs.gov](mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov)> wrote:

I say, ignore. Name-callers (an unintended pun - or was it freudian?) don't deserve a response or the time it would take to compose a witty put-down.

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Do I have permission to ignore this one? Or perhaps you have some witty wording in the way of a response. Or shall I just state the facts?

I hope we don't get a ton of these.

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Need a Ruling

"Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>

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**From:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 14:45:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Jon Campbell <joncampbell@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Need a Ruling

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To: Louis Yost <[lyost@usgs.gov](mailto:lyost@usgs.gov)>

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From: **Larisa Epatko** <[LEpatko@newshour.org](mailto:LEpatko@newshour.org)>  
Date: Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 2:21 PM  
Subject: Question about name changes  
To: "[BGNEXEC@usgs.gov](mailto:BGNEXEC@usgs.gov)" <[BGNEXEC@usgs.gov](mailto:BGNEXEC@usgs.gov)>

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**"Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>**

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**From:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 14:54:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Jon Campbell <joncampbell@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Need a Ruling

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**"Campbell, Jon" <joncampbell@usgs.gov>**

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**From:** "Campbell, Jon" <joncampbell@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 15:07:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Need a Ruling

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**From:** "Yost, Louis" <[lyost@usgs.gov](mailto:lyost@usgs.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 15:12:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Campbell, Jon" <[joncampbell@usgs.gov](mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Need a Ruling

Works for me thanks!

On Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 5:07 PM, Campbell, Jon <[joncampbell@usgs.gov](mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov)> wrote:

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cell name change

"McCormick, Maria" <mlmccormick@usgs.gov>

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**From:** "McCormick, Maria" <mlmccormick@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 14:12:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Lou Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>, Jennifer Runyon <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** cell name change

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Lisa's sending JIRA tasks to Linda to have a look at what might be going on. These will need to be fixed before Vicki starts creating the next set of text files.

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"Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>

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**From:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 15:07:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "McCormick, Maria" <mlmccormick@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: cell name change

Thanks for the info I think. I'll tell Rob to be on the lookout for the next replication.

On Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 4:12 PM, McCormick, Maria <mlmccormick@usgs.gov> wrote:

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**From:** "BGNEEXEC, GS-N-MAC" <bgnexec@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 12:23:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: attn. Lou Yost.

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I'm tempted to tell him we have no idea what case he's referring to. Or that he's too late, McKinley's already been renamed. Ha!

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From: **John Anderson** <[cwormman@frii.com](mailto:cwormman@frii.com)>  
Date: Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 1:25 PM  
Subject: attn. Lou Yost.  
To: [bgnexec@usgs.gov](mailto:bgnexec@usgs.gov)

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### "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>

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**From:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 12:30:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "BGNEEXEC, GS-N-MAC" <bgnexec@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: attn. Lou Yost.

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**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 12:23:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Question about name changes

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[USGS-JIRA] (TNMDM-1897) GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change

"Kok, Lisa M. (USGS-JIRA)" <myusgs@usgs.gov>

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**From:** "Kok, Lisa M. (USGS-JIRA)" <myusgs@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 31 2015 17:34:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** lyost@usgs.gov  
**Subject:** [USGS-JIRA] (TNMDM-1897) GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change

Kok, Lisa M. updated an issue

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Change By: Kok, Lisa M.

Priority: **Major Blocker**

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Kok, Lisa M. commented on  [TNMDM-1897](#)

[Re: GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change](#)

Done. Posted updates 8/31/15 5:00p via version - lmkVerDenali\_08312915 to sde29onP.

Total count of cell names updated to Denali = 504  
(this includes 24 15-min cells, 96 7.5-minute cells, and 384 3.75-minute cells.)

Will monitor replications and update this ticket when its verified changes have pushed to target locations.

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"McCormick, Maria L. (USGS-JIRA)" <myusgs@usgs.gov>

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**From:** "McCormick, Maria L. (USGS-JIRA)" <myusgs@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 08:41:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** lyost@usgs.gov  
**Subject:** [USGS-JIRA] (TNMDM-1897) GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change

McCormick, Maria L. commented on  [TNMDM-1897](#)

[Re: GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change](#)

Thanks Lis for the quick turnaround.



**"Runyon, Jennifer" <jrunyon@usgs.gov>**

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**From:** "Runyon, Jennifer" <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 08:44:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Maria McCormick <mlmccormick@usgs.gov>, Lisa Kok <lmkok@usgs.gov>, Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [USGS-JIRA] (TNMDM-1897) GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change

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**Date:** Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 10:41 AM  
**Subject:** [USGS-JIRA] (TNMDM-1897) GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change  
**To:** [jrunyon@usgs.gov](mailto:jrunyon@usgs.gov)

McCormick, Maria L. commented on  TNMDM-1897

**Re: GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change**

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**Sent:** Tue Sep 01 2015 08:49:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Runyon, Jennifer" <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [USGS-JIRA] (TNMDM-1897) GAZ - Update cell names related to the Mount McKinley name change

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<http://news.yahoo.com/congressman-questions-constitutionality-mount-mckinley-name-change-155208255--politics.html>

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See Anya's description of it below. Anya is a contractor currently on a short term contract working with Dave Kirkland and John Jones. She has gone to Saudi a few times with Wilt Stetner to teach the GIS course, including the time that PK went.

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Ms. Kenney continues to provide entertaining comments.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/qa-decision-change-mount-mckinley-mount-denali-33441135>

"We're glad people are talking about President McKinley," Kenney said. "People don't talk about him often."

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Caveats: NONE

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\*\* Denali: More Humor \*\*

The humor paper, the Onion, came out with a short piece on the renaming of Mount McKinley.

<http://www.theonion.com/americanvoices/mt-mckinley-be-renamed-denali-51216>

Hope your day wasn't too bad.

Best wishes,

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To: Caldwell, Douglas R ERDC-GRL-VA  
Cc: Louis Yost; Jennifer Runyon; Douglas Vandegrift; Michael Shelton; Gilbert, Tony N.  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Denali: The Aftermath (UNCLASSIFIED)

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AB Wade, USGS PAO, responded to that reporter last night. He didn't reply but subsequent WaPo stories have been corrected.

Hard to track down every error, as you say. If the most influential sources (NYT, AP, etc) get something egregiously wrong, then it's worth a specific response.

A larger issue in this matter is that many news sources are attributing the change to the President's action - e.g, "Pres. Obama Changes Name..."

DOI and USGS releases make it clear that the Sec. took the action under the law, but a WH announcement has muddied the waters. Tough to refute - since in the broadest way, the Pres. is responsible for what his administration does.

Jon

ps AP corrected themselves somewhat. Earlier - Pres. Obama Changes Name; now - White House Changes Name...

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\*\* Denali: The Aftermath \*\*

It was interesting watching this last night ... shortly after 5pm I saw a single CNN report on the subject and by the time I went to bed there were hundreds. Thankfully many seemed to track closely with the information that Jon prepared.

This all does raise a couple questions ... likely more as time goes on.

Secretarial Order 3337: Change the Name of Mount McKinley to Denali  
<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.opengov.ibmcloud.com/files/press-release/Denali%20Name%20Change.pdf>  
(Note: all links have BLOCKED added to the front of the URL as they pass through our mail server)

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The Board is responsible for following its usual procedures to immediately implement this name change, including changing the mountain's name in the Board's Geographic Names Information System and notifying all interested parties of the name change.  
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Thanks to Jenny for changing the name already! and to Lou for getting the word out to BGN members!

Hopefully Lou and Jenny know what "notifying all interested parties of the name change." means and how long it will take to accomplish this.

It is curious to note that "This Order shall automatically expire when the Board notifies me that it has notified all interested parties, changed the name in the Board's Geographic Names Information System, and taken all other appropriate actions to implement the name change."

Maybe Mike can shed some light on the phrasing ... I would think the Order changing the name would remain in effect permanently.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Denali translation for DOI release

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BGN members are firm in their belief that the English translation 'the Great One' should not be included in the release.

Preferred sentence >>

The word Denali is the accepted English spelling of an Athabaskan name for the mountain, meaning "the tall one."

The reasoning

We should refer to Denali as "the tall one" or "the high one" but not "the great one."

According to James Kari in "Shem Pete's Alaska: The Territory of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina" "high" or "tall" are appropriate, but "great" is not.

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The name "Denali" does not mean "The Great One," as is commonly cited, but is instead based upon this verb theme meaning "high" or "tall." William Dickey's statement, "The Indians of Cook Inlet have always called this the Bulshaia (great) mountain" (1897:325), is not factually correct. Dickey recorded the Russian word for "big" from some Dena'ina men, but I have never heard that term applied to Denali by Dena'ina speakers.  
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There is a section in the book devoted on "Names for Denali/Mt. McKinley in Alaska Native Languages."

Dr. Kari is recognized as an expert in this area and it is best to defer to him so we don't look like outsiders (which we are).

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**From:** Jenny <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 31 2015 16:47:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Caldwell, Douglas R ERDC-GRL-VA" <Douglas.R.Caldwell@usace.army.mil>  
**Subject:** Re: Denali: More Humor (UNCLASSIFIED)

Love it! And perfect timing. We all need a bit of comic relief right now :)

Jenny

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 31, 2015, at 6:26 PM, Caldwell, Douglas R ERDC-GRL-VA <Douglas.R.Caldwell@usace.army.mil> wrote:  
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> Jon,  
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> \*\* Denali: More Humor \*\*  
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> The humor paper, the Onion, came out with a short piece on the renaming of Mount McKinley.  
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> <http://www.theonion.com/americanvoices/mt-mckinley-be-renamed-denali-51216>  
>  
> Hope your day wasn't too bad.  
>  
> Best wishes,  
>  
> Doug Caldwell  
> Geospatial Research Laboratory  
> Engineer Research and Development Center  
> US Army Corps of Engineers  
> 7701 Telegraph Road  
> Alexandria, VA 22315-3864  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Campbell, Jon [mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 10:36 AM  
> To: Caldwell, Douglas R ERDC-GRL-VA  
> Cc: Louis Yost; Jennifer Runyon; Douglas Vandegrift; Michael Shelton; Gilbert, Tony N.  
> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Denali: The Aftermath (UNCLASSIFIED)  
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> Doug,  
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> In response...  
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> On another note, I opened the Washington Post this morning and noticed that they got the name wrong on the front page and on A4, calling it Mount Denali, not Denali:-(  
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> I realize that we can't possibly track down every factual error (I am at peace with references to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, such as the quote from Sally Jewell in recent articles), but it seems it would benefit us to get out in front of this one and others from major newspapers, as they will likely be writing about it in the future as the story unfolds.  
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> Jon ... how are these kinds of issues handled.  
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> AB Wade, USGS PAO, responded to that reporter last night. He didn't reply but subsequent WaPo stories have been corrected.  
>  
> Hard to track down every error, as you say. If the most influential sources (NYT, AP, etc) get something egregiously wrong, then it's worth a specific response.  
>  
> A larger issue in this matter is that many news sources are attributing the change to the President's action - e.g, "Pres. Obama Changes Name..."  
>  
> DOI and USGS releases make it clear that the Sec. took the action under the law, but a WH announcement has muddied the waters. Tough to refute - since in the broadest way, the Pres. is responsible for what his administration does.  
>  
> But we know the truth. And we are more free for it.  
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> Jon  
>  
> ps AP corrected themselves somewhat. Earlier - Pres. Obama Changes Name; now - White House Changes Name...  
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> On Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 9:37 AM, Caldwell, Douglas R ERDC-GRL-VA <Douglas.R.Caldwell@usace.army.mil> wrote:  
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> Hi!



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> It was interesting watching this last night ... shortly after 5pm I saw a single CNN report on the subject and by the time I went to bed there were hundreds. Thankfully many seemed to track closely with the information that Jon prepared.  
>  
> This all does raise a couple questions ... likely more as time goes on.  
>  
> Secretarial Order 3337: Change the Name of Mount McKinley to Denali  
> <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.opengov.ibmcloud.com/files/press-release/Denali%20Name%20Change.pdf>  
> (Note: all links have BLOCKED added to the front of the URL as they pass through our mail server)  
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> -----  
> The Board is responsible for following its usual procedures to immediately implement this name change, including changing the mountain's name in the Board's Geographic Names Information System and notifying all interested parties of the name change.  
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>  
> Thanks to Jenny for changing the name already! and to Lou for getting the word out to BGN members!  
>  
> Hopefully Lou and Jenny know what "notifying all interested parties of the name change." means and how long it will take to accomplish this.  
>  
> It is curious to note that "This Order shall automatically expire when the Board notifies me that it has notified all interested parties, changed the name in the Board's Geographic Names Information System, and taken all other appropriate actions to implement the name change."  
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> Maybe Mike can shed some light on the phrasing ... I would think the Order changing the name would remain in effect permanently.  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Campbell, Jon [mailto:[joncampbell@usgs.gov](mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov)]  
> Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 5:30 PM  
> To: Louis Yost; Jennifer Runyon; Douglas Vandegrift; Caldwell, Douglas R ERDC-GRL-VA; Michael Shelton; Gilbert, Tony N.  
> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Denali translation for DOI release  
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> fyi  
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> From: Campbell, Jon <[joncampbell@usgs.gov](mailto:joncampbell@usgs.gov)>  
> Date: Fri, Aug 28, 2015 at 5:27 PM  
> Subject: Denali translation for DOI release  
> To: Anne-Berry Wade <[abwade@usgs.gov](mailto:abwade@usgs.gov)>  
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> AB,  
>  
> BGN members are firm in their belief that the English translation 'the Great One' should not be included in the release.  
>  
> Preferred sentence >>  
>  
> The word Denali is the accepted English spelling of an Athabaskan name for the mountain, meaning "the tall one."  
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>  
> We should refer to Denali as "the tall one" or "the high one" but not "the great one."  
>  
> According to James Kari in "Shem Pete's Alaska: The Territory of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina" "high" or "tall" are appropriate, but "great" is not.  
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> -----  
> The name "Denali" does not mean "The Great One," as is commonly cited, but is instead based upon this verb theme meaning "high" or "tall." William Dickey's statement, "The Indians of Cook Inlet have always called this the Bulshaia (great) mountain" (1897:325), is not factually correct. Dickey recorded the Russian word for "big" from some Dena'ina men, but I have never heard that term applied to Denali by Dena'ina speakers.  
> -----  
>  
> There is a section in the book devoted on "Names for Denali/Mt. McKinley in Alaska Native Languages."  
>  
> Dr. Kari is recognized as an expert in this area and it is best to defer to him so we don't look like outsiders (which we are).  
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**From:** "Campbell, Jon" <joncampbell@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 31 2015 16:07:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>, Jennifer Runyon <jrunyon@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** pls review Newseek inquiry- Initiatives in changing landmark names - possible further use  
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Pls review

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Michelle,

We can provide only two examples of names that currently being currently proposed as name changes for landmark features. It's not a common occurrence.

First, a bit of context about the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN).

The BGN is the interagency organization established to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the federal government. It provides the official place names required by law for use in federal government publications, including maps, web sites, and documents. The standardized spelling and use of geographic names allows the federal government to communicate clearly and unambiguously about places, reducing the potential for confusion.

While the Board's authority only applies to the federal government, the Board's decisions are almost always followed by state and local governments and by commercial organizations. Every year, the BGN reviews hundreds of new name proposals and suggested name changes from private citizens and local, state, federal, and tribal authorities. The BGN never initiates a new name proposal; rather, it mediates place name controversies and rules on new name proposals using its principles, policies and procedures.

The central guiding principle of the Board is to reflect established local name usage or preferences in official names whenever possible. The BGN does not initiate naming or renaming actions. It responds to proposals received from Federal agencies; State, local, and Tribal governments; and the public.

[More BGN background.](#)

The two examples.

1. In WY, change **Devils Tower** to **Bear Lodge**: summit; elevation 5,125 ft.; located in Devils Tower National Monument.
2. In SD, change **Harney Peak** to **Black Elk Peak**: summit; elevation 7,211 ft.; in Black Hills National Forest/Black Elk Wilderness.

See attached files (abridged BGN cases for the proposals) for further details. The complete versions are twice as lengthy.

If you have further questions, you are welcome to contact:

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Best wishes,

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Subject: Re: Initiatives in changing landmark names

To: [m.richinick@newsweek.com](mailto:m.richinick@newsweek.com)

Cc: Anne-Berry Wade <[abwade@usgs.gov](mailto:abwade@usgs.gov)>, April Slayton <[april\\_slayton@nps.gov](mailto:april_slayton@nps.gov)>, Louis Yost <[lyost@usgs.gov](mailto:lyost@usgs.gov)>

Michele,

The BGN staff can provide a couple examples of this - currently proposed names for landmark features. It's not a common occurrence.

Will need a little time to organize our thoughts in writing.

Best,

Jon

USGS Public Affairs

From: Michele Richinick <[m.richinick@newsweek.com](mailto:m.richinick@newsweek.com)>

Date: Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 1:02 PM

Subject: Renaming of U.S. landmarks

To: [april\\_slayton@nps.gov](mailto:april_slayton@nps.gov)

Hello April,

My name is Michele Richinick and I am a reporter for Newsweek in New York. With the name of Mount McKinley changing, I am writing a post about other landmarks that could change. So far I have the Robert E. Lee Memorial Park in Baltimore. I am reaching out to you to ask if you might know of a few more initiatives in which people are trying to change the name of a landmark?

I appreciate any insight you can provide.

Thank you,

Jon Campbell

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## WYOMING

Change **Devils Tower** to **Bear Lodge**: summit; elevation 5,125 ft.; located in Devils Tower National Monument, 44 mi. NE of Gillette; the proposed name is the English translation of a native name for the feature; Crook County, Wyoming; 44°35'26"N, 104°42'55"W; USGS map - Devils Tower 1:24,000

Proposal: to restore a native name and remove a name considered by some to be offensive  
Map: USGS Devils Tower 1:24,000  
Proponent: Arvol Looking Horse  
Administrative area: Devils Tower National Monument  
Previous BGN Action: Devils Tower (BGN 1904)

Case Summary: The new name Bear Lodge is proposed for the summit currently named Devils Tower. This prominent geologic feature is located in Devils Tower National Monument in northeast Wyoming on the edge of the Black Hills. It rises over 1,000 feet above the surrounding landscape and is an important geologic example of columnar jointing, a sacred site for the Lakota and other American Indian tribes, and a popular tourist and rock climbing destination.

The proponent, a neutral mediator speaking on behalf of a Spiritual Leader of the Lakota Nation, objects to the name Devils Tower for such a holy site. She wishes to have the name changed to Bear Lodge, a native name with current and historical usage, stating, “The Devils Tower name is offensive because it equates cultural and faith traditions practiced at this site to ‘devil worship,’ in essence equating indigenous people to ‘devils.’ The Devils Tower name is perceived by indigenous elders, leaders and individual tribal members as highly offensive...and [it] serves as a constant irritant that causes...ongoing resentment in their community.” A related proposal is to change the name of the populated place named Devils Tower to Bear Lodge.

The summit is a crucial part of many American Indian tribes’ spirituality, rituals, and cosmology. Many tribes have similar stories about how it was formed. Most involve a group of people being chased by a bear onto a rock. This rock is then raised high out of the reach of the bear which left long claw marks in the side as it tried to climb. The summit is known by numerous names in many native languages, but many are variations on “Bear Lodge” or “Bear Tipi.”

A study commissioned by the National Park Service in 1997 found evidence that six tribes likely have found the summer solstice, Lakota hold the Sun Dance, “a ceremony of fasting and sacrifice that leads to the renewal of the individual and the group as a whole,” according to an NPS document. The Lakota refer to the summit as Mato Tipila, or Bear Lodge.

The first American explorers to refer to the feature in their records were part of an 1859 expedition led by Captain William F. Reynolds. In an 1857 report, he called the summit Mato Teepee and the official 1859 map from the expedition labels it as “Mato Teepee or Bear’s Lodge.” Variations on the name Bear Lodge appear on many expeditionary, survey, and commercial atlas maps until the 1880s. An 1875 expedition under Lieutenant Colonel Richard I. Dodge was sent after gold and other mineral resources were discovered in the Black Hills. Surveyors from his crew reported the summit’s name as Bear Lodge, but a popular 1876 book by Dodge stated that “the Indians call this shaft ‘The Bad God’s Tower,’ a name adopted, with proper modification by our surveyors.” The phrase evolved into Devils Tower and the memorable and evocative, if inappropriate to American Indians, name stuck. Scholars believe that poor translation by someone in Dodge’s party caused the name change. In Lakota, devil or “bad god” is wakansica (pronounced wah-KON-she-cha) whereas black bear is wahanksica (pronounced wah-ON-ksee-cha).

The area around the summit was designated Devils Tower National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and was the Nation's first National Monument. The proponent has also asked the Monument be renamed but has been advised that this would require an Act of Congress or Executive Order.

With the exception of the 113th, a bill has been introduced into each Congress since the 106th to retain the name Devils Tower for the summit.

The proponent believes the name should be changed because (1) the name Devils Tower was applied based on a faulty translation; (2) the name is offensive to the religious practices of the Lakota; and (3) the Board has "a firm policy prohibiting the inclusion of a word in an official geographic name considered by the Board to be derogatory to any racial, ethnic, gender, or religious group." She contends the name Bear Lodge is apt because it is a correct translation of several of the native names for the tower, it is "currently in regular usage, therefore this formal change would not cause confusion," the name is historically well-documented, has widespread national support, and "it corrects the patently offensive name." The proposal references "a bi-partisan, interfaith petition that includes Wyoming residents and signatories from across the nation, as well as letters of support from human rights organizations, religious leaders, tribal authorities and indigenous elders." The proponent requests that the name change be considered and decided before "the centennial year of the National Park Service and the 110th anniversary celebration of the monument in September 2016."

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Change **Harney Peak** to **Black Elk Peak**: summit; elevation 7,211 ft.; in Black Hills National Forest/Black Elk Wilderness; the proposed name honors Black Elk (1863-1950), a Lakota spiritual leader who reported having a vision on the summit; Pennington County, South Dakota; 43°51'58"N, 103°31'53"W

Previous BGN Action: Harney Peak (BGN 1906)

Case Summary: The new name Black Elk Peak is proposed for the summit currently named Harney Peak. This summit is located in the Black Elk Wilderness of Black Hills National Forest in Pennington County in southwestern South Dakota. It is the highest point not only in the State but also east of the Rocky Mountains in North America. The summit has been labeled Harney Peak on U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps since 1896 and on U.S. Forest Service maps since 1988. It was reportedly first applied to the summit in 1864 or 1865.

Black Elk or Nicholas Black Elk (1863-1950) was a revered Oglala Lakota holy man. His life's story became widely known after the publication of *Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt. Black Elk's teachings on sacred rituals have inspired many Lakota and non-Lakota to take up traditional ceremonies and study Native spirituality. He revived the Sun Dance rituals and his version is now celebrated by Lakota traditionalists, often at Devils Tower National Monument at the feature known to them as "Bear Lodge." Black Elk became a Catholic and stressed the concordance between Lakota and Christian religions.

The summit is one of the most holy sites of the Lakota. Early each spring at the summit, the Lakota hold ceremonies known as Yate Iwakicipi or "welcoming back the thunders," in which they pray for rain, help, and strength.

The proponent believes that the summit is desecrated by the name of General William S. Harney, who participated in atrocious attacks on American Indians early in his military career. Particular objection is raised about his role in the Battle of Ash Hollow in September 1855. Harney and his men were reportedly brutal in their attack, killing women and children. The Lakota later called him "Squaw Killer," "Woman Killer," or "The Butcher."

Harney was involved in many frontier conflicts between 1818 and 1863, including wars with Black Hawk the Sauk, the Seminoles, the Lakota Sioux, and tribes in Texas. He served with distinction in the Mexican War in battles at Veracruz, Cerro Gordo, and Mexico City. However, after the Civil War, Harney worked as a peace negotiator with Plains American Indian Tribes, many of whom were the same ones he fought against in the Sioux Wars. He urged the U.S. Government to improve the treatment of native tribes and to honor past treaties. He retired to Florida and died in Orlando. After his death, the Lakota conferred to him the name "Man-who-always-kept-his-word."

A BGN decision in 1906 approved the singular form Harney Peak. In 1970, a proposal was submitted by two residents of California to change the name to Black Elk Peak. The change was proposed again by a different proponent in 1973; again, the BGN declined to take any action, citing a reluctance to change "well-established" names and a belief that there would not be local or State support for the change. An online search for references to Harney Peak shows that in 2011 the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe passed a resolution requesting the name Harney Peak "revert to its Lakota name, Hinhan Kaga Paha, or such other name acceptable to the affected communities in the Black Hills region." However, this resolution was never forwarded to the BGN.

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- /44. Coast Survey maps with "Mt. McKinley"/1.3 Coast Survey 1895 General Chart of Alaska.jpg

"O'Donnell, Matthew" <mjodonnell@usgs.gov>

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**From:** "O'Donnell, Matthew" <mjodonnell@usgs.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Aug 27 2015 12:15:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Louis Yost <lyost@usgs.gov>, Jon Campbell <joncampbell@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** Coast Survey maps with "Mt. McKinley"  
**Attachments:** Coast Survey 1897 General Chart of Alaska.jpg Coast Survey 1896 General Chart of Alaska.jpg Coast Survey 1895 General Chart of Alaska.jpg

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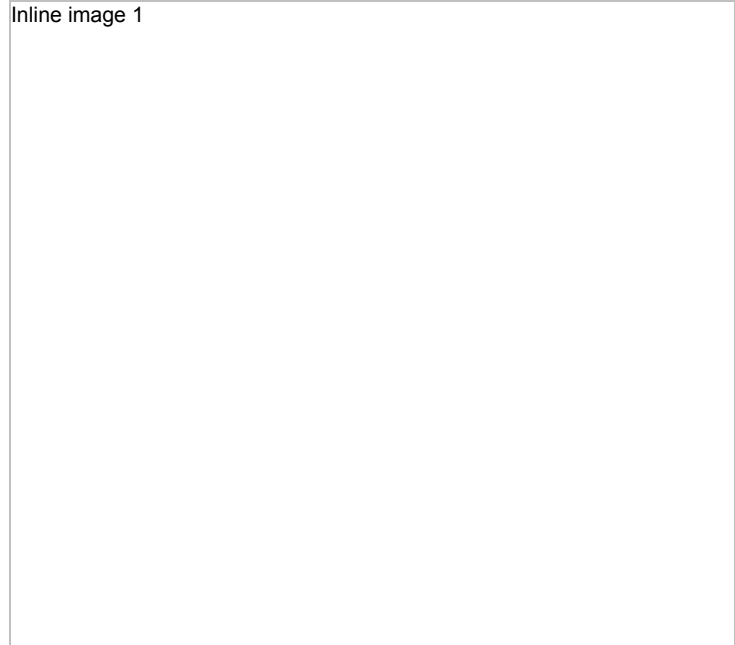
Hope this makes up for the troubling continent questioning!

Matt

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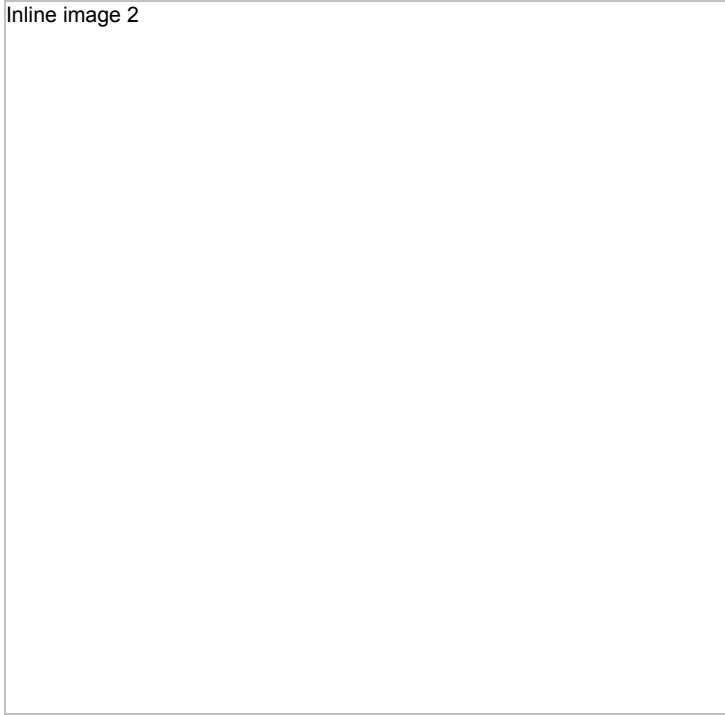


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Inline image 2



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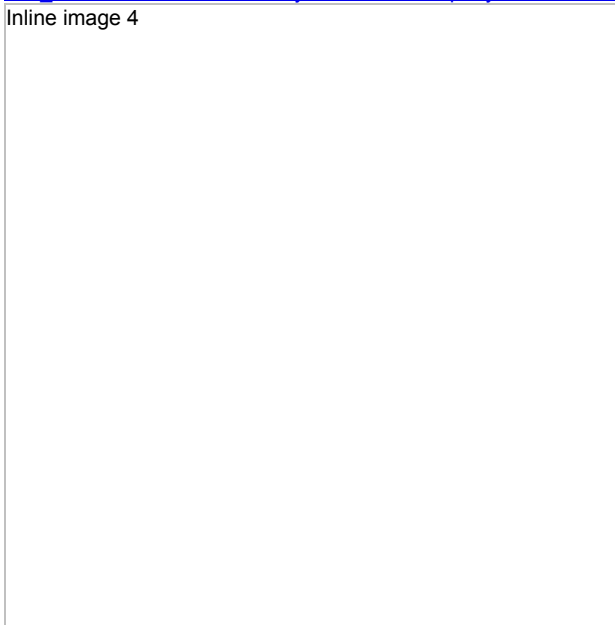
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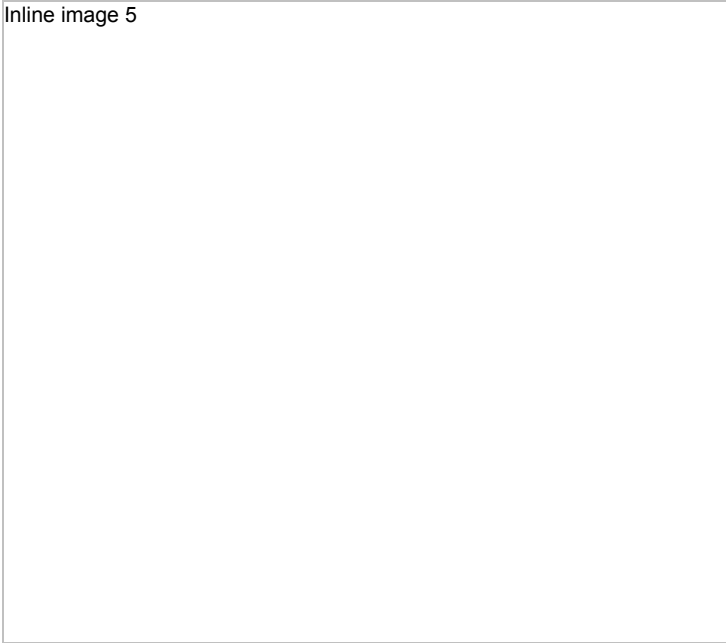
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1898 Coast Survey General Chart of Alaska  
shows Mt. McKinley (Bulshaia)

attached as google drive link; source: <http://historicalcharts.noaa.gov/jpgs/AR03-00-1897.jpg> [says 1897 in file name, but 1898 on map and differs from the attached 1897 map.]

Inline image 5



Matt


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**From:** "Yost, Louis" <lyost@usgs.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: Coast Survey maps with "Mt. McKinley"

I suppose that is the source that Baker cites in his dictionary. Great! And I may have found Baker's work card, but it doesn't mention the Coast Survey, and only has name history.

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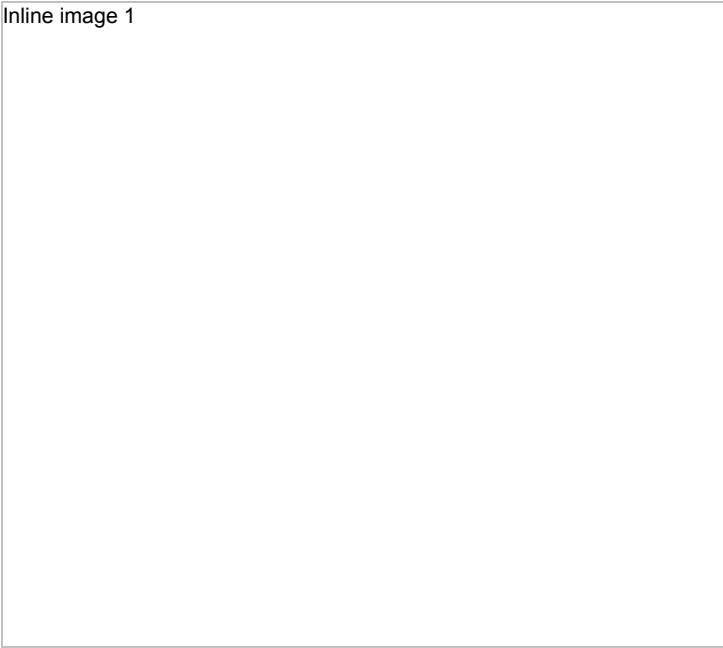
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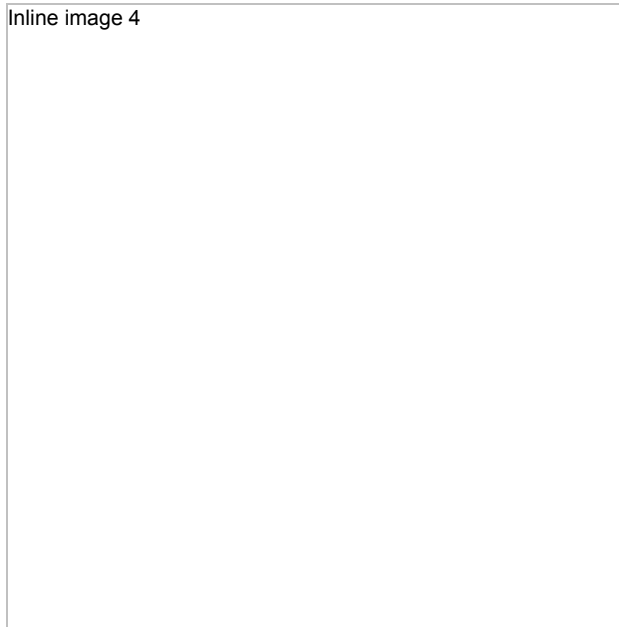
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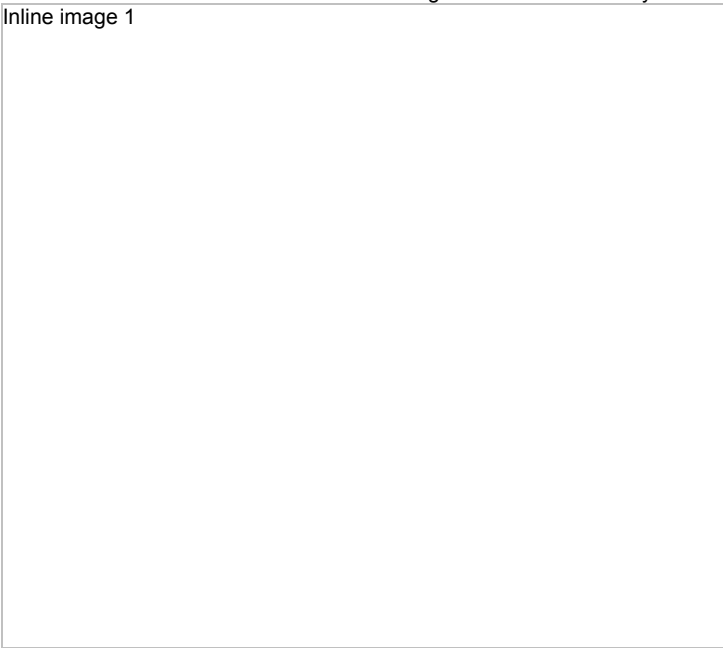
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You're welcome, glad I could help and contribute.

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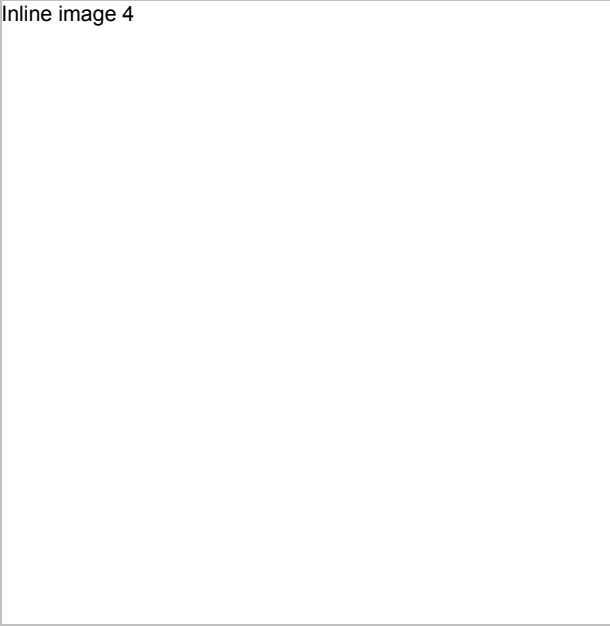
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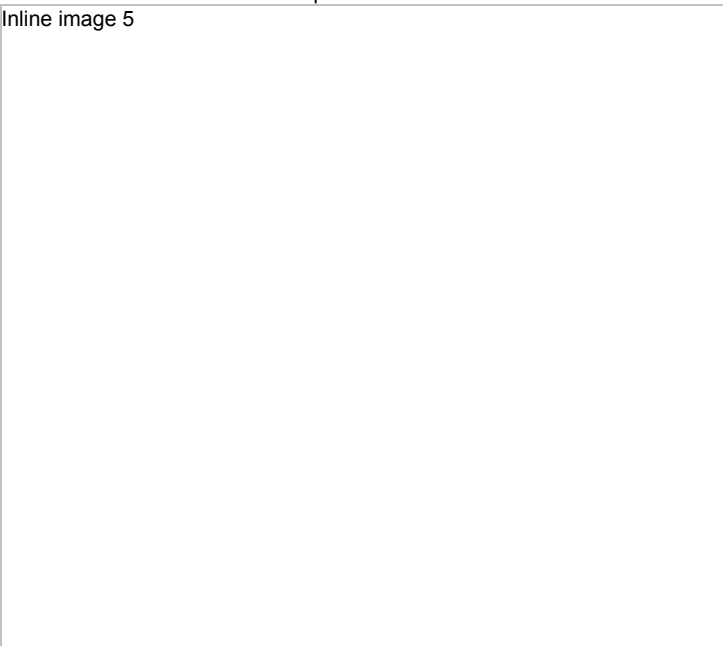
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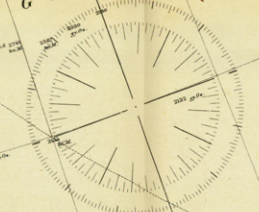
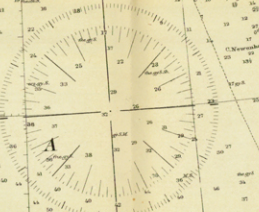
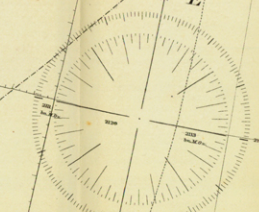
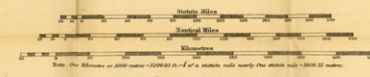
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Published by W.W. HOFFMAN, Superintendent  
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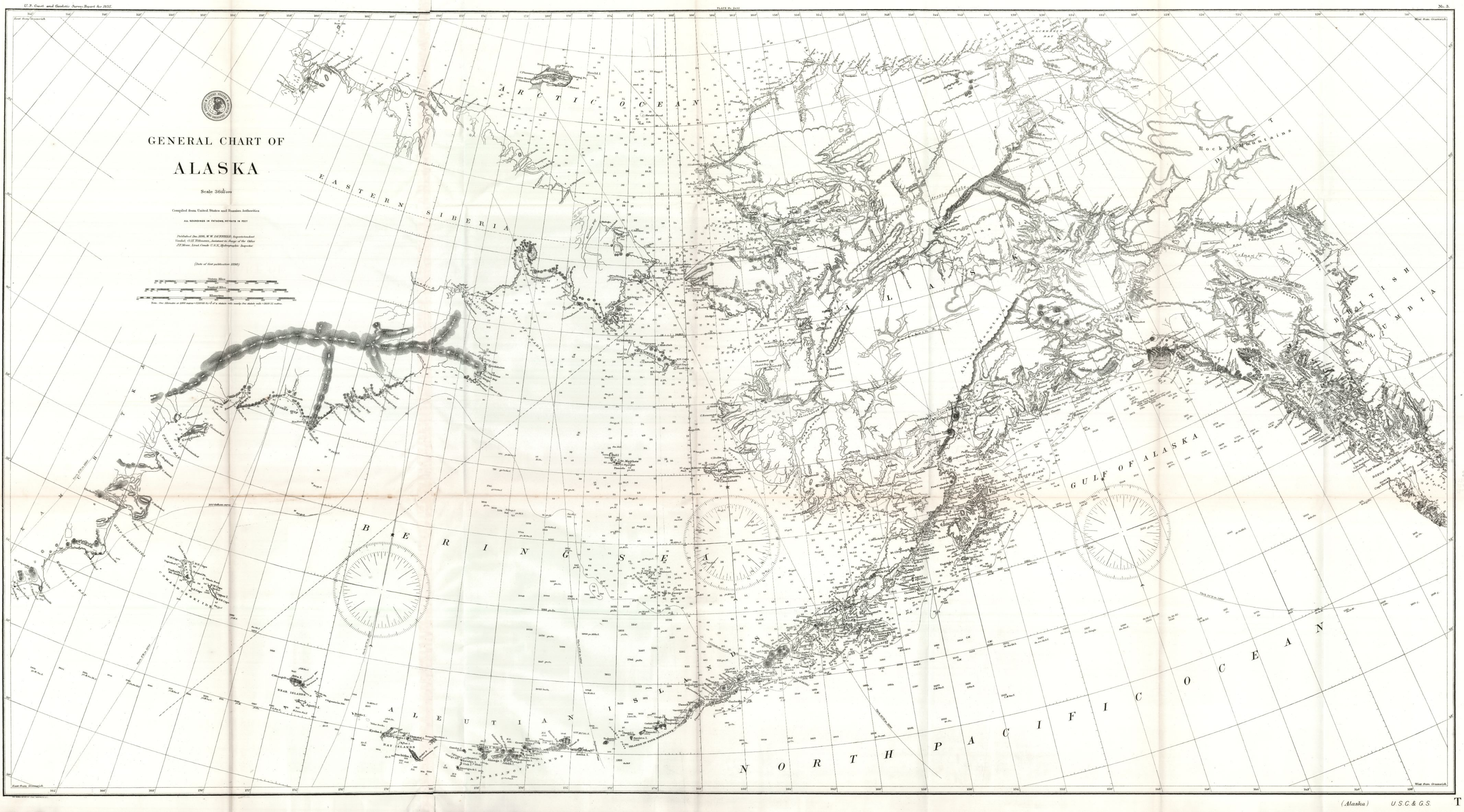
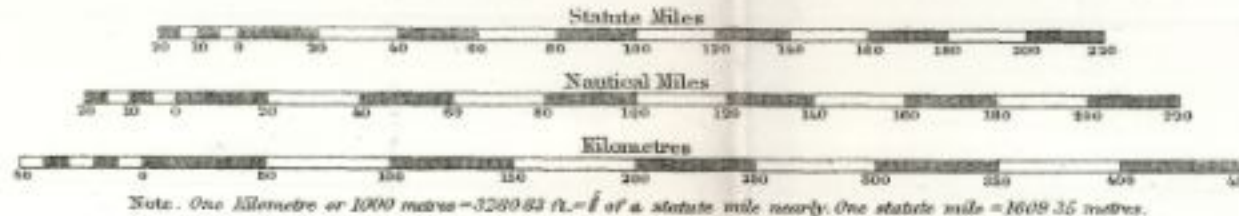
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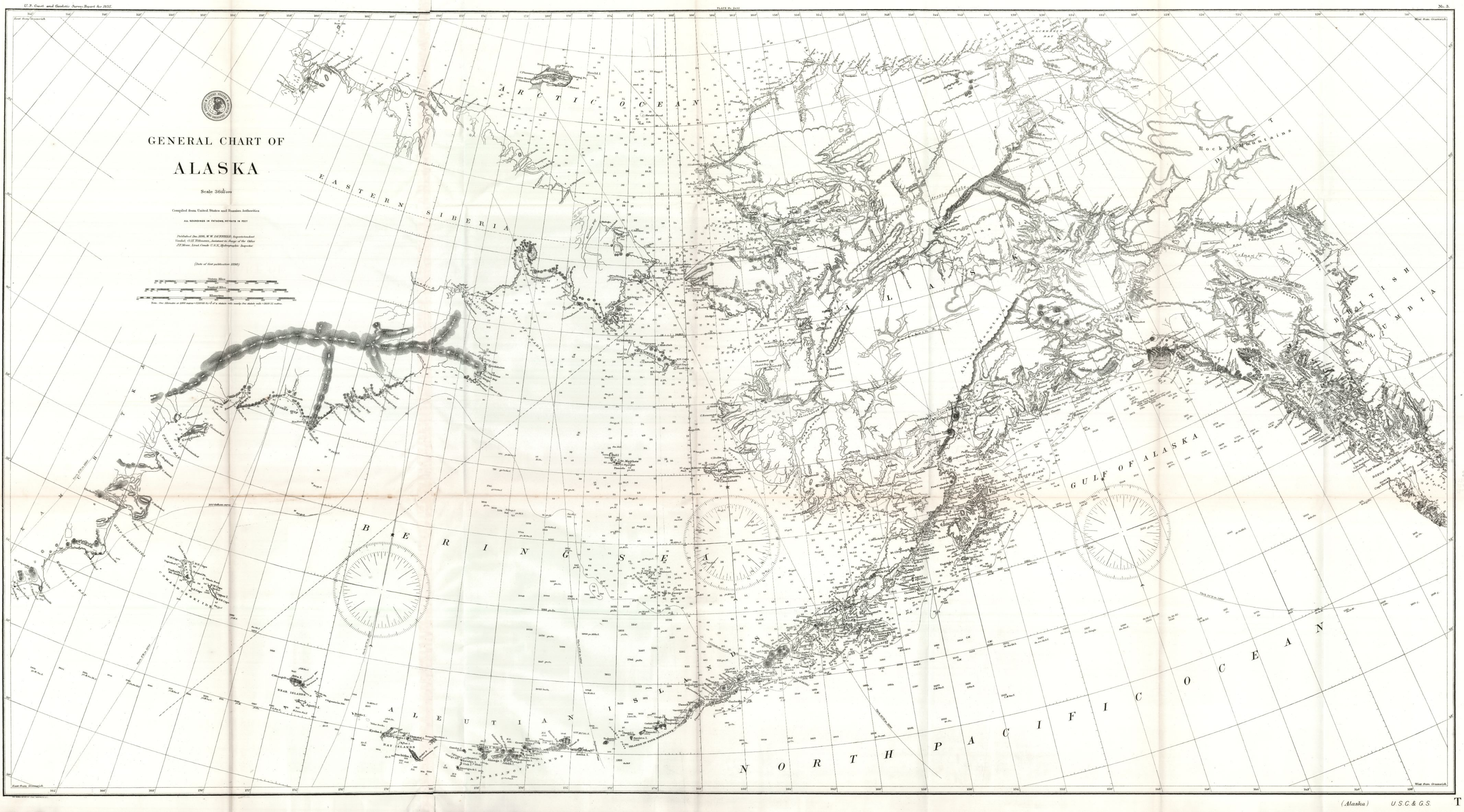
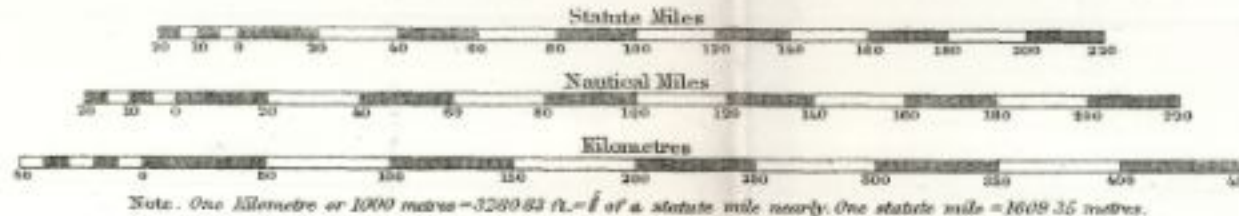
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Extracts from Minutes of BGN's Domestic Names Committee Meetings: Jan. 2000 - July 2015  
References to Mount McKinley/Denali issue

July 9, 2015

A recent episode of *The Daily Show* included a segment on the Mount McKinley/Denali naming efforts. It noted that the BGN (pursuant to Policy I) cannot address the issue due to the fact that legislation specifically addressing the name continues to be submitted during each congressional session.

The Secretary of the Interior has been invited to attend an event in Alaska in August that will focus on the ongoing efforts by USGS to prepare updated maps for Alaska, but during which the issue of the name of the summit may also be raised. The DNC agreed it would be appropriate to prepare some background information for the Secretary on the matter. There was some discussion as to whether the 1975 proposal from the then-Governor of Alaska to change Mount McKinley to Denali is still an active case. Yost reported that it was never formally withdrawn but was put on hold by the staff because of the repeated activity in Congress.

June 11, 2015

Senator Murkowski has also introduced legislation to change the name of Mount McKinley to Mount Denali. Yost referenced a newspaper article where Sen. Murkowski mentioned looking into having the DNC amend its Policy I "Names Being Considered By Congress." The members noted that the BGN has always been and continues to be deferential to Congress. A brief discussion followed, including the possibility of briefing the Senator regarding the BGN's longstanding policies. Campbell offered to pursue the matter with the USGS Congressional Liaison Office.

The COGNA [Council of Geographic Names Authorities annual meeting] program also included a presentation on the Mount McKinley/Denali issue. The presenter stated that many people in Alaska are "tired of waiting for the name to be changed" although it was apparent that most are unfamiliar with the BGN's policies. There was some suggestion of seeking an Executive Order to change the name.

February 14, 2013

Yost distributed a recent article from the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* regarding the name of Mount McKinley:

>>> **Posted: Saturday, February 9, 2013 12:00 am**

**Fairbanks Daily News-Miner editorial**

Those who want to restore the name Denali to its rightful place should ignore Congress, where the debate flared up again late last month. Rather, they should focus on a bureaucratic policy that helps ensure North America's highest peak remains named for the 25th U.S. president, William McKinley of Ohio.

On Jan. 23, Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, introduced legislation to ensure that Denali remains, officially, Mount McKinley. Five days later, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, introduced legislation that would declare Denali to be Denali.

If history is any guide, neither side is likely to prevail. Instead, the place to attack this issue is deep within the Department of Interior, before the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

Since 1981, the panel has maintained a simple policy: "The U.S. Board of Geographic Names will not render a decision on a name or its application if the matter is also being considered by the Congress of the United States."

So, not surprisingly, at the start of every two-year session of Congress, a member of the Ohio delegation introduces legislation to protect Mount McKinley.

The legislation need never be approved by Congress to have the desired effect, as long as the Board of Geographic Names clings to its policy. The Ohio delegation's bill qualifies as consideration by Congress. End of story.

The board originally adopted this policy because its naming decisions, obviously, can be trumped by an act of Congress. Why go through all the bother of naming a geographic feature if Congress is poised to veto the decision?

Unfortunately, the policy can be easily abused by a single member of Congress.

The policy is not law. It's not regulation. The Department of Interior could modify it at any time. Doing so might not be the most important thing on newly named Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell's agenda, but it would certainly gain her some applause in Alaska.

Dumping the policy would allow Alaskans to argue the renaming case before a body that might actually do something about it.

### October 11, 2012

The BGN staff received a telephone inquiry regarding U.S. Senator Murkowski's bill to change the name of Mount McKinley to Mount Denali. There are two conflicting bills in Congress regarding the feature, one to retain the name Mount McKinley and another to change the name of the summit to Mount Denali. The members were reminded that as long as the issue is pending before Congress, the BGN cannot act on it.

### April 12, 2012

Senator Lisa Murkowski (Alaska) has introduced a bill into the U.S. Senate "To designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali." The details behind the effort have not been made available, but preliminary research suggests the feature in question is the one already named officially Mount McKinley. If Congress should pass legislation, the name would become official for federal use. It has been noted that the name commonly used within the State of Alaska is Denali, with no generic term included. The DNC receives periodic inquiries regarding the name of the summit but as long as there is legislation pending before Congress to retain the name Mount McKinley, the DNC cannot consider a name change.

### April 9, 2009

#### Review of Policy I: Names Being Considered by Congress (Yost)

Policy I reads currently, "The U.S. Board on Geographic Names will not render a decision on a name or its application if the matter is also being considered by the Congress of the United States." The Secretary of the Interior has received a letter from Alaska Representative Scott Kawasaki, requesting that the DNC revisit this policy and revise it to state that if Congress does not act on the issue by the end of six years, the DNC will proceed with a vote. This question has arisen because of the increased interest in changing the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. It is not clear whether Policy I was developed as a result of that issue, although recent staff research suggests it was already in place before the Denali proposal was initiated.

One member asked whether the current policy requires that a bill simply be introduced in to Congress or must it reach the floor for a vote? Another noted that simply by rewording

the legislation essentially keeps the issue active. The Secretary of the Interior has asked the BGN to respond to Rep. Kawasaki's letter, but the consensus of the Committee is that this needs further analysis, presumably at the Shepherdstown meeting in June. Yost will compile a response accordingly.

Vandegraff offered to prepare for the June meeting a brief synopsis of the history of the naming of Mount McKinley and the State's approval of Denali; the members agreed this would be of interest. [none received]

#### February 20, 2009

In recent weeks, there has been increased media coverage of the effort to change the name of Mount McKinley in Alaska to Denali. Although representatives of the State of Ohio have reintroduced legislation to retain the name Mount McKinley for Federal use, a contingent from Alaska has indicated it will also be proceeding with legislation to have the name changed to Denali. In responding to inquiries, staff reiterates the BGN's policy that if an issue is pending before Congress the BGN will not address it.

#### October 11, 2001

It was announced that a letter was received from the Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, who chairs the Alaska State Board on Geographic Names, indicating that the State will be reactivating their quest to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali.

BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fourteenth Meeting  
February 11, 1975  
Conference Room  
Water Resources Council  
2120 L Street  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Henry R. Henson, Government Printing Office (Chairman)  
Russell P. McRorey, Department of Agriculture  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce  
Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service  
Donald J. Orth, Department of Interior
- 1.2 Deputies Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson  
John E. Findley
- 1.5 Other Sam Stulberg, U.S. Geological Survey

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Henson.
- 2.2 The minutes of the 313th meeting were approved with the following corrections:  
Item 1.1--should omit Russell P. McRorey and "Raymond L. Hulick"  
should read "Ray L. Hulick."
- 2.3 It was noted that Dr. James R. Anderson (Department of the Interior) is presently in the Washington Medical Center undergoing a series of operations on his eyes.

3. COMMUNICATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

- 3.1 Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of January 1975:

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3.7 Orth stated that Commissioner McAnerney informed him there is a resolution being submitted to the Alaska legislature which, if passed, would effectively change the name of Mount McKinley to Mount Denali for State usage. It was noted that if such a resolution were enacted, the Board on Geographic Names and the Federal Government would have a problem that may not be resolved easily. Thompson said that if the Board attempted to conform with such a name change, the name of Mount McKinley National Park would be affected. It would take an act of Congress to change the name of a National Park. Orth said that although the name change has the support of the Alaska Board, there is no indication, at this time, that the resolution will be passed. We have asked for a copy of the resolution. It was agreed that the Federal Board will wait for the results of any State action. If the name change is passed by the State, it was suggested that the matter be discussed with Secretary of the Interior Morton.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7404 is at the printers.

4.2 Docket List 195 containing 102 name entries was printed and distributed.

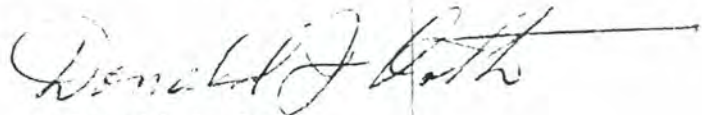
5. DOCKET LIST ACTIONS

5.1 The Committee reviewed and took action on 400 names on Dockets 185 through 195. Individual actions are indicated on the Names Considered List (Attachment A).

6. CLOSING

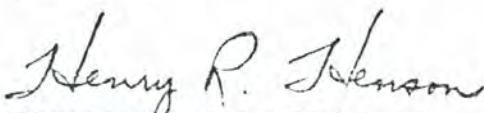
6.1 The Committee adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

6.2 The next meeting on the Domestic Names Committee is scheduled for March 11, 1975. The time and place will be announced.



Donald J. Orth  
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Domestic Geographic Names

APPROVED:



Henry R. Henson, Chairman  
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BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fifteenth Meeting  
March 11, 1975  
Conference Room  
Water Resources Council  
2120 L Street  
Washington, D. C.

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- 3.2 A letter was received from Congressman Carl D. Perkins enclosing a copy of a Joint Resolution passed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1954 changing the name of Levisa Fork in Kentucky to Big Sandy River. The Committee instructed the Executive Secretary:

1.) to determine the current feeling of the Commonwealth



government on the name change, and

2.) to determine the present-day local name for the stream shown on most maps as Levisa Fork.

- 3.3 The Office of the Secretary of the Interior and the Alaska Congressional delegation informed the Executive Secretary that a Joint Resolution was recently passed in the Legislature of the State of Alaska changing the name of Mount McKinley to Mount Denali. A suggestion was also made in Alaska that the park be named McKinley National Park. Thompson reiterated last month's observation that changing the name of the park would require an Act of Congress. Orth stated that the Resolution has been sent to Governor Jay S. Hammond for signature. The Committee suggested that the staff keep informed of the name-change Resolution. No action will be taken to consider a name change unless a proposal is formally submitted to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. If such a proposal is received, it was again suggested that the Executive Secretary for Domestic Names meet with Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton, and Director of the National Park Service, Gary E. Everhardt to discuss this matter.
- 3.4 A letter dated February 14 was received announcing creation of the Utah Board on Geographic Names in the Utah State Department of Development Service, Division of State History. The Utah Board is to act as "liaison between the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and those agencies and parties effecting names in Utah." Dr. David E. Miller is Chairman of the Utah Board. The Executive Secretary will direct all future correspondence concerning Utah names to Dr. Miller.
- 3.5 Orth informed the Committee of a meeting he and Mr. Stulberg had at the National Bureau of Standards with Mrs. Hazel McEwen and Harry White. They were asked whether the geographic names support staff in the Geological Survey would be interested in maintaining the point-location code system being developed by the American National Standards Institute. Further discussions are planned.
- 3.6 A recent letter was received from the U.S. Geological Survey asking for a decision on the application of the name The Mall in Washington, D.C. There is considerable variation between Federal and D.C. agencies over the application of the name. The extent of the feature (bounded by Constitution and Independence Avenues) to which The Mall applies has two basic variations:

- 1.) extending between the U.S. Capitol Grounds (1st Street) and the Washington Monument Grounds (14th Street), and
- 2.) extending between the U.S. Capitol Grounds and the Lincoln Memorial.

An earlier application extended the name from "Kennedy" Stadium to the Lincoln Memorial. The staff will work with Federal and D. C. officials to see if a standardized description for the name can be developed.

BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Sixteenth Meeting

April 8, 1975

Conference Room

Water Resources Council

2120 L Street

Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Acting Chairman  
James R. Anderson, Department of Interior  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
Frank Karsten, Postal Service
- 1.2 Deputies Fred Saunders, Postal Service
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2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Harrington.
- 2.2 Messrs. Frank Karsten and Fred Saunders were introduced and approved as Acting Deputies for the Postal Service (Attachment A).
- 2.3 The minutes of the 315th meeting were approved as printed with the following corrections:

- a). 3.1 should read as follows: "Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of February 1975:

Telephone inquiries received and answered	154
Letters written (answered & initiated)	90
Case Briefs prepared	71
Work cards prepared	279"

- b). Names Considered List, Docket 195, Florida: "Chatauqua, Lake" should read "Chautauqua, Lake."



### 3. COMMUNICATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of March 1975:

Telephone inquiries received and answered	178
Letters written (answered & initiated)	89
Case Briefs prepared	111
Work cards prepared	217

3.2 Orth reported that on March 7 the Alaska State Legislature passed a Joint Resolution requesting the Secretary of the Interior to direct the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to officially change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. The Resolution further resolved that Mount McKinley National Park be renamed McKinley National Park. The Executive Secretary for Domestic Names has been "staying close" to the Secretary's office on this matter and it is his understanding that Secretary Morton would like to take care of it before leaving to assume his new position as Secretary of the Department of Commerce. A letter has been drafted asking for the Secretary's advice in this matter. This may hopefully pave the way for a meeting between the Secretary, Assistant Secretary Douglas Wheeler (Fish and Wildlife, and Parks), the Honorable Gary Everhardt (National Park Service), and the Board on Geographic Names.

3.3 Several letters have been received from individuals and city governments in Washington and Idaho proposing a name for the reservoir behind Lower Granite Dam built by the Corps of Engineers. Most propose either Granite Lake or Lower Granite Lake. The Clarkston Herald newspaper proposes the name William Clark Lake. The Committee recommended that consideration of a name for this feature be delayed in order to allow time for reaction to all the proposals and for other investigation.

3.4 Driskell reported further local investigation of the name Juames Mesa for a feature in New Mexico approved by the Committee in October 1974. It has been discovered that the name should be Mesa de los Jumanos. Published documents showing that the mesa was named for Indians called Jumanos who formerly occupied the pueblos of Quarai, Tajique, Chilili, Abo, and Tabira were presented with the report. After discussion and upon a motion made by Anderson/Driskell it was:  
VOTED: to change the name of the feature near Willard, New Mexico from Juames Mesa (former decision) to Mesa de los Jumanos.

3.5 The Executive Secretary for Domestic Names reported the following meetings he attended that relate to the activities of the Board on Geographic Names:

- a). A meeting held by the U.S. Geological Survey, Topographic Division to discuss a program of compiling and putting





of the 315th [3.3] and the 316th [3.2] Domestic Names Committee meetings). Other than the State Resolution itself, there is presently little visible support by officials and citizens for the name change. The staff has received comparatively little correspondence reacting to the proposed name change. About half the 12 letters received are against the proposal.

The Committee discussed the recommended name change. It was noted that Secretary Morton is now Secretary of Commerce and that there will be a new Secretary of the Interior. The Committee also expressed the need to wait until there is a clearer indication of the concensus of opinion by the people of Alaska for or against the name-change proposal. The name of the National Park presents a problem that is part of the proposal. Upon the motion of Anderson/Thompson it was:

VOTED; to defer further action on the recommendation of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali for a period of six months.

- 3.3 A letter was received from Mr. Robert T. Connor, President, Borough of "Richmond," City of New York, announcing that effective April 9, 1975, the name of the borough will be officially changed to the Borough of Staten Island. A letter was also received from Mr. Ray L. Hulick, U.S. Postal Service, enclosing a copy of a similar letter to the Postmaster General.
- 3.4 Orth reported on the status of the name proposals for the pools behind Lower Granite and Lower Monumental Dams on the Snake River in Washington. Both these dams and Little Goose Dam will be formally dedicated on June 18, 19, and 20, 1975. The dedications will be sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association. All were built by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

a). Four different names have been proposed for the pool behind Lower Granite Dam:

1. William Clark Lake
2. Lower Granite Lake
3. Granite Lake
4. Seminacum Lake

Most of the letters received support the name Granite Lake. "Seminacum" is a Nez Perce Indian name that refers to the "forks of a river."

It was the concensus of the Committee that action on naming the reservoir be deferred.



BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Eighteenth Meeting  
June 10, 1975  
Conference Room  
Water Resources Council  
2120 L Street  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members  
& Deputies

Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Acting Chairman  
Ray L. Hulick, Postal Service  
Russell McRorey, Department of Agriculture  
Robert McArtor, Government Printing Office  
Donald J. Orth, Department of the Interior

1.2 Non-Voting Deputies

Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names

1.4 Staff

Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johanson

1.5 Other

Sam Stulberg, U.S. Geological Survey  
William L. Krashoc, U.S. Geological Survey

2. OPENING

2.1 Acting Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2.2 Minutes of the 317th meeting were approved as published.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of May 1975:

Telephone inquiries received and answered	169
Letters written (answered and initiated)	116
Case Briefs prepared	102
Work Cards prepared	91

3.2 Orth reported that he received a memorandum from the Director, National Park Service, submitted through Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and

Wildlife and Parks, stating that the Park Service strongly favors the Resolution passed by the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. The memorandum also agrees with the recommendation in the Resolution to change the name of Mount McKinley National Park to McKinley National Park.

In addition to the change of Mount McKinley to Denali, the Park Service also suggests that it would be appropriate and proper to change the name of Mount Foraker, near the summit of Mount McKinley, to Sultana. Mount Foraker was named in 1899 by Lt. J. S. Herron, U.S. Army, for Joseph Benton Foraker, 1846-1917, U.S. Senator from Ohio. "Sultana" is an Indian name meaning "the woman" in reference to the woman of (or wife of) Denali; i.e., Mount McKinley.

Orth commented that at the 317th (May 1975) meeting, the Domestic Names Committee voted to defer action on the Mount McKinley/Denali name-change recommendation for a period of six months. However, the memorandum from the National Park Service requires consideration. The Committee discussed the possibility of taking this matter up with the new Secretary of the Interior when he is installed. Concern was also expressed over the lack of having a clear indication of public opinion with regard to the name-change proposal. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Executive Secretary acknowledge the memorandum from the Director of the National Park Service. It was further recommended that Acting Chairman of the Board, Hulick, arrange a meeting with the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, John Kyl, to discuss appropriate procedures for handling this case. Committee members Hulick and Henson and Executive Secretary Orth will attend the meeting.

Hulick commented that more publicity on the proposal may generate more public reaction. It was suggested that the Executive Secretary explore the possibility of having the Geological Survey's Information Office provide an appropriate news release. Certainly the possibility of changing the name of one of North America's major landmarks is newsworthy. The Department of the Interior's news office could also be used.

- 3.3 The naming of the pools behind Lower Granite and Lower Monumental Dams on the Snake River in Washington was reviewed. Orth reported that little has occurred with regard to the naming since the last meeting (see minutes of the 317th meeting, May 1975). The Committee deferred action on the proposals to name these reservoirs.



BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Nineteenth Meeting  
July 8, 1975  
Conference Room  
Water Resources Council  
2120 L Street  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Acting Chairman  
James R. Anderson, Department of Interior  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
Frederick Saunders, Postal Service
- 1.2 Deputies Frank Karsten, Postal Service
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson
- 1.5 Other William L. Krashoc, U.S. Geological Survey

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Harrington.
- 2.2 Messrs. Frank Karsten and Frederick Saunders submitted their agency letters and were approved as Acting Deputies for the Postal Service (Attachment A).
- 2.3 The minutes of the 318th meeting were approved as printed with the exception of two minor typographical spelling errors.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- 3.1 Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of June 1975:

Telephone inquiries received and answered	<u>153</u>
Letters written (answered and initiated)	<u>92</u>
Case Briefs prepared	<u>106</u>
Work Cards prepared	<u>117</u>



- 3.2 Orth reported on the status of the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. Correspondence favoring the proposal is increasing but not enough to gauge public opinion. The Geological Survey's Information Office is preparing a news release through the Department of the Interior in order to provide more public exposure to the name-change proposal (Attachment B).
- 3.3 The Committee discussed wording of a planned letter to Governors of States not having an official authority to represent the interests of the State and its citizens and to work with the Federal Board in resolving name problems and reviewing new names and name changes. At present there are about thirty States with a board, committee, or authority with which the Federal Board cooperates. The draft copy of the letter will be considered at the next full Board meeting (Attachment C).
- 3.4 The naming of the reservoirs behind Lower Granite and Lower Monumental Dams on the Snake River in Washington was discussed. It was recommended that a meeting be arranged soon with the commanding officer of the Corps of Engineers, by Mr. Russell McRorey, in order to coordinate the naming of these two reservoirs.
- 3.5 The staff reported that the decision in favor of the name South Fork Bonanza Creek, for a feature in Montana, rendered at the May meeting duplicates the name on another branch of Bonanza Creek. This situation was brought to the staff's attention by the U.S. Geological Survey. Upon the motion of Anderson/Driskell it was:
- VOTED: to rescind the May 13, 1975 decision for South Fork Bonanza Creek (Docket List 191) and decide in favor of the name Muddy Creek for the stream heading at Bonanza and Coyote Creeks and flowing to the South Fork Musselshell River, Meagher County, Montana.
- 3.6 Driskell reported that the Committee's June decision on the name Horse Springs for a community in New Mexico is contrary to local usage. The modifier "New" is used to differentiate this place from nearby Old Horse Springs. After discussion and upon the motion of Anderson/Saunders it was:
- VOTED: to rescind the June 10, 1975 decision for Horse Springs and decide in favor of the name New Horse Springs for a community in Catron County, New Mexico.
- 3.7 Orth reported that the Alaska State Geographic Board named a mountain on Chichagof Island for a pioneer on February 7, 1975 and submitted



# DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

## news release

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Forrester (703) 860-7444

For release August 4, 1975

### SHOULD MT. MCKINLEY BECOME DENALI?

Public opinion on the pros and cons of a formal proposal to change the name of 20,320-foot Mt. McKinley, Alaska -- the highest mountain in North America -- to Denali (the Tanana Indian name for "the big one"), is being sought by the U. S. Board on Geographic Names.

Although several proposals to make the name change have been advanced since about the turn of this century, none were approved officially by the Federal government. A recent (March 7, 1975) Joint Resolution passed by the Alaska State Legislature, however, focuses fresh attention on the matter, requesting the Secretary of the Interior to direct the Board on Geographic Names to officially change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali.

The Resolution further suggests that Mt. McKinley National Park be renamed McKinley National Park.

The Board on Geographic Names, which is responsible for uniform name usage on Federal maps and other publications, now has the task of deciding for or against the Resolution. Rulings on name changes such as this are not made arbitrarily by the Board. Every effort is made to have names used in Federal publications agree with names which are preferred by the public and will be accepted in popular use. Decisions made by this Federal inter-agency group will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval or rejection.

Donald J. Orth, a geographic names specialist with the U.S. Geological Survey, and Executive Secretary of the Board's Domestic Names Committee, emphasized that the Committee itself does not propose name changes or the addition of new names for use on all Federal maps or documents. "Rather," he said, "it is our responsibility to consider such proposals from outside sources and to make recommendations for approval or rejection consistent with certain criteria and long-established principles."

"In arriving at decisions concerning formal place names or changes," Orth said, "we attempt primarily, to reconcile local usage with goals of standardization."

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"Obviously," Orth said, "comments and opinions from local and regional residents play an important part of the decision-making process, and this is as pertinent to the proposed name change for Mt. McKinley as it is to any other geographic name proposals."

"Since receiving the Joint Resolution passed by the Alaska State Legislature," Orth said, "we have received some letters and documents of various kinds from Alaskans expressing either support of or opposition to the proposal. Some express strong opposition or approval, accompanied by detailed reasoning, others merely express 'yes or no' comments."

"While these comments are useful," Orth said, "we had hoped for a much larger number of responses to help guide us toward a decision. We urge, therefore, that many more interested residents of Alaska, and, indeed, anyone having knowledge of and interest in Alaska, give the matter their consideration, and transmit their opinions to the Board concerning the proposal to change the name of this geographic feature which has national and international prominence."

A few background "briefs" furnished by Orth:

- \* The Tanana Indian name for the feature is recorded as Denali and the Tanaina Indian name is given as Doleika or Traleika. Each of these names is said to mean "the big one" or "the high one."
- \* The first written mention of the mountain was made by Captain George Vancouver, who, after seeing it from Cook Inlet in 1794, referred to the "stupendous snow mountain."
- \* Mt. McKinley was named in 1896 by William A. Dickey, a prospector, "after William McKinley of Ohio, who had been nominated for the presidency, and that fact was the first news we received on our way out of that wonderful wilderness."
- \* The first proposal to rename the mountain Denali seems to have been made in books written by the Reverend Hudson Stuck, who was Archdeacon of the Alaskan missions of the Episcopal Church until 1920, and a member of the first recorded party to have successfully climbed Mt. McKinley in 1913.

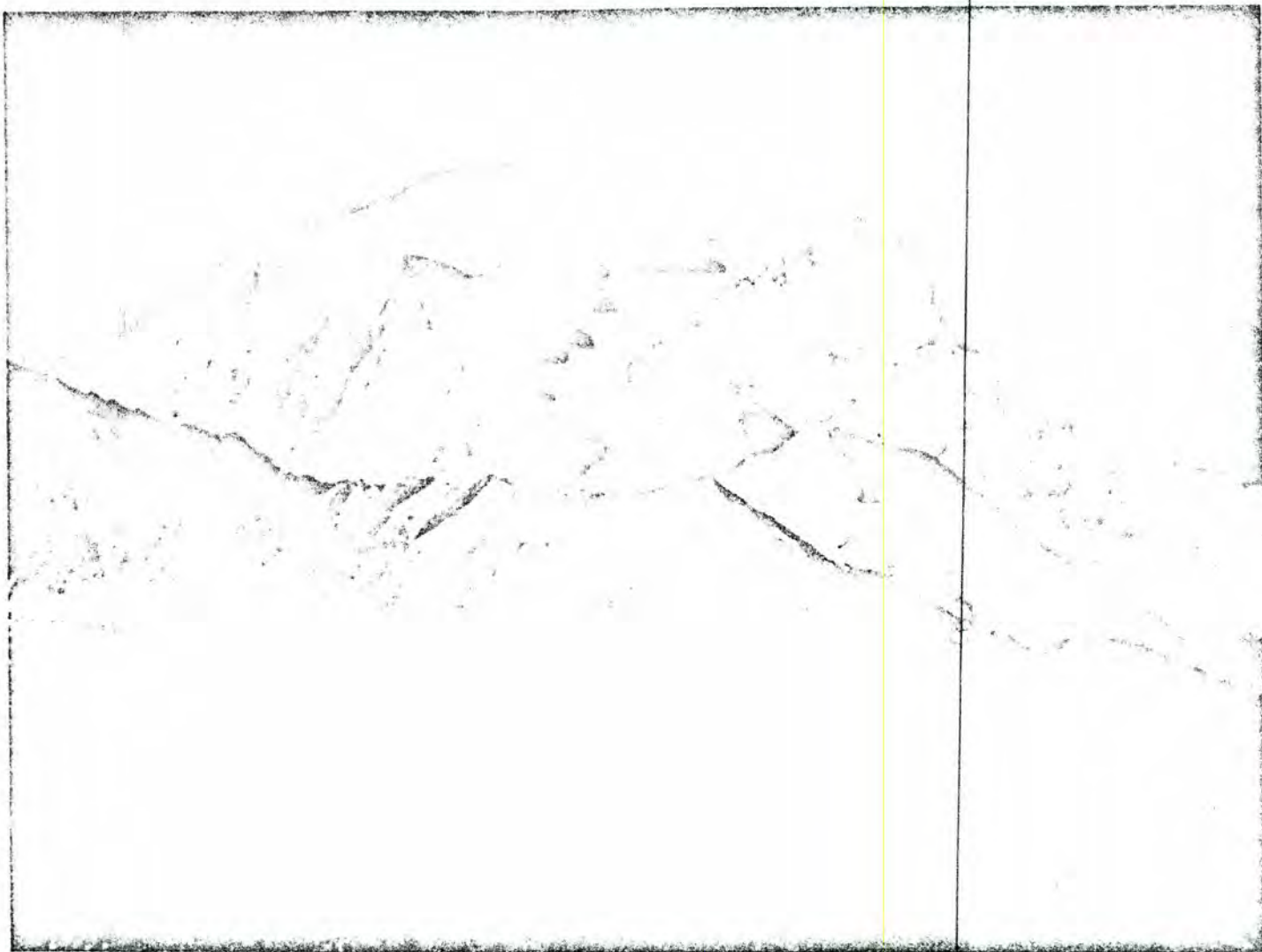
In recognition of the need for standardization of geographic names, the Federal government established the U. S. Board on Geographic Names in 1890. The present interagency Board was authorized as an Act of Congress in 1947, and now includes members from 12 Federal agencies. Staff support to the Board is provided by the U.S. Geological Survey, which has responsibility for the national topographic mapping program. In addition to Interior, the Board is comprised of representatives from the Departments of State, Defense, Agriculture, Commerce, and other agencies which have interest in geographic names.

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Written opinions and comments concerning the proposal to change the name of Mt. McKinley to Denali should be addressed to:

Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
National Center (Mail Stop 523)  
Reston, Va. 22092

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Mt. McKinley, Alaska, towering to a height of 20,320 feet, is the highest mountain in North America. Public opinion on the pros and cons of a formal proposal to change the name of Mt. McKinley to Denali (the Tanana Indian name for "the big one") is being sought by the U. S. Board on Geographic Names.



BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twentieth Meeting

August 12, 1975

Conference Room

Water Resources Council

2120 L Street

Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- |     |                              |  |
|-----|------------------------------|--|
| 1.1 | Voting Members<br>& Deputies | Russell P. McRorey, Department of Agriculture<br>(Vice Chairman)<br>Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce<br>Sam Stulberg, Department of Interior<br>Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service |
| 1.2 | Deputies                     | Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  |
| 1.3 | Ex Officio                   | Sam Stulberg, Acting for the Executive Secretary<br>for Domestic Names   |
| 1.4 | Staff                        | Ernest F. Berringer<br>Donald A. Johnson<br>Paul J. Sorvo  |
| 1.5 | Other                        | William L. Krashoc, U.S. Geological Survey   |

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman McRorey.
- 2.2 The Vice Chairman noted that each member had received a copy of a memorandum from the Executive Secretary for Domestic Names delegating his authority to Mr. Sam Stulberg during his absence of about 2 months. Mr. Stulberg was approved to act for the Executive Secretary in his absence. (Attachment A.)
- 2.3 Mr. Sam Stulberg submitted his agency letter and was approved as Temporary Deputy for the Department of Interior (Attachment B.)
- 2.4 The minutes of the 319th meeting were approved with the following correction:
  - a. Item 2.2 Should read "approved as Temporary Deputies for the Postal Service."



3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of July 1975:

Telephone inquiries received and answered	<u>205</u>
Letters written (answered and initiated)	<u>101</u>
Case Briefs prepared	<u>104</u>
Work Cards prepared	<u>111</u>

3.2 Ninety-five letters were received this month in response to a news release through the Department of Interior on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. The views were almost evenly divided. Previous correspondence has favored the name change.

Comments for Denali include: recognition of the native heritage and the need to "restore the original name"; "Mystique" of the name and appropriateness of the title "The Big One"; lack of association of President McKinley with the mountain.

Comments for retention of Mount McKinley include: name is "world known"; cost and confusion of "changing" the published records; impact of a name change on Tourism in Alaska.

3.3 The Committee discussed two drafts of a planned letter to Governors pointing out advantages of having an official authority to work with the Federal Board in resolving name problems and reviewing new names and name changes. Preference was expressed for the attached draft (Attachment C) to be considered by the full Board at its next meeting.

3.4 A meeting with the commanding officer of the Corps of Engineers regarding names for reservoirs on the Snake River in Washington has not yet been arranged. Mr. McRorey will be on official travel for the next month and the meeting will be postponed until his return. The Washington State Board on Geographic names reports strong support for the name Patrick Gass Lake for one of the reservoirs.

3.5 The Committee voted to promulgate in Decision List 7503 its January decision for Paul Bunyans Potty as applied to a natural recumbent arch in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. The decision had been withheld from publication at the request of the Utah Committee on Geographic Names who approved its use at a meeting on July 10.

3.6 The Committee considered four names in Alaska on Docket List 201 at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission. The names Duck Cove, Peregrine Point, Petrel Point, and Sand Beach Cove are needed for publication of a completed environmental study. The Executive Secretary has requested that the Alaska State Geographic Board consider these names at its meeting scheduled for August 19.





### 3.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Two hundred eighty three responses to the Department of Interior news release were received this month - about 35% (94 signatures in all) came from Alaska, while most of the remaining came from California and Washington. The disappointingly small response from Alaskans has not yet allowed a clear picture of local wishes. There has been no indication of campaigns or publicity either for or against the name-change. Major Alaskan organizations that oppose the name-change are often tourist, travel, and business oriented. Major Alaskan organizations that support the name-change are often ethnic, nature, and conservation oriented.

The news item has been picked up by the news media and responses from scattered areas of the U.S. are being received.

- 3.3 The Committee considered a suggestion from Congressman Robert B. Duncan of Oregon to name a plaza adjacent to the new Portland Federal Building as the Terry Shrunck Plaza. Stulberg reported that the General Services Administration, which administers the building alleges that it has the authority to name the plaza under a 1959 Act of Congress, but defers this right to Congress. Action would not be appropriate in this case a Bill (S. 1971) to name the plaza for Mr. Shrunck was introduced on June 18 by Senators Hatfield and Packwood of Oregon.

A discussion of the Board's authority to approve the names of parks and plazas followed. Dr. Randall questioned the authority to act on names applied by Federal and State governments for administrative purposes. The Domestic Names Committee at its February 9, 1965 meeting voted to defer action on "administrative" names to the legally constituted authorities. It was the concensus of the Committee that the name of this plaza, although proposed to commemorate Mr. Shrunck, would logically be considered an "administrative" name and therefore not within the Board's range of authority.

- 3.4 Mr. Jeffery Ingram, Tucson, Arizona has written further suggesting that the description of Grand Canyon in Sec. 2 of Public Law 93-620, was intended to recognize the .... "Canyon uniquely, and was thereby directing the executive departments to do so, as well". Section 2 would expand the Board's definition to include the tributary side canyons and surrounding plateaus. The Department of Interior, as reported by Attorney John Powell, agrees with the stated opinion of McRorey (see minutes February 11) that the law is concerned with National Park area enlargement and is not intended to redefine the geographic feature. The Solicitor for National Park Service has been asked to furnish Mr. Ingram and the Board with an opinion of the intent of Congress.
- 3.5 The Washington State Board on Geographic Names has noted a discrepancy between the spelling Quillayute for a river and Quileute for the Indian Tribe. The latter spelling is accepted by the present Tribal

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twenty-second Meeting  
October 7, 1975  
Conference Room  
Water Resources Council  
2120 L Street  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce  
(Acting Chairman)  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service  
Donald J. Orth, Department of the Interior
- 1.2 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary
- 1.3 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson
- 1.4 Other Sam Stulberg, U.S. Geological Survey

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman  
Harrington
- 2.2 The minutes of the 321st meeting were approved as printed.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for  
the month of September 1975:

Inquiries received and answered	<u>168</u>
Letters written (answered and initiated)	<u>170</u>
Case Briefs prepared	<u>105</u>
Work Cards prepared	<u>402</u>



### 3.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Correspondence is still being received at the rate of about 20 letters a day in response to the Department of the Interior news release asking for public opinion. It was noted that the six-month deferral period on the name-change proposal made at the May 13, 1975 meeting will end in November. Orth will make a summary report of the case before the next meeting (Attachment A) and advise the new Secretary of the Interior, Thomas S. Kleppe, of the name-change proposal.

### 3.3 Tom Steed Reservoir, Oklahoma

The President signed Public Law 94-77 (94th Congress, 1st Session) on August 9, 1975 naming the reservoir behind the U.S. Corps of Engineers' Mountain Park project dam in Kiowa County, Oklahoma for Tom Steed, Congressman from Oklahoma. Acting Chairman Harrington instructed the Executive Secretary to promulgate this Statutory name in Decision List 7504 (See Attachment B for description).

### 3.4 Bicentennial River proposal

A proposal has been received from Mr. Arthur Bernstein of Rogue River, Oregon, through Senator Mark O. Hatfield's office, to name the 3,742-mile length of the combined Mississippi, Missouri, and Red Rock Rivers--Bicentennial River. The intent of the proposal is not to replace the existing names, but to name the combined drainage which would be the third longest river in the world and the longest within the boundaries of one country. After discussion of the novel proposal, it was the Committee's opinion that the proposed name would actually provide two names for all or part of the three rivers involved. Unlike mountain systems which may have parts of the named whole also named, streams are traditionally given only one name for what is conceived as the whole feature. The application of the proposed name would cause confusion and probably never be accepted by the public. Upon the motion of Thompson/Driskell it was:

VOTED: not to approve the proposed name Bicentennial River for Federal usage.

### 3.5 Executive Secretary, Domestic Names Report

a). Orth formally thanked the staff and in particular Sam Stulberg, who was Acting Secretary, for providing excellent staff support during his extended absence. The Committee members reinforced these comments and voiced their appreciation.



SUMMARY REPORT  
(October 30, 1975)  
of the  
Status of the Mount McKinley  
Name-Change Proposal

1. Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 of the Alaska State Legislature (March 7, 1975) requests the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior, to direct the U.S. Board on Geographic Names "to officially designate Mount McKinley as Denali; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED that Mount McKinley National Park be renamed McKinley National Park."

Comments:

- a). Passed by Senate       13-4  
      Passed by House       24-9
  - b). Changing the name of a National Park requires Congressional action.
2. The Alaska State Geographic Board unanimously endorses the concept of the Resolution (February 7, 1975).
  3. Resolution formally brought before the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (Domestic Names Committee) at its April 8, 1975 meeting. No Action.
  4. At its May 13, 1975 meeting the Domestic Names Committee voted to defer action on the name-change proposal for a period of six months (until November).

Comments:

- a). The Committee recognized the National importance of changing the name of North America's highest mountain. It realized that the American people were not aware of the name-change proposal. Time was needed for publicity and public reaction. Guidance from the Secretary of the Department of Interior was also needed since the Board works conjointly with the Secretary.
  - b). Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton was transferred to the Department of Commerce in April 1975.
5. A memorandum from the Director, National Park Service, strongly endorsing the Resolution changing the name of Mount McKinley to Denali (May 20, 1975).
  6. Department of the Interior news release (August 4, 1975) asking for public response to the name-change proposal.

Comment:

The news release was widely printed and commented on in news papers and magazines throughout the country.

7. Letter from Governor Jay S. Hammond, State of Alaska, supporting the Resolution passed by the State Legislature (September 4, 1975).
8. Public response to the Department of the Interior news release.
  - a). As of October 30, 2,751 signed responses have been received in the form of letters and petitions from every State in the Union.
    1. 1,182 opposing the name change
    2. 1,569 favoring the name change
  - b). 1,336 of these responses came from school children.
    1. 519 (U.S.) oppose the name change
    2. 34 (Alaska ) oppose the name change  
553 total oppose the name change
    3. 631 (U.S.) favor the name change
    4. 152 (Alaska) favor the name change  
783 total favor the name change
  - c). The remaining 1,601 responses.
    1. 321 (U.S.) oppose the name change
    2. 308 (Alaska) oppose the name change  
629 total oppose the name change
    3. 429 (U.S.) support the name change
    4. 357 (Alaska) support the name change  
786 total support the name change
  - d). Nine foreign responses (Japan, New Zealand, Scotland, England, and Canada.
    1. 2 oppose the name change
    2. 7 support the name change
  - e). The total number of signed responses do not reflect the total number of people taking a position since many of the letters reflect opposition or support from organized groups.
    1. Groups opposing the name change.
      - Kenai (Alaska) Chamber of Commerce
      - Greater Anchorage (Alaska) Chamber of Commerce
      - Greater Palmer (Alaska) Chamber of Commerce
      - Westours (Seattle, Washington)
      - Alaska Visitors Association (Signatures on petition counted in the above tabulation).
      - Wien Air Alaska, Inc. ( Signatures on petition counted in the above tabulation).
      - South/Eastern Alaska Mountaineering Association
    2. Groups supporting the name change
      - Alaska Conservation Society
      - Alaska Alpine Club



Groups supporting the name change (continued)

- Washington State University Alpine Club
- Alaska Chapter Sierra Club
- The Wilderness Society (National)
- The Alaska Yukon Pioneers (Washington)
- Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (Alaska)
- Alaska Chapter & National-Friends of the Earth
- Alaska Federation of Natives
- Shageluk (Alaska) Village Corporation
- Dillingham (Alaska) Village Corporation
- Notaaghleedin, Ltd. (Galena, Alaska)
- Mountaineering Club of Alaska
- Denali Citizen's Council
- Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.
- Board of Nunan Kitlutsisti
- Kugkaktlik Limited

f). Summary of reasons for:

1. Opposing the name change-
  - A. Economic: cost of revising published material
  - B. Patriotic: McKinley was a U.S. President; McKinley sounds more American
  - C. Usage: Mount McKinley is world known; people will find it hard to learn new name and may continue to use old name.
  - D. Political and personal: McKinley was a great president; too much change today; the State and Federal Governments have more important things to do than change names; where will this name-changing end?
2. Favoring the name change-
  - A. Usage: many people already use the name Denali; it was the original name.
  - B. Linguistic: Denali is more euphonious; Indian name is best because it is a natural descriptive name.
  - C. Political and personal: such a mountain should not be named for a mere man; McKinley never had anything to do with the mountain; the European had no right to change the Indian name; our cultural heritage includes the Indians and should include their names.
  - D. Bicentennial: renaming the mountain will be America's greatest Bicentennial monument.

Comments:

- a). The large number of school children responses is largely due to publicity in a National school magazine. Strangely a large number of children wrote from Arkansas-almost all opposing name change.

- b). There was a large response from former Alaskans living in the U.S. or people who have traveled in Alaska--most favored the name change.
- c). Many people living in Ohio (President McKinley's home State) or children from schools named for President McKinley are against the name change.
- d). Organizations opposing the name change are generally travel or business oriented.
- e). Organizations favoring the name change are generally ethnic, nature, recreation, and conservation oriented.
- f). People living in the immediate area of the mountain generally support the name change.
- g). It appears that almost all Indian and Eskimo people in Alaska (about 17% of the total population) support the name change.



Donald J. Orth  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twenty-third Meeting  
November 11, 1975  
Director's Conference Room  
National Ocean Survey  
Rockville, Maryland

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- |     |                              |  |
|-----|------------------------------|--|
| 1.1 | Voting Members<br>& Deputies | Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce<br>(Acting Chairman)<br>Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture<br>Frank M. Karsten, Postal Service<br>Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior |
| 1.2 | Deputies                     | Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce<br>(Census Bureau)   |
| 1.3 | Ex Officio                   | Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for<br>Domestic Names<br>Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary.  |
| 1.4 | Staff                        | Ernest F. Berringer<br>Donald A. Johnson   |
| 1.5 | Other                        | William L. Krashoc, U.S. Geological Survey   |

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Acting Chairman Harrington.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 322nd meeting were approved as printed

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Election of Officers

Because of the delay in Member appointments and because the Board on Geographic Names has not held its elections of officers, it was decided to postpone election of officers for the Domestic Names Committee until the December meeting.



### 3.2 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of October 1975:

Inquiries received and answered	<u>222</u>
Letters written (answered and initiated)	<u>240</u>
Case Briefs prepared	<u>76</u>
Work Cards prepared	<u>173</u>

### 3.3 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported on the present status of the case and referred the Committee to the Summary Report in the October minutes. He apologized for the rough state of the report. The number of letters currently being received on the name-change proposal has dropped to about 15 a day. At the present time, about 57 percent of the total letters received favor the name-change and about 43 percent oppose the change. About 70 percent of the letters received the last two weeks favor the name change. Orth stated that the primary purpose of the news release asking for public opinion was to inform the public that the Board on Geographic Names has been asked to consider the name-change proposal. The letters represent a general indication of public feelings but not a true sampling of opinion. It is difficult to know, for example, how many people are represented by letters or resolutions received from organizations. For this reason, the case summary will continue to include organizations that have taken an "official" position on the name-change proposal (Attachment A).

Secretary of the Interior, Thomas S. Kleppe, has not been informed of the name-change proposal by the Board on Geographic Names staff. We plan to do this in November.

After several minutes of discussion, the Domestic Names Committee unanimously agreed not to take action on the proposal at this meeting. Orth then asked if there would be any objection to another news release on the present status of the proposal. No objections were voiced.

### 3.4 Lower Granite/Lower Monumental Reservoirs, Washington

The name proposals involving the reservoirs behind Lower Granite Dam and Lower Monumental Dam are being put on the docket for Board on Geographic Names' consideration. Each of the reservoirs has several names proposed for it (see May 13, 1975 minutes of the Committee).



SUMMARY REPORT  
(November 15, 1975)  
of the  
Status of the Mount McKinley  
Name-Change Proposal

1. Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 of the Alaska State Legislature (March 7, 1975) requests the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior, to direct the U.S. Board on Geographic Names "to officially designate Mount McKinley as Denali; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED that Mount McKinley National Park be renamed McKinley National Park."

Comments:

- a). Passed by Senate           13-4  
    Passed by House           24-9
- b). Changing the name of a National Park requires Congressional action.

2. Alaska State Geographic Board unanimously endorses the concept of the Resolution (February 7, 1975).
3. Resolution formally brought before the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (Domestic Names Committee) at its April 8, 1975 meeting. No Action.
4. At its May 13, 1975 meeting the Domestic Names Committee voted to defer action on the name-change proposal for a period of six months (until November).

Comment:

The Committee recognized the National importance of changing the name of North America's highest mountain. It realized that the American people were not aware of the name-change proposal. Time was needed for publicity and public reaction. Guidance from the Secretary, Department of Interior is also needed since the Board works conjointly with the Secretary. Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton was transferred to the Department of Commerce in April 1975.

5. National Park Service endorses changing the name of Mount McKinley to Denali (May 20, 1975).
6. Department of the Interior news release (August 4, 1975) asking for public response to the name-change proposal.

Comment:

The news release was widely printed and commented on in newspapers and magazines throughout the country.

7. Letter from Governor Jay S. Hammond, State of Alaska, supporting the Resolution passed by the State Legislature (September 4, 1975).
8. Public response to the Department of the Interior news release.
  - a). As of November 15, 1975, 3084 signed responses have been received in the form of letters and petitions from every State in the Union and several foreign countries.
  - b). 939 of these responses came from Alaska
    1. 40 school children oppose the name change - (20%)
    2. 160 school children support the name change - (80%)  
200 total school children
    3. 316\* adults oppose the name change - (43%)
    4. 423 adults support the name change - (57%)  
739 total adults

\*includes 117 members signatures on petition of Alaska Visitors association and 31 from Wien Alaska Airlines
  - c). 2,132 responses came from 49 other States of the Union
    1. 593 school children oppose the name change - (46%)
    2. 704 school children support the name change - (54%)  
1,297 total children
    3. 335 adults oppose the name change - (40%)
    4. 500 adults support the name change - (60%)  
835 total adults
  - d). 13 foreign responses (Japan, New Zealand, Tasmania, Scotland, England, Canada, and Norway).
    1. 2 oppose the name change
    2. 11 support the name change
  - e). The total number of signed responses do not reflect the total number of people taking a position since many of the letters reflect opposition or support from organized groups.
    1. Groups opposing the name change.
      - o Kenai Chamber of Commerce (Alaska)
      - o Greater Anchorage Chamber of Commerce (Alaska)
      - o Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce (Alaska)
      - o South/Eastern Alaska Mountaineering Association



Groups opposing the name change (continued)

- o Alaska Visitors Association (117 signatures on petition counted in the above tabulation).
- o Wien Air Alaska, Inc. (31 signatures on petition counted in the above tabulation).
- o Westours (Seattle, Washington).

2. Groups supporting the name change

- o Alaska Conservation Society
- o Alaska Alpine Club
- o Alaska Chapter Sierra Club
- o Alaska Chapter & National-Friends of the Earth
- o Alaska Federation of Natives
- o Shageluk Village Corporation (Alaska)
- o Dillingham Village Corporation (Alaska)
- o Notaaghleedin, Ltd. (Galena, Alaska)
- o Mountaineering Club of Alaska
- o Denali Citizen's Council (Alaska)
- o Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. (Alaska)
- o Board of Nunan Kitlutsisti (Alaska)
- o Kugkaktlik Limited (Alaska)
- o McGrath Village Council (Alaska)
- o Tigara Village Corporation (Point Hope, Alaska)
- o Central Native Corporation (Anvik, Alaska)
- o Outdoors North (Anchorage, Alaska)
- o Anchorage Daily News (Alaska)
- o Washington State University Alpine Club
- o The Wilderness Society (National)
- o The Alaska Yukon Pioneers (Washington)
- o Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (Alaska)

f). Summary of reasons for:

1. Opposing the name change-

- A. Economic: cost of revising published material
- B. Patriotic: McKinley was a U.S. President; McKinley sounds more American
- C. Usage: Mount McKinley is world known; people will find it hard to learn new name and may continue to use old name.
- D. Political & personal: McKinley was a great president; to much change today; the State and Federal Governments have more important things to do than change names; where will this name-changing end?

2. Favoring the name change-

- A. Usage: many people already use the name Denali; it was the original name.
- B. Linguistic: Denali is more euphonious; Indian name is best because it is a natural descriptive name.

C. Political &

Personal: such a mountain should not be named for a mere man; McKinley never had anything to do with the mountain; the Europeans had no right to change the Indian name; our cultural heritage includes the Indians and should include their names.

D. Bicentennial:

renaming the mountain will be America's greatest Bicentennial monument.

Comments:

- a). The large number of school children responses is largely due to publicity in a National school magazine.
- b). There was a large response from former Alaskans living in the U.S. or people who have traveled in Alaska--most favor the name change.
- c). Many people living in Ohio (President McKinley's home State) or children from schools named for President McKinley are against the name change.
- d). Organizations opposing the name change are generally travel or business oriented.
- e). Organizations favoring the name change are generally ethnic, nature, recreation, and conservation oriented.
- f). People living in the immediate area of the mountain generally support the name change.
- g). It appears that almost all Indian and Eskimo people in Alaska (about 17% of the total population) support the name change.



Donald J. Orth  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twenty-fourth Meeting  
December 9, 1975  
Conference Room  
U.S. Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza West  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce  
(Acting Chairman)  
Russell P. McRorey, Department of Agriculture  
Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
David K. Carrington, Library of Congress  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office
- 1.2 Deputies Frank M. Karsten, Postal Service  
Frederick J. Saunders, Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
(Forest Service)
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Names
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson  
John E. Findley

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Harrington.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 323rd meeting were approved as printed.

3. ELECTION of OFFICERS

3.1 Chairman, Domestic Names Committee

Upon the motion of Harrington/Thompson:

VOTED: Mr. Russell P. McRorey Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture was unanimously elected Chairman, Domestic Names Committee, U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

### 3.2 Vice Chairman, Domestic Names Committee

Upon the motion of McRorey/Lang:

VOTED: Mr. Charles E. Harrington, Staff Geographer, National Ocean Survey, U.S. Department of Commerce was unanimously elected Vice Chairman, Domestic Names Committee, U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

## 4. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

### 4.1 Staff Report

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Inquiries received and answered	<u>249</u>
Letters written (answered and initiated)	<u>191</u>
Case Briefs prepared	<u>92</u>
Work Cards prepared	<u>145</u>

### 4.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth referred the Committee to the Summary Report (to November 15) included with the 323rd Meetings Minutes (November) and a recent news release put out by the Department of the Interior (Geological Survey); see ATTACHMENT A. Since the news release requests public comments on the name-change proposal the Committee agreed to continue deferral of the case.

### 4.3 Cecil M. Harden Lake, Indiana

Public Law 93-521 (93rd Congress, S. 1561, November 14, 1974) officially changed the name of Mansfield Lake (BGN Decision, Decision List 7201) in Indiana to Cecil M. Harden Lake to honor a former Indiana Congresswoman who played an active role in the legislation which provided for the construction of the reservoir on Big Raccoon Creek. The Committee instructed the Executive Secretary to promulgate this Statutory Name in Decision List 7504 (see attached Names Considered List for description).

### 4.4 Mountain Name Proposals, Montana

The staff has received proposals to name three mountain groups in the Rocky Mountains of Montana General Eisenhower Range, General Robert E. Lee Range, and General MacArthur Range from Dr. Philip W. Wallestad, Fort Harrison, Montana. Dr. Wallestad originally proposed to name a more extensive area of the Rocky Mountains "General Eisenhower Range" which was not approved by the Committee (see Item 3.5 minutes of the 323rd Meeting of the Committee-November 1975). The Committee directed the staff to process the name proposals for submittal on a docket.



# DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

news release

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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For release: December 11, 1975

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U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Meeting

January 8, 1976

Conference Room

Water Resources Council

2120 L Street

Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce (Acting Chairman)  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
John A. Wolter, Library of Congress  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
Frank M. Karsten, Postal Service
- 1.2 Deputies & others Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
David K. Carrington, Library of Congress  
Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce  
Frederick J. Saunders, Postal Service  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Driskell; Vice Chairman Harrington took over meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 324th meeting were approved as printed except for the following change: Item 4.7, 4th line should read "to all district offices\*\*\*."

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of December 1975:



Inquiries received and answered	<u>177</u>
Letters written (answered and initiated)	<u>172</u>
Case Briefs prepared	<u>88</u>
Work Cards prepared	<u>134</u>

### 3.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that letters in response to the news release asking for public opinion on the name-change proposal are being received. Recent letters are about 4 to 1 in favor of the change. Several reporters representing major newspapers have called asking about the case.

Karstens announced that R. L. Hulick, Chairman of the Board on Geographic Names would like to write to the Secretary of the Interior Thomas S. Kleppe, suggesting a meeting with him to discuss Mr. Kleppe's views on how the Board should operate under his jurisdiction. The Secretary should be made aware of the fact that some name cases are controversial and of Congressional concern. A case in point is the Mount McKinley name-change proposal. Mr. Hulick would like to discuss the procedures Mr. Kleppe would prefer to use in matters such as this.

The Committee approved Mr. Hulick's proposal. Orth will furnish required information.

### 3.3 Corps of Engineers Name Policies

Berringer reported on the problem of name policies practiced by the Corps of Engineers. An example of these problems involves the name of a reservoir on East Branch Sunday Creek in Ohio. In 1963 the Corps of Engineers notified the Board on Geographic Names that the reservoir was officially named Burr Oak Reservoir by Congressional action "and any change thereof can be accomplished only by Congressional action." In 1969, however, the Corps of Engineers began using the name Tom Jenkins Reservoir without appropriate Congressional action.

Randall stated that he has just recently arranged a "high level" meeting with the Corps of Engineers to be attended by himself, Orth, and possibly Chairmen Hulick and McRorey. The purpose of this meeting is to establish working procedures for resolving name problems connected with Corps of Engineers reservoirs and other projects.

### 3.4 Carol Col, California

Orth reported that two letters were received from two supporters of the proposed name Carol Col for a feature in Sequoia National Park, California. The Committee did not approve the proposal at its November meeting, supporting recommendations from the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names and the National Park Service. A new proposal has been received for a feature outside a National Park. The proposal will be processed normally.



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twenty-sixth Meeting  
February 12, 1976  
Conference Room  
Water Resources Council  
2120 L Street  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies
- Russell P. McRorey, Department of Agriculture,  
Chairman  
James R. Anderson, Department of Interior  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce  
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- Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture (Forest  
Service)  
Hazel E. McEwen, Department of Commerce (Bureau of  
Standards)  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of Interior (Geological  
Survey)
- 1.3 Ex Officio
- Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names
- 1.4 Staff
- Ernest F. Berringer  
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2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman McRorey.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 325th meeting were approved as printed (Anderson/Thompson).
- 2.3 The Chairman introduced Hazel E. McEwen, U.S. Bureau of Standards,  
Deputy for Department of Commerce.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Staff Report

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month of January 1976:

Inquiries received and answered	<u>183</u>
Letters written (answered & initiated)	<u>192</u>
Case Brief prepared	<u>111</u>
Work Cards prepared	<u>169</u>

### 3.2 American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

McEwen reported on recent activities of the Institute and its meeting last November at the Heritage Inn in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The International Standardization Organization (ISO) has published two and three letter "Codes for the Representation of the Names of Countries." These codes have been adopted by the United Nations and were approved as an American National Standard by ANSI on January 15, 1976. ANSI represents the United States on ISO and the National Bureau of Standards provides the secretariat for ANSI.

Work is progressing on the ANSI Point Location Code and Place Codes. McEwen mentioned that the Department of Defense is responsible for a publication containing several standard geopolitical data elements and codes including "Waterbodies of the World."

### 3.3 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that a letter has been received from Jay S. Hammond, Governor of Alaska, emphasizing his complete and wholehearted support for the renaming of Mount McKinley to Denali. His letter, in part, reads:

"The renaming of Mt. McKinley to Denali would thus be an original Alaska name with meaning and relevance. The Alaska Legislature said in a joint resolution, 'Whereas one of the aims of naming mountains, bridges, lakes or the like should be to honor and keep alive the heritage of those who were here before us; and whereas the renaming of Mt. McKinley as Denali would be a fitting and proper gesture to a large segment of the Alaskan population and would be originally Alaskan.... Be it resolved.... The Secretary of the Interior is respectfully requested to direct the United States Board on Geographic Names to officially designate Mt. McKinley as Denali....' I concur now as I did in my earlier letter.

For these and a number of other reasons of which you are no doubt keenly aware, I urge the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to establish Denali as a new name for North America's highest mountain."

Orth stated that all the information needed for a decision is now available except for knowing the position of Secretary of the Interior, Thomas S. Kleppe. Thompson said that R.L. Hulick, Chairman of the



Board on Geographic Names is preparing a letter to Secretary Kleppe suggesting a meeting to discuss this matter. McRorey commented that it is important to keep the Secretary fully informed of the details in the case and learn as soon as possible his feelings about the name change proposal. Orth will prepare a new summary report on the case for March 1.

#### 3.4 Kingman Reef, Pacific Ocean

Mr. Mark St. Charles of Washington, D. C. sent a proposal recommending that the name of Kingman Reef in the Pacific Ocean northwest of Palmyra Atoll be changed to Kingman Island. The reef or island is a shoal with coral heads awash and is mainly uncovered from water only at low water. The Committee felt that the term "island" is less appropriate than "reef" Captain Edmund Fanning (1769-1841) American trader and explorer first noted the existence of this "coral reef or shoal" on June 15, 1798 while in command of the trading vessel "Betsey." Fanning noted that "we did not discover a foot of ground, rock, or sand above water, where a boat might have been hauled up\*\*\*." The reef was reportedly named for the master of the American vessel "Shooting Star" who found it again in 1853. By motion of Lang/Harrington it was:

VOTED: to approve the name Kingman Reef for Federal usage.

#### 3.5 State Boards

Orth reported that he received a telephone call from Mr. John Parr, Assistant to Governor Richard D. Lamm of Colorado, who wishes to obtain information on State geographic names boards or committees. He said Governor Lamm is interested in their studying the feasibility of creating such a body in Colorado. Orth will send information about other State boards to Mr. Parr.

The Hawaii State Board on Geographic Names has been formally activated in accordance with the provisions of Act 50, Session Laws of Hawaii, 1974. Persons currently assigned to the Board represent the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, State Department of Planning and Economic Development, Department of Accounting and General Services, Hawaiian Homes Commission, Board of Land and Natural Resources, and University of Hawaii.

Governor Calvin L. Rampton of Utah formally established the Utah State Committee on Geographic Names by Executive Order on January 28, 1976. The Committee of eleven members is appointed by the Chairman of the Board of State History with the concurrence of the Governor. The Director of the Division of State History is responsible for the proper function of the Committee. The Committee's primary functions are to act as liaison between the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and to review all geographic name changes or additions in Utah. Utah State agencies, Federal agencies, private groups, and

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twenty-seventh Meeting  
March 11, 1976  
Conference Room  
Water Resources Council  
2120 L Street  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Vice Chairman  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
Henry R. Henson, Government Printing Office  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of Interior  
Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service
- 1.2 Deputy Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce (Census Bureau)
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Harrington.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 326th meeting were approved as printed (Thompson/Lang).
- 2.3 Driskell announced that the National Forest Service staff has planned a dinner and program on March 26 in honor of Russell P. McRorey, (Chairman, Domestic Names Committee) who retired from Government service late last month. Members of the Board on Geographic Names and staff are invited. Also, upon the motion of Lang/Thompson it was:

VOTED: that the Executive Secretary, Domestic Names prepare a letter of congratulations and complement to Russell P. McRorey to be signed by the Secretary of the Interior.



### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of February 1976:

Inquiries received and answered	177
Letters written (answered & initiated)	266
Case Brief prepared	106
Work Cards prepared	98

#### 3.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth gave a summary report on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. He announced that the written report will be included with the minutes of this meeting (see attachment A). Thompson reported that Ray L. Hulick, Chairman of the Board on Geographic Names has written to the Secretary of the Interior requesting a meeting to discuss the name-change proposal. There was a short discussion on the philosophy of name changes. The case was deferred (Driskell/Henson).

(Note: In response to the letter from Chairman Hulick, Orth was asked by the Secretary's office for a statement on the responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior in this matter and on the name-change proposal. See attachment B for this statement.)

#### 3.3 Populated Place-Name Descriptions

Berringer referred the Committee to the January meeting (January minutes 3.8) at which Forstall recommended that a standard procedure be used in the description of populated places, particularly in cases involving incorporation, annexations, consolidations, and name changes of corporate entities. The staff studied the recommendations and suggest the following example forms:

- a. Clute: city, incorporated City of Clute, 16 km. (10 mi.) SSE of Angeton; Brazoria Co., Tex.; 29° 01' 20" N, 95° 24' 00" W; former Village of Lake Barbara consolidated with Clute in April 1974; variant: Clute City.
- b. Lake Barbara: section of Clute; Brazoria Co., Tex.; 29° 01' 30" N, 95° 23' 23" W; former incorporated Village of Lake Barbara consolidated with City of Clute in April 1974.

In a case such as this both entries would be published in order to show the relationship of name application. Johnson asked whether the Committee thought the statement about "Lake Barbara" should be

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Summary Report  
on the  
Proposal to Change the Name  
Mount McKinley to Denali

March 15, 1976

BACKGROUND

Mount McKinley in Mount McKinley National Park, Alaska, with an elevation of 20,320 feet, is the highest elevation in North America. It was named in 1896 by William A. Dickey, prospector, "after William McKinley of Ohio who had been nominated for the presidency, and that fact was the first news we received on our way out of that wonderful wilderness."

Denali, reported to mean "great one," is the Tanana Indian name of the mountain. The Russian Americans called it Bolshaya Gora, meaning "big mountain."

Except for Mount Rainier, Mount McKinley is, to our knowledge, the only mountain name for which there has been a certain amount of objection through the years. The first proposal to rename the mountain Denali seems to have been made in books written by the Reverend Hudson Stuck. He was Archdeacon of the Alaskan missions of the Episcopal Church until 1920, and was a member of the first recorded party to have successfully climbed Mount McKinley in 1913.

SUMMARY

1. Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 of the Alaska State Legislature (March 7, 1975) requests the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior, to direct the U.S. Board on Geographic Names "to officially designate Mount McKinley as Denali; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED that Mount McKinley National Park be renamed McKinley National Park."

Comments:

- a). Passed by Senate 13-4  
Passed by House 24-9
  - b). Changing the name of a National Park requires Congressional action.
2. Alaska State Geographic Board unanimously endorses the Resolution on February 7, 1975 and recommends that the name be changed to Denali.
  3. Resolution formally brought before the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (Domestic Names Committee) at its April 8, 1975 meeting. No Action.
  4. At its May 13, 1975 meeting the Domestic Names Committee voted to defer



action on the name-change proposal for a period of six months (until November).

Comment:

The Committee recognized the National importance of changing the name of North America's highest mountain. It realized that the American people were not aware of the name-change proposal. Time was needed for publicity and public reaction. Guidance from the Secretary, Department of the Interior is also needed since the Board works jointly with the Secretary. The case has been deferred at each month's meeting since November 1975.

5. National Park Service endorses changing the name of Mount McKinley to Denali (May 20, 1975).
6. The Department of the Interior issued two press releases, August 4, 1975 and December 11, 1975, asking for public opinion on the name-change proposal.

Comment:

The news releases were widely printed and commented on in newspapers and magazines throughout the country.

7. Two letters from Governor Jay S. Hammond, State of Alaska, strongly supporting the Resolution to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali (September 4, 1975 and January 21, 1976).
8. Response from individuals with regard to the name change proposal.
  - a). Over 4,000 letters and petitions have been received.

1. Total signed letters and telegrams:

59% favor Denali  
41% favor Mount McKinley

2. Adult response, U.S. including Alaska (2209):

63% favor Denali  
37% favor Mount McKinley

3. Adult response from Alaska (1081):

59% favor Denali  
41% favor Mount McKinley

4. Letters from school children (1869):

54% favor Denali  
46% favor Mount McKinley

b). Response from organizations and administrative bodies who oppose the name change and favor the name Mount McKinley, with indicated exception, not counted above:

- o Kenai Chamber of Commerce (Alaska)
- o Greater Anchorage Chamber of Commerce (Alaska)
- o Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce (Alaska)
- o South/Eastern Alaska Mountaineering Association
- o Alaska Visitors Association (117 signatures on petition also counted in the individual tabulation).
- o Westours (Seattle, Washington).

c). Response from organizations and administrative bodies supporting the name Denali not counted above:

- o Alaska Conservation Society
- o Alaska Alpine Club
- o Alaska Chapter Sierra Club
- o Alaska Chapter & National-Friends of the Earth
- o Alaska Federation of Natives
- o Shageluk Village Corporation (Alaska)
- o Dillingham Village Corporation (Alaska)
- o Notaaghleedin, Ltd. (Galena, Alaska)
- o Mountaineering Club of Alaska
- o Denali Citizen's Council (Alaska)
- o Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. (Alaska)
- o Board of Nunan Kitlutsisti (Alaska)
- o Kugkaktlik Limited (Alaska)
- o McGrath Village Council (Alaska)
- o Tigara Village Corporation (Point Hope, Alaska)
- o Central Native Corporation (Anvik, Alaska)
- o Fairbanks Environmental Center
- o Nulato City Council
- o Outdoors North (Anchorage, Alaska)
- o Anchorage Daily News (Alaska)
- o Washington State University Alpine Club
- o The Wilderness Society (National)
- o The Alaska Yukon Pioneers (Washington)
- o Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (Alaska)

9. Summary for reasons for:

A. Opposing the name change--

- a). Economic: cost of revising published material
- b). Patriotic: McKinley was a U.S. President; McKinley; sounds more American
- c). Usage: Mount McKinley is world known; people will find it hard to learn new name and may continue to use old name.
- d). Political & personal: McKinley was a great president; too much change today; the State and Federal Governments have more important things to do than change names; where will this name-changing end?

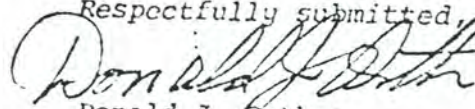


- B. Favoring the name change-
- a). Usage: many people already use the name Denali: it was the original name; name should never have been changed to McKinley in the first place.
  - b). Linguistic: Denali is more euphonious; Indian name is best because it is a natural descriptive name.
  - c). Political & Personal: such a mountain should not be named for a mere man; McKinley never had anything to do with the mountain; the Europeans had no right to change the Indian name; our cultural heritage includes the Indians and should include their names.
  - d). Bicentennial: renaming the mountain will be America's greatest Bicentennial monument.

Comments:

1. The large number of school children responses is largely due to publicity in a National school magazine.
2. There was a large response from former Alaskans living in the U.S. or people who have traveled in Alaska--most favor the name change.
3. Some organizations opposing the name change are travel or business oriented.
4. Organizations favoring the name change are generally ethnic, nature, recreation, and conservation oriented.
5. People living in the immediate area of the mountain generally support the name change.
6. It appears that almost all Indian and Eskimo people in Alaska (about 17% of the total population) support the name change.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald J. Orth  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

Background information on the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior and the Board on Geographic Names, and the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali

The United States Board on Geographic Names is a Federal body created in 1890 and established in its present form by Public Law 242 - 80th Congress, in 1947. The Law provides that the Secretary of the Interior, conjointly with the Board on Geographic Names "shall provide for uniformity in geographic nomenclature and orthography throughout the Federal Government. The Secretary may exercise his functions through such officials as he may designate, except that such authority as relates to final approval or review of actions of the Board on Geographic Names shall be exercised by him, or his Under or Assistant Secretaries."

The Board on Geographic Names includes one voting representative from each of the Departments of State, Defense, Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce, and from the Postal Service, Central Intelligence Agency, Government Printing Office, and Library of Congress. Members of the Board are appointed by the respective heads of the departments or independent agencies that they represent for a two-year term. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Board has developed principles, policies, and procedures governing the use of both domestic and foreign geographic names as well as underseas and extraterrestrial feature names.

According to the Law, the Secretary of the Interior is responsible for providing staff assistance to the Board. The staff functions and responsibilities for domestic names were transferred to the Geological Survey in 1958 and those functions relating to foreign names were transferred to the Defense Mapping Agency, Department of Defense in 1968.



On March 7, 1975, the Alaska State Legislature passed a joint Resolution requesting the Secretary of the Interior to direct the Board on Geographic Names "to officially designate Mount McKinley as Denali; and be it further resolved that Mount McKinley National Park be renamed McKinley National Park." The Board has the authority, conjointly with the Secretary of the Interior, to consider the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley but changing the name of a National Park requires Congressional action. With respect to domestic names, it is the policy of the Board to recognize present-day local usage or preferences when possible. To implement this policy, there is close cooperation with State geographic boards, State and local governments, and with the general public.

A summary report of the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali is enclosed along with a copy of Public Law 242, a list of current Board members, and the latest bylaws of the Board on Geographic Names.

March 19, 1976

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twenty-eighth Meeting

April 8, 1976

Conference Room

Water Resources Council

2120 L Street

Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Vice Chairman  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of Interior  
Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress

1.2 Ex Officio Ernest F. Berringer, Acting for the Executive  
Secretary for Domestic Names

1.3 Staff Donald A. Johnson  
Sam Stulberg

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Vice Chairman Harrington.

2.2 Minutes of the 327th meeting were approved as printed (Lang/Thompson).

2.3 Berringer reported for Randall that the April 2 meeting with the Secretary of the Interior was cancelled. This meeting was requested by Hulick, Chairman of the Board on Geographic Names, to discuss the Board's activities in relation to the Secretary's role, and the Mount McKinley/Denali name-change proposal. A new meeting is being arranged, but it will be with William L. Fisher, Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals. Mr. Fisher assumed his post on March 29, 1976.



3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of March 1976:

Inquiries received and answered	189
Letters written (answered & initiated)	213
Case Brief prepared	72
Work Cards prepared	108

3.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Berringer reported that a copy of Senator Ted Stevens' (Alaska) Newsletter was received. The newsletter contained the results of a questionnaire to Alaska voters, and reported that 73 percent of approximately 4,500 responses were against the name-change. The Board also received correspondence from Congressman Ralph S. Regula of Ohio, who represents the City of Canton, which was McKinley's home town. Mr. Regula is strongly opposed to the name-change, and his staff is planning a campaign in Ohio to fight the change. The case was deferred.

3.3 Stulberg commented on Orth's draft of Guidelines for Reporting Geographic-Name Conflicts 1976, and the need for a revision at this time. Present mapping procedures sometimes require a speedy approval of names in order to release maps for publication. The Committee discussed the Guidelines and agreed that a copy should be sent to all Committee members for comment and recommendations.

3.4 Executive Secretary's Report

Berringer reported for Randall that the full Board meeting will be held during the last week in April. Randall will inform all members as to the exact time and place.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7601 is being processed for submittal to the printer.

4.2 Docket List 209 with 68 names has been printed and distributed.

5. DOCKET LIST ACTIONS

5.1 Actions were taken on the deferred names on Docket Lists 197 through 207.

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DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Twenty-ninth Meeting

May 13, 1976

Directors Conference Room

U.S. Geological Survey

National Center

Reston, Virginia

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Vice Chairman  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture  
Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress
- 1.2 Deputies Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo  
Mary J. McCarthy  
Nelta Sanders
- 1.5 Visitor Frank H. Forrester, USGS, Information Officer

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Acting Chairman Harrington.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 328th meeting were approved as printed.
- 2.3 Members of the staff were introduced, including Mrs. Sanders who is secretary to Mr. Orth.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of April 1976:



Inquiries received and answered	221
Letters written (answered and initiated)	112
Case Briefs prepared	119
Work Cards prepared	158

### 3.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that the Secretary of the Interior received a letter signed by all members of the Ohio Congressional delegation opposing the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley. The Ohio News Service also released a story titled "Alaskans dislike Ohioan McKinley's Name on peak."

In response to several inquiries we made a cursory survey of the commemoration of U.S. Presidents by named features. Because William McKinley was a martyred president many features are named for him throughout the United States including several populated places. In Alaska there are over fifteen features (not counting schools) named "McKinley" other than Mount McKinley, including a river and a peak in south Alaska. President McKinley seems to be in the top six of 37 deceased presidents with regard to the number of places named for each.

### 3.3 Special Meeting

Orth announced that he will call a special meeting of the Domestic Names Committee on May 25 to discuss matters involving BGN policy, procedures, and principles with regard to domestic geographic names. Agenda and working papers will be sent to all members and deputies before the meeting. It is hoped that the Committee could meet all day. Time and place will be announced.

### 3.4 Election

Randall suggested that the DNC hold an election soon in order to replace Chairman McRorey who retired in February. Harrington instructed Orth to put the election on the June agenda.

### 3.5 News Releases

Randall brought up the question of handling press or news releases. Orth invited Frank H. Forrester, USGS Information Officer to the meeting to inform the Committee on handling news releases. Forrester said that his office has been assisting the Board on Geographic Names with its news handling, but as a formal Board under the auspices of the Department of the Interior he sees no reason why this Committee or its Executive Secretary could not submit news releases directly to the Department's Office of Communications. The releases, which could come out on Department of the Interior masthead, would be marked BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES, and would be distributed according to any mailing list provided by the Board. He stressed the importance of separating those items

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Thirtieth Meeting

June 10, 1976

Director's Conference Room

U.S. Geological Survey

National Center

Reston, Virginia

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Chairman  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture  
R. L. Hulick, Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress

1.2 Deputies Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service

1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary

1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Paul J. Sorvo

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Acting Chairman  
Harrington.

2.2 Minutes of the 329th meeting were approved as printed.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.1 Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman Russell McRorey retired late in February and Vice Chairman  
Harrington has been Acting Chairman since the March meeting.

There being no other nominations, upon the motion of Anderson/Hulick  
it was:



VOTED: Mr. Charles E. Harrington, Staff Geographer, National Ocean Survey, U.S. Department of Commerce was unanimously elected Chairman and Mr. Raymond M. Housley, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service U.S. Department of Agriculture was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Domestic Names Committee.

#### 4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

##### 4.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of May 1976:

Inquiries received and answered	197
Letters written (answered & initiated)	246
Case Briefs prepared	108
Work Cards prepared	143

##### 4.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that the amount of correspondence concerning this case has diminished. The General Law Division, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior is investigating the role and responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior with regard to the Board on Geographic Names and name proposals.

The Committee agreed to defer action on the case.

##### 4.3 Barrack Mountain/Lookout Mountain, Connecticut

Berringer informed the Committee that there has been considerable reaction to the December 1975 decision to name a feature in Litchfield County, Connecticut Lookout Mountain. Letters have been received from the Appalachian Mountain Club, The Appalachian Trail Conference, and the Connecticut Forest and Park Association Inc. objecting to the naming. It is claimed that this feature is considered part of Barrack Mountain. The proposer of the name Lookout Mountain also wrote stating that he would not object to the Board's withdrawal of its decision.

Orth admitted that the staff was remiss in not processing the name proposal through The Appalachian Trail Conference since the trail does cross over the mountain. We will use this opportunity to ask The Appalachian Trail Conference to establish a name committee or advisor with whom we can communicate concerning naming near or along the trail.

After further discussion and upon the motion of Hulick/Powell it was:

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Thirty-first Meeting

July 8, 1976

Topographic Conference Room

U.S. Geological Survey

National Center

Reston, Virginia

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
Richard A. Thompson, Postal Service  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office  
Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture
- 1.2 Deputies Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Sam Stulberg  
Donald A. Johnson
- 1.5 Other: [Handwritten notes]

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Harrington.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 330th meeting (June 10) were approved as printed.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following domestic names staff report for the month of June 1976:

Inquiries received and answered	181
Letters written (answered & initiated)	129
Case Briefs prepared	108
Work Cards prepared	135



### 3.2 Meeting in Secretary of the Interior's Office

Anderson reported on a meeting held between the Board on Geographic Names (Anderson, Hulick, Orth, and Randall) and Dr. William L. Fisher, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Energy and Minerals and Mr. Harry McKittrick, Deputy Assistant Secretary. At the meeting held in Dr. Fisher's office Hulick and Randall described the functions and structure of the Board and the traditional relationship between the Secretary of the Interior and the Board. Dr. Fisher, representing the Secretary of the Interior, agreed that close liaison should be maintained between the Board and the Secretary's office. He indicated that time permitting he would like to attend some Board meetings. He asked that a copy of the minutes of each Board meeting be sent to his office. Procedures were also worked out for expeditious handling of special cases.

Orth gave a summary review of the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. Dr. Fisher said that the Secretary is aware of the proposal and wishes to be kept informed of developments relating to the proposal. He asked the Board to submit recommendations in two months concerning procedures to be followed leading to a decision on the case.

### 3.3 Centennial Peak, Colorado

Orth reported on a proposal made by the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission and Richard D. Lamm, Governor of Colorado, "in behalf of the people of Colorado" to change the name of Banded Mountain in the La Plata Mountains (Montezuma County) to Centennial Peak in honor of Colorado's 100 years of Statehood. The proposal has the support of various local groups including the Montezuma County Board of Commissioners. Expeditious action by the Board is requested because of the desire to announce the "naming," if approved, on Colorado Day (August 1, 1976) and prepare for a formal naming ceremony within sight of the peak later in the month.

The Committee noted that there is a Banded Peak in the San Juan Mountains and a Centennial Cone in Jefferson County. After discussion and upon a motion made by Anderson/Housley it was:

VOTED: to approve the proposal to change the name of Banded Mountain in Montezuma County, Colorado to Centennial Peak in honor of the 100th anniversary of Colorado Statehood.

See the attached Names Considered List for a description of the feature.

### 3.4 Boys Nation and Girls Nation Visit

Thompson reported on a request from the National President of the

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DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Thirty-sixth Meeting  
December 9, 1976  
Conference Room  
Water Resources Council  
2120 L Street  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Chairman  
R. L. Hulick, Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Robert P. Driskell, Department of Agriculture
- 1.2 Deputies Frank Karsten, Postal Service
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Names
- 1.4 Staff Ernest Berringer,  
Donald A. Johnson
- 1.5 Visitor Lewis G. Glover, National Forest Service

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 1:30 p.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 335th meeting were approved as published.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Report by Chairman, Board on Geographic Names

- a. Hulick announced that the next meeting of the Board will be January 11, 1977 at 1:00 p.m. at the U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C.
- b. Dr. Richard Randall will give a presentation about the Board on Geographic Names to the American Name Society at its annual meeting to be held in New York, December 29. Orth will also attend the meeting.



earlier decisions to conform with the "Myers" spelling, except for the island which is still officially named Meyers Island.

- c. Several interesting local names, such as Jug Creek (SD), Quicksand Bog (ID), Fool Hen Lake (MT), and Eph Creek (NV), were also approved. Eph Creek is derived from the shortened first name of Ephrim Oxborrow, who once lived near the stream.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Mount McKinley/Denali; Alaska

Hulick suggested that the Committee and the Board have waited long enough for public response on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. He approved of a suggestion that a public hearing on the proposal would be proper procedure. It has precedence in previous major decisions of the Board on Geographic Names such as the Cape Canaveral case in Florida. The Committee expressed an intent that if a hearing is called by the Domestic Names Committee, the "full" Board will be invited since it may be called upon to consider the issue.

Driskell referred to an earlier suggestion that the facts involving the name-change proposal and the Board's pending decision may also be published in the Federal Register. Karsten will investigate and inform Orth of the possibility of publishing this kind of information in the Register.

After considerable discussion and upon the motion of Hulick/Powell it was:

VOTED: to advise the "full" Board on Geographic Names at its January 11, 1977 meeting that the Committee intends to hold a public hearing in Washington, D.C., in early March 1977, on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley in Alaska to Denali. The hearing will be preceded by at least 30 days notice to key parties and the news media. The Executive Secretary for Domestic Names will handle notification procedures and will arrange for a proper location of the hearing.

### 6.2 Meeting Date

Driskell noted that the 1977 meeting schedule of the "full" Board will precede the Domestic Names Committee meetings by two days each month. This means that members of the Committee will be called upon to attend two BGN meetings in one week every third month. It was also noted that with such an arrangement the Committee may then have to wait an extra month for "full" Board action on a domestic names' problem. The

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Thirty-seventh Meeting  
January 13, 1977  
Conference Room 4119  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Raymond M. Housley, Vice Chairman, Department of Agriculture  
R. L. Hulick, Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
Henry R. Henson, Government Printing Office  
Richard L. Forestall, Department of Commerce
- 1.2 Deputies Lewis G. Glover  
Solomon M. Lang
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall
- 1.4 Visitor Robert H. Bibeau
- 1.5 Staff Ernest Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Housley at 9:35 a.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 336th meeting were approved as published.
- 2.3 Henson introduced Mr. Robert H. Bibeau who will become Member of the Board on Geographic Names representing the Government Printing Office. McArtor will continue as Deputy.
- 2.4 Housley announced that Mr. Robert P. Driskell, Deputy representing the Department of Agriculture on the Board retires from Government service in February 1977.



as defined by the Washington State Board. Chairman Housley asked Orth to discuss this matter with the State in order to determine the reason for recommended application of the name beyond the narrow confines of the strait.

- d. The U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Forest Service strongly disagree upon the names and applications of a group of streams at the head of Salado Creek in New Mexico near Capitan. The Committee referred the problem back to both agencies for further investigation. The staff will also attempt to determine local usage.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Designators for Populated Places

Forstall gave a brief review of former discussions and options considered for providing a consistent and "legally" acceptable designator for BGN decisions involving incorporated and unincorporated populated places. After considerable discussion the Committee agreed and directed the staff to use the designator "populated place" for all places with clustered population. If the place is incorporated under the laws of its State, its legal corporate designation (city, town, borough, or village) will be specified in parentheses; example: Alexandria; populated place (incorporated city) etc.....

The Committee did not consider other named man-related features such as locality, site, and scattered rural or community. The staff will recommend definitions of these designators for Committee consideration.

### 6.2 Guidelines: Proposing New Names

Orth submitted a draft policy for "Proposing Names for Unnamed Features" for Committee consideration. Housley also submitted a draft policy for naming features within National Forest Wildernesses, but he plans to coordinate recommended policy with the National Park Service. The Committee will review the drafts which outline criteria for making decisions along with policy regulating name proposals. The draft guidelines also carefully outline procedures for proposing a new name.

### 6.3 Mount McKinley/Denali Hearing

Orth asked the Committee about establishing a March date for the planned public hearing on the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. Concern was voiced that March may be too early considering the change of Secretary of Interior and the need to advise the new Secretary of the case. We will need at least 30 days to notify the public of the hearing after it is published in the

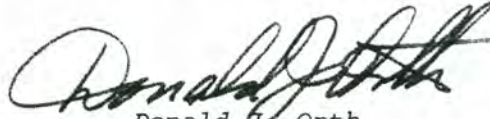
Federal Register. Upon the motion of Hulick/Anderson it was:

VOTED: to move the planned public hearing on the  
Mount McKinley/Denali name-change proposal  
to a tentative April date.

7. CLOSING

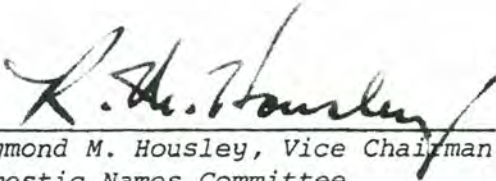
7.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held  
February 10, 1977. The place and time will be announced.

7.2 The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.



Donald C. Orth  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

APPROVED:



Raymond M. Housley, Vice Chairman  
Domestic Names Committee



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Thirty-ninth Meeting  
March 10, 1977  
Conference Room 4119  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Deputies Chairman  
Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture  
R. L. Hulick, Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress
- 1.2 Deputies Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Names
- 1.4 Staff Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo  
Mary J. LeHew

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Harrington.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 338th meeting were approved as published.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Staff Report

Johnson gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of February 1977:

Inquiries received and answered	218
Letters written (answered & initiated)	94
Case Briefs prepared	98
Work Cards prepared	136

6.3 Mount McKinley - Denali, Alaska

Hulick reported on the status of the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. Dr. Randall discussed this matter on the telephone with William Bettenburg, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals and followed the telephone conversation with a letter. Mr. Bettenburg has indicated that he will take the matter up with Secretary Cecil Andrus.

6.4 Letters to the Governors

Hulick discussed the need to send letters to Governors of States that do not have an official body or individual that is concerned about geographic names. As the Committee has expressed in the past, each State has an inherent interest in its own names. After discussion, it was agreed to begin sending out such letters under the Secretary of the Interior's signature. Harrington instructed Orth to evaluate the need and to begin sending the letters.

7. CLOSING

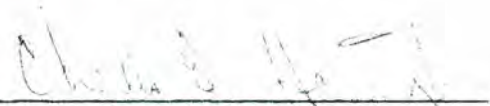
7.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held April 14, 1977 in the Wilson Room of the Library of Congress at 9:30 a.m.

7.2 The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Donald J. Orth  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

APPROVED:

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Charles E. Harrington, Chairman  
Domestic Names Committee

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fortieth Meeting

April 14, 1977

The Wilson Room

Library of Congress

Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Deputies Chairman  
Shirley B. McDonald, Postal Service  
John A. Wolter, Library of Congress  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture
- 1.2 Deputies Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
David K. Carrington, Library of Congress
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary, BGN
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
John E. Findley  
Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 339th meeting were approved as published.
- 2.3 The Chairman thanked Messrs. Powell, Wolter, and Carrington for arranging to have the meeting in this beautiful room which houses the personal library of President Woodrow Wilson.
- 2.4 It was noted that Mr. R. L. Hulick, Chairman of the Board, had an operation and is recovering satisfactory.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Executive Secretary Report (Domestic Names)

a. Governors Letters

Orth reported that the Board approved letters to Raul H. Castro, Governor of Arizona and to Reubin O' D. Askew, Governor of Florida have been prepared for the signature of the Secretary of the Interior.



### 3.7 Helmers and Poor Commemorative Naming, Colorado

Over 300 letters have been received supporting the proposal to name two mountains flanking the Alpine Tunnel in Colorado for Dow Helmers and Mac C. Poor (See January 13, 1977 minutes, 3.3). Unfortunately, two separate proposals have been received which are in conflict with each other. The original proposal from the Alpine Tunnel Historical Foundation suggested the names Mount Helmers and Mount Poor on the east and west mountains respectively. Another proposal from the Gunnison Community Historical Marker Project Sponsor recommends the names Helmers Peak and Poors Peak on the west and east mountains respectively. Almost all letters received support the idea of commemorating both men without specific concern as to the formal names and to which mountains they are applied.

After short discussion the Committee suggested that agreement on the part of the organizations and citizens involved is desirable before consideration is given to either set of proposals. The Chairman instructed Orth to write to key parties and explain the position of the Board. It was also suggested that the problem be explained to Mr. Parr in the Governor's Office. The Committee deferred action on the name proposals.

### 3.8 Mount McKinley vs Denali, Alaska

At its January meeting the Domestic Names Committee tentatively planned an April date for a public hearing on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. The date of the hearing, however, was postponed to allow Secretary of the Interior, Cecil D. Andrus time to organize and appoint an Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals. The Committee now feels that it should proceed with plans to hold a hearing and to notify the Secretary of these plans. Recent letters and newspaper editorials express concern over the two-year delay in deciding on the name-change proposal.

The Chairman instructed Orth to coordinate plans for a public hearing with R. L. Hulick, Chairman of the Board on Geographic Names, Executive Secretary Randall, and the Secretary's office.

### 3.9 Executive Secretary's Report

- a. Randall reported on the plans being made for the Third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names to be held in Athens, Greece August 17 through September 7. A provisional agenda for the Conference is available and many of the items relate to the activities of the Domestic Names Committee and its support staff. Several information and position papers are being planned. These will be discussed with Mr. Alan Rayburn, Executive Secretary, Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, when he visits Washington, D.C. next week for the "full" Board meeting.



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-first Meeting

May 12, 1977

Director's Conference Room

U.S. Geological Survey

National Center

Reston, Virginia

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members & Deputies  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
T. R. Richards, Jr., Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture

1.2 Ex Officio  
Ernest F. Berringer, Acting for the Executive Secretary for Domestic Names

1.3 Staff  
Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.

2.2 Minutes of the 340th meeting were approved as published except for the following change: Item 5. 2b, 3rd line should read "Russian name 'Dolgoi' meaning long."

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of April:

Inquiries received and answered	246
Letters written (answered & initiated)	106
Case Briefs prepared	87
Work Cards prepared	123

3.2 Ferguson Mountain/Cedar Cliff, North Carolina

Thad Eure, Secretary of State of North Carolina, submitted a copy of an act of the North Carolina General Assembly which renamed Cedar Cliff in Haywood County Ferguson Mountain. The U.S. Forest Service reported that a Mr. Ferguson is still living in the area. The Committee instructed the Executive Secretary to contact Mr. Eure to determine the origin of the name.

3.3 Meadow Brook/Perkins Meadow Brook, Vermont

The Vermont State Librarian notified the Committee that the name Meadow Brook has been officially changed by the State Librarian to Perkins Meadow Brook. The Committee instructed the Executive Secretary to contact the State Librarian to determine the origin of the name "Perkins."

3.4 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

The Committee was informed that no date has been set for the public meeting on the name-change proposal that is planned to be held in Washington, D.C. The delay is due to the need to coordinate the meeting through the Secretary of the Interior's office. During the discussion it was suggested that one course of action might be to approve the name Denali if the name of Mount McKinley National Park was officially changed.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7701 is at the printer.

4.2 Docket List 222, with 77 entries, was printed and distributed.

5. DOCKET LIST ACTIONS

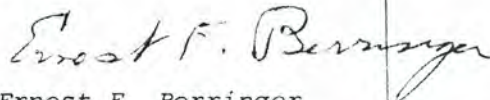
5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current Docket List 221. See names considered list (Attachment) for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

381 name cases were considered  
158 names were approved  
2 names were withdrawn  
221 names were deferred for further investigation.

6. CLOSING

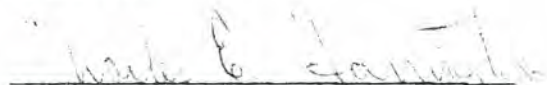
6.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held June 9, 1977. The place and time will be announced.

6.2 The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.



Ernest F. Berringer  
Acting for the Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

APPROVED:



Charles E. Harrington, Chairman  
Domestic Names Committee



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-second Meeting  
June 9, 1977  
Conference Room 4119  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Deputies Chairman  
Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
T. R. Richards, Jr., Postal Service
- 1.2 Deputies Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture  
Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for  
Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 341st meeting were approved as published.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of May:

Inquiries received and answered	185
Letters written (answered & initiated)	131
Case Briefs prepared	98
Work Cards prepared	182

- c) Randall reminded the Committee that the two-year cycle appointment period is coming up this fall and thought should be given to departmental and agency recommendations for Board on Geographic Names' membership.

3.5 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth briefly reported that he has not set a public meeting date on the name-change proposal because the Secretary of the Interior's office has not yet "signed off" on a letter to the Denali Citizens Council announcing the planned public meeting here in Washington. Present plans are to hold the meeting in the Department of the Interior sometime late in July. The Committee also discussed the possibility of holding a similar meeting in Alaska in late summer or early fall. Orth said that he will work closely with the Chairmen of the Committee and the Board on this matter.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7701 was printed and distributed. Lang asked about the size of distribution. Orth said that the mailing list is about 1,000 and that several copies are sent to foreign addresses. It was mentioned that we should review the mailing list in order to determine the number of Decision Lists sent to key news media sources. Orth said that such a review will be made and a report will be submitted at the July meeting.

4.2 Docket List 223, with 94 entries, was printed and distributed.

5. DOCKET LIST ACTIONS

5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current Docket List 222. See attached names considered list for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

302 name cases were considered

28 names were approved

274 names were deferred for further investigation.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Name Form Policy

Orth discussed name-form problems and the need for a standard policy for handling specific name-form situations. In accordance with the recommendation made at the April meeting (6.2 of the minutes) an information paper is being prepared for Committee discussion.

6.2 Proposing New Names Policy

Orth stated that the Committee should finalize its policy on



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-third Meeting

July 14, 1977

Conference Room 4119

Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
Shirley B. McDonald, Postal Service  
John A. Wolter, Library of Congress
- 1.2 Deputies Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
David K. Carrington, Library of Congress
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 342nd meeting were approved as published.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of June:

Inquiries received and answered	183
Letters written (answered & initiated)	159
Case Briefs prepared	101
Work Cards prepared	134

## 6.2 Mount McKinley-Denali, Alaska

The Committee has not established a firm date to hold a public meeting on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. Tentative dates have been set, but an appropriate meeting room in the Department of the Interior Building has not been available when needed, and there is some reluctance to hold a public meeting without coordinating the activity with the Secretary of the Interior. Holding the meeting in August seems to be difficult because both executive secretaries will not be available to follow through with plans and meeting follow-up. A meeting with Assistant Secretary Joan Davenport to discuss the name-change proposal is scheduled this month.

## 6.3 Letters to Governors

The Secretary of the Interior returned the letters to the Governors of Florida, Arizona, and North Carolina sent for his signature. He does not want to be in the position in which it would seem that he is promoting State bureaucracy. He suggests a short letter asking each Governor to appoint a person to act as a liaison with the Board on Geographic Names. A fact sheet about the Federal Board, its purpose and procedures, can be enclosed with the letter. Chairman Harrington instructed Orth to prepare the letters as suggested by the Secretary of the Interior.

## 6.4 New Name Proposal Policy

Orth passed out the draft policy for "Proposing Names for Unnamed Features," rewritten to include a statement on the name proposers responsibility to show evidence of local support for a new name. The Committee reviewed the document and there was a consensus of opinion that the new statement was too strong. Lang said that he will rewrite the statement for Committee review at the August meeting.

## 6.5 BGN Leaflet

Wolter, Chairman of the Publications Committee, reported that the draft copy for a leaflet about the Board on Geographic Names has been revised to include more information on the history of the Board and the foreign names and advisory committee functions of the Board. The draft copy, however, now is longer than planned and it may need further editing in order to fit the format of the publication.

## 7. CLOSING

- 7.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held August 11, 1977. Time and place of meeting will be announced.



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-fourth Meeting

August 11, 1977

Director's Conference Room

U.S. Geological Survey

Reston, Virginia

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
T. R. Richards, Jr., Postal Service  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture
- 1.2 Deputies Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo
- 1.5 Guest Alan H. Patera, Bureau of Economic Analysis,  
Department of Commerce

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 1:30 p.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 343rd meeting were approved as published.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of July:

Inquiries received and answered	182
Letters written (answered & initiated)	117
Case Briefs prepared	84
Work Cards prepared	161

## 5. DOCKET-LIST ACTIONS

5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current Docket List 224. See attached names considered list for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

403 name cases were considered  
49 names were approved  
1 name was not approved  
353 names were deferred for further investigation.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Meeting with Assistant Secretary

Lang reported on the meeting with Assistant Secretary of the Interior Joan Davenport to discuss BGN-Secretary of the Interior coordination, and, in particular, the Mount McKinley/Denali case. The meeting included R.L. Hulick (BGN Chairman), Solomon Lang (Interior Deputy on the Board), and the two Executive Secretaries, Randall and Orth.

### 6.2 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth said that he received a letter from Senator Mike Gravel (Alaska) urging the BGN to make a decision on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. Lang further reported that Assistant Secretary Davenport recommended that one or more open meetings be held on the matter. One of these meetings should be in Alaska. She said that she will ask the National Park Service if it still supports the name change for both the mountain and the park.

The Committee discussed the case at length and decided to hold two public meetings, one in Washington, D.C. and the other in Anchorage, Alaska. Anderson will arrange the meeting in Washington, D.C. for a date in October and Lang will arrange an early November meeting in Anchorage.

### 6.3 Use of Variant vs. Not

Orth referred the Committee to Item 3.6 in last month's minutes (July 1977, 343rd meeting). At the Committee's direction, the staff determined that changing the heading from Variant to Not will not affect computer programming. The Committee discussed various possible headings, the purpose of reference names in decision descriptions, and the need to clarify use and purpose of variant names. Upon the motion of Glover/Powell it was:

VOTED: to use the heading Not for variant names in a decision description and the staff is to reword the Decision List foreword in order to clarify use and purpose of the heading.



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-fifth Meeting  
September 8, 1977  
Director's Conference Room  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Reston, Virginia

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

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|-----|------------------------------|---|
| 1.1 | Voting Members &<br>Deputies | Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,<br>Chairman<br>James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior<br>Robert McArtor, Government Printing Office<br>Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress<br>Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture |
| 1.2 | Deputies                     | Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior<br>Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture   |
| 1.3 | Ex Officio                   | Ernest F. Berringer, Acting for the Executive<br>Secretary for Domestic Names   |
| 1.4 | Staff                        | Donald A. Johnson<br>Paul J. Sorvo  |

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 1:30 p.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 344th meeting were approved as published.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- 3.1 Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of August:

Inquiries received and answered	183
Letters written (answered & initiated)	205
Case Briefs prepared	94
Work Cards prepared	178

3.2 Camp Brook, Vermont

In reference to Item 3.5 of the August minutes (344th meeting), Berringer reported that the Geological Survey has not published the map upon which the name Camp Brook was to appear. The Survey reported that in view of the State's objection to the name, it will be deleted from the soon to be published map. After discussion and by motion

of Powell/Anderson it was:

VOTED: to rescind the April 1977 decision for  
Camp Brook.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7703 is being assembled.

4.2 Docket List 226, with 87 entries, was printed and distributed.

5. DOCKET-LIST ACTIONS

5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current Docket List 225. See attached names considered list for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

442 name cases were considered

117 names were approved

325 names were deferred for further investigation.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Berringer and Lang reported that the times and places had been arranged for the two public meetings. See Item 6.2 of the August minutes (344th meeting). The first meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. in the Interior South Building on October 25 and the second one in Anchorage, Alaska in the City Assembly Chambers on November 10. The information concerning the meetings was published in the Federal Register on August 25 and the U.S. Geological Survey has prepared a news release on the subject to be released on September 15.

Berringer also reported that Mrs. Lee McAnerney, of the Alaska State Geographic Board, phoned and requested that the Board also hold a public meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska. After discussion, the Committee decided that a second meeting in Alaska would not be feasible due to time and travel expenses. The Committee also felt that if a second meeting were held in Fairbanks, other areas of the State would request additional hearings.

The Committee also recommended that all matters relating to the running of the hearings be discussed and decided upon at the October 13 meeting.

6.2 New Name Proposal Guidelines

The Committee reviewed the guidelines (see Item 6.4 in August 1977 Minutes) and made corrections in section 7, Names in Wilderness Areas



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-Sixth Meeting  
October 13, 1977  
Conference Room 4119  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
Robert McArtor, Government Printing Office  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture  
Bernie Hylton, Postal Service
- 1.2 Ex Officio Donald A. Johnson, Acting for the Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary (BGN)
- 1.3 Staff John E. Findley  
Paul J. Sorvo

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 345th meeting were approved as published.
- 2.3 Harrington introduced Mr. Bernie Hylton, new deputy to the Board on Geographic Names, representing the U.S. Postal Service.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- 3.1 Johnson gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of September:

Inquiries received and answered	189
Letters written (answered & initiated)	168
Case Briefs prepared	118
Work Cards prepared	98

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7703 is at the printers.

4.2 Docket List 227, with 105 entries, was printed and distributed.

5. DOCKET-LIST ACTIONS

5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current Docket List 226. See attached names considered list for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

415 names were considered

55 names were approved

12 names were not approved

348 names were deferred for further investigation.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Mount McKinley-Denali Proposal

The Committee expressed concern over preparations for the forthcoming public meetings to be held in Washington, D.C. and Anchorage, Alaska. The staff was directed to make a list of the Committee's questions regarding the preparations for the October 25th meeting and to provide answers at the full Board meeting on October 18.


6.2 Decision Criteria

An updated draft of the paper, Decision Criteria, was distributed to the Committee. The paper is an attempt to place a numerical value to the numerous aspects involved in the Committee's decision making process. Corrections or suggestions for improvement were solicited.

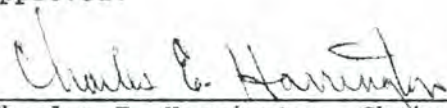
7. CLOSING

7.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held November 17, in Washington, D.C. at 9:30 a.m. The place will be announced.

7.2 The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

  
Donald A. Johnson  
Acting for the Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

Approved:

  
Charles E. Harrington, Chairman  
Domestic Names Committee



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-Seventh Meeting  
November 17, 1977  
Conference Room 3004  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Chairman  
Solomon Lang, Department of the Interior  
Robert McArtor, Government Printing Office  
John A. Wolter, Library of Congress  
Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture  
Shirley McDonald, Postal Service
- 1.2 Deputies David K. Carrington, Library of Congress  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Hazel E. McEwen, Department of Commerce  
Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture  
John Antonio, Government Printing Office
- 1.3 Ex Officio Ernest F. Berringer, Acting for the Executive  
Secretary for Domestic Names  
  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary (BGN)
- 1.4 Staff John E. Findley  
Paul J. Sorvo  
Donald A. Johnson

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 346th meeting were approved with the following corrections.
- item 3.5 add: He also suggested that procedures for the public meetings on the Mt. McKinley-Denali issue be reviewed to assure that materials, maps, and other items bearing on the topic be available to participants.
- item 6.1 should read: Echoing concern about preparations for the public meetings scheduled for Washington and Anchorage, the Committee asked that the staff take steps to assure that the physical set-up for the sessions was well planned. It was agreed that the staff would report on the preparations at the next Board meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of October:

Inquiries received and answered	178
Letters written (answered & initiated)	124
Case Briefs prepared	98
Work Cards prepared	134

3.2 Election of Officers

The Committee discussed the possibility of changing the by-laws to allow deputies to serve as chairman or vice-chairman. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. After discussion and upon the motion of Wolter/Housley it was:

VOTED: to allow Harrington to continue as Chairman until recommendations are received from the Executive Committee.

3.3 Executive Secretary's Report

Randall reported that he had sent a letter to the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, requesting clarification of the legal relationship of the Board and the Secretary of the Interior, especially in relation to the Mount McKinley/Denali problem.

Randall also requested that the Committee members try to ascertain the feelings of their agency officials on the Mount McKinley/Denali question.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7703 has been distributed.

4.2 Docket List 228, with 80 entries, was printed and distributed.

5. DOCKET-LIST ACTIONS

5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current Docket List 227. See attached names Considered list for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

454 names were considered
93 names were approved
2 names were not approved
359 names were deferred for further investigation.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Mount McKinley-Denali Proposal

Harrington, McArtor, and Powell reported on the public meeting held in Anchorage, Alaska on November 17. After a general discussion of



the proposal, the Committee asked that the entire December meeting be devoted to the problem. The Committee requested that a report of the Washington and Anchorage public meetings be sent to each member and deputy at least one week before the December 8 meeting.

#### 6.2 Decision Criteria

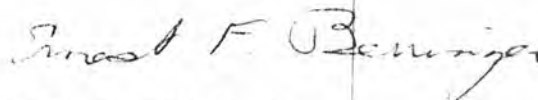
The Committee reviewed the paper, Decision Criteria, (see item 6.2, Minutes of 346 meeting) and agreed that a review of the listed criteria would be helpful to the members in arriving at decisions. However, the value factor given each criterion has little worth and should be deleted.

#### 6.3 Standard Codes

McEwen (National Bureau of Standards) reported that a new Standard Code for populated places has been implemented by the American National Standards Institute and will be made available by the National Bureau of Standards. The standard, containing 136,000 place names, will be made available as a Fips Code about March 1978. McEwen promised to give the Committee a detailed description of the code early in 1978. A copy of the NBS press release is attached.


### 7. CLOSING

- 7.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held December 8, in Washington, D.C. at 9:30 a.m. The place will be announced.
- 7.2 The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Ernest F. Berringer  
Acting for the Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

APPROVED:



Charles E. Harrington, Chairman  
Domestic Names Committee

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-Eighth Meeting  
December 8, 1977  
Conference Room 4119  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
John A. Wolter, Library of Congress  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior
- 1.2 Deputies Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce  
David K. Carrington, Library of Congress  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary (BGN)
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson  
John E. Findley
- 1.5 Observer A. Durand Jones, National Park Service

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.  
Mr. Jones of the National Park Service was introduced to the Committee.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 347th meeting were approved with the following correction:  
Item 3.3; delete second paragraph beginning with "Randall also requested\*\*\*\*\*."

3. COMMUNICATIONS and Reports

- 3.1 Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of November:

Inquiries received and answered	153
Letters written (answered & Initiated)	121
Case Briefs prepared	64
Work Cards prepared	109



### 3.2 Mouth of Seneca vs Seneca Rocks, West Virginia

Orth informed the Committee of a petition signed by 285 residents of the Mouth of Seneca, West Virginia and patrons of the Post Office of Mouth of Seneca who wish to change the name of the populated place called Mouth of Seneca to Seneca Rocks. The petition was submitted to the Board on Geographic Names by Senator Robert Byrd along with the request that the case be handled as quickly as possible. After a short discussion the Committee felt that it could not act on the name-change request until the staff has time to process and investigate the proposal.

### 3.3 Name Corrections in Louisiana

Orth reported on a request of the Avoyelles Parish Map Designation Committee to make 120 name corrections and additions on the topographic maps that cover the Parish. These names, for the most part, reflect changes to more correct French forms of the names and are the result of work done by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. The names are reported to be locally used in the recommended forms and were approved and recommended by resolution of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury on September 14, 1977.

The Committee recognized a growing interest by American ethnic groups in geographic names. The staff will process the names in a normal way for submittal to the Committee.

### 3.4 Executive Secretary's Report

Randall reported on the status of the request to the Department of the Interior Solicitor to clarify the legal relationship of the Board and the Secretary of the Interior. No written answer has been received. He also briefly reported on the Executive Committee Meeting held December 6 at the Library of Congress Annex in Alexandria, Virginia.

- a. Mr. Robert McArtor, Government Printing Office was appointed to be the new Publications Committee chairman, replacing Dr. John A. Wolter, Library of Congress.
- b. The role of deputy members was reviewed, in particular:
  1. relationship between deputies and members,
  2. feasibility of deputies serving as officers of committees, and
  3. feasibility of some deputies, that represent distinct agencies, becoming full members.
- c. Possible expansion of Board on Geographic Names' membership to include particular agencies such as National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of the Census, and Department of Transportation, that have concern with geographic names.
- d. Recommendation that the Mount McKinley/Denali case be



reviewed by the Executive Committee after a decision by the Domestic Names Committee, but before it is taken up by the full Board.

#### 4. PUBLICATIONS

- 4.1 Decision List 7704 will be compiled after this meeting.
- 4.2 Docket List 229, with 38 entries, was printed and distributed.

#### 5. DOCKET-LIST ACTIONS

- 5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current List 228. See attached Names Considered List for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

- 438 names were considered
- 83 names were approved
- 3 names were not approved
- 1 name was withdrawn
- 351 names were deferred for further investigation.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

##### 6.1 Mount McKinley-Denali Name-Change Proposal

Orth referred the Committee to the December 1, 1977 Summary Report on the case, which was mailed the week before to all members and deputies of the Board. He also announced that the Ohio Congressional Delegation introduced a Joint Resolution in Congress on December 7 which in part reads:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the mountain located at 63°04'15" North by 151°00'20" West in the State of Alaska in the United States of America known as Mount McKinley, shall retain the name Mount McKinley in perpetuity as an appropriate and lasting tribute to the service of William McKinley to his country.

The Committee discussed the ramifications of this action since the Committee planned to consider the case at this meeting and decide on a recommendation to the full Board at its January meeting. Orth said that the Board on Geographic Names traditionally deferred action on a case that may be affected by a bill in Congress, but there is no reason why the Committee could not act on the name-change proposal if it wished. There was considerable discussion on the matter, including the statement of the Secretary of the Interior, that the Department of the Interior supports the name change. Upon the motion of Lang/Wolter it was:

VOTED: to recommend to the Board on Geographic Names to defer action on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali until the Joint Resolution introduced in the U.S. Congress by Ohio delegation is resolved.

(Four voted in favor of the motion.  
McArtor voted against the motion)

7. CLOSING

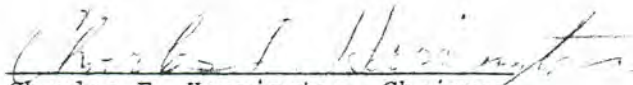
7.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held January 12, 1978 in Conference Room 4119, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. at 9:30 a.m.

7.2 The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Donald J. Orth  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

APPROVED:



Charles E. Harrington, Chairman  
Domestic Names Committee

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Forty-Ninth Meeting  
January 12, 1978  
Conference Room 4419  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress
- 1.2 Deputies Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary (BGN)
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Powell asked for clarification of the vote in item 6.1 of last months minutes. The Committee felt that it should be made clear that the action intended at the December meeting was to temporarily defer action on the Mount McKinley name-change proposal until such time the Joint Resolution introduced by the Ohio delegation in Congress is disposed of one way or another.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of December:

Inquiries received and answered	153
Letters written (answered & Initiated)	95
Case Briefs prepared	108
Work Cards prepared	75



- 5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current List 229. See attached Names Considered List for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

390 names were considered  
62 names were approved  
6 names were not approved  
322 names were deferred for further investigation.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

The Committee noted the Joint Resolution introduced in Congress by the Ohio delegation in December. The Resolution's progress is presently unknown. No action was taken by the Committee and the case was deferred.

### 6.2 Naming Unnamed Features

There was a long discussion on some of the problems introduced by the Board's new policy statement on naming unnamed features. Orth said that there are real naming needs in the field that often are in conflict with Board policy. The restriction on naming features in National Parks and Wilderness areas in particular, represents a problem to scientists. The result seems to be that names are being given and published without benefit of any guidelines. Many of these names are eventually picked up by Federal map makers as local or published usage. Randall brought up several questions about the criteria used for ruling on name proposals and the Board's activities in relation to Federal vs non-Federal publications.

Powell stated that he personally does not accept the philosophy that names in any way affect the wilderness character of these areas. Harrington agreed, saying that the Board tends to lose the ability to control the quality of naming by its own restrictions. Glover said that the feeling of National Park and National Forest people in these areas is that names do affect the wilderness character. Powell said names approved by the Board need not be used on maps of National Parks and Wilderness Areas.

Orth suggested the possibility of introducing a new category of decisions labelled RESTRICTED USE. This would allow the Board to base its decisions entirely on appropriateness and need. By definition, this would allow the use of RESTRICTED USE names in certain Federal and non-Federal scientific and other publications and base maps, but they will be omitted on special maps of National Parks and Wilderness Areas. Berringer brought up the definition of the decision category called VACATED.

The Committee decided to discuss this further at future meetings. The staff may prepare a working paper on this problem area.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fiftieth Meeting  
February 9, 1978  
Conference Room 2113  
Bureau of the Census  
Suitland, Maryland

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture  
Solomon L. Lang, Department of the Interior  
Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce
- 1.2 Other Members Elvyn A. Stoneman, Department of State
- 1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary (BGN)
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo  
John E. Findley
- 1.5 Observers Dr. Francis Gall, Guatemala Board on Geographic Names  
Mr. Jacob Silver, Bureau of the Census  
Mr. Alexander K. Gregg, DMA, Inter American Geodetic Survey

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 1:40 p.m.
- 2.2 The minutes of the 349th meeting were approved as written.
- 2.3 Jacob Silver, Chief, Geography Division, Bureau of the Census, welcomed the Committee to the Bureau's headquarters.
- 2.4 Dr. Randall introduced Dr. Francis Gall of the Guatemala Board on Geographic Names and Chief, Department of Human Geography, Instituto Geografico Nacional, Ciudad de Guatemala, and Mr. Alexander K. Gregg to the Committee. Dr. Gall briefly described domestic name standardization processes in Guatemala and the effort to restrict the amount of name changing. "In Guatemala, as in other parts of Latin America, there is increasing pressure to 'get back original names.' Many of these original names are unacceptable for one reason or another.



Agreements made because of this meeting will be taken to the Washington State Board and respective Federal name boards for final ratification. The agreements will be reflected in a future docket list. Orth expressed his opinion that this was an important and productive meeting. The final decisions involving the limits of these major water bodies will affect mapping, navigational, legal, and regulatory situations.

### 3.5 Puget Sound, Washington

An agreement at the previously mentioned meeting requires slight modification of the description for Puget Sound, approved by the BGN in 1961 (Decision List 6101). We request that the north reference point for the "second entrance" to Puget Sound be changed from Sares Head to Rosario Head. The Committee noted the nature of the requested change and discussed procedures for defining bodies of water. Orth referred to the method used by the International Hydrographic Bureau for defining the "Limits of Oceans and Seas." Upon the motion of Lang/Glover it was:

VOTED: to change the Board on Geographic Names' description of Puget Sound from "at a second entrance between West Point on Whidbey Island, Deception Island, and Sares Head on Fidalgo Island..." to read "at a second entrance, between West Point on Whidbey Island, Deception Island, and Rosario Head on Fidalgo Island."

### 3.6 San Juan Islands, Washington

Orth reported that the Washington State Board on Geographic Names feels that the Board on Geographic Names' 1964 description for the San Juan Islands should be made more definitive, especially as to whether the name applies to the smaller islands on the north in the Strait of Georgia. After reviewing the evidence and upon the motion of Glover/Lang it was:

VOTED: to add to the present description a statement that the San Juan Islands include all those islands, exposed rocks, shoals, and reefs that are within the 1977 boundaries of San Juan County, Washington.

### 3.7 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that he was unable to clearly determine the progress in Congress of the joint resolution of the Ohio delegation to retain the name Mount McKinley. He was told that the resolution was "in committee." The Chairman instructed the staff to stay close to the situation and report on the resolution's progress at the March meeting.

### 3.8 Executive Secretary's Report

Randall reported that the Publications Committee was unable to meet

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DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fifty-First Meeting  
March 9, 1978  
Conference Room 4419  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture  
Raymond B. Kennedy, Postal Service  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress
- 1.2 Attending Deputies Hazel E. McEwen, National Bureau of Standards  
John Antonio, Government Printing Office  
Richard L. Forstall, Bureau of the Census  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture
- 1.3 Ex Officio Elvyn A. Stoneman, Department of State, Chairman,  
Board on Geographic Names  
Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names
- 1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson  
John E. Findley  
Paul J. Sorvo

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Mr. Raymond B. Kennedy was recognized as the Acting Deputy Member representing the Postal Service.
- 2.3 The minutes of the 350th meeting were approved as written except for a correction of the spelling of the word "commercial" in the first paragraph on page 3.



VOTED: to approve the name Lone Tree Point for a point of land on the west shore of Narragansett Bay, 1.6 miles southeast of Wickford, Washington County, Rhode Island; 41°33'40" N, 71°26'07" W; not Little Tree Point.

### 3.7 Reservoir vs Lake Generic Terms

Orth read part of a letter from the Automobile Club of Southern California saying that they are "having a chronic problem establishing names of California bodies of water for various State and county maps. \*\*\* the problem arises between the designation of lake or reservoir." Federal maps refer to many as reservoirs although local use is lake. Some say that there is a difference in term meaning. Reservoir is the physical basin or container that holds the water which, in turn, is called a lake. The Chairman instructed the Executive Secretary to investigate this question further and discuss the matter with the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names.

### 3.8 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that there is no change in the Congressional status of the Ohio Joint Resolution retaining the name Mount McKinley.

## 4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7704 has been printed and distributed.

4.2 Docket List 232 with 105 entries has been printed and distributed.

## 5. DOCKET LIST ACTIONS

5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current Docket List 231. See attached names considered list for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

491 names were considered

47 names were approved

8 names were not approved

436 names were deferred for further investigation.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 New Name Guidelines

Orth read part of a letter which expresses some confusion with the guidelines in not being able to understand what is meant under Part III which asks for supporting letters "from appropriate Federal, State, or local administrative authorities and State geographic-name boards or committees." The Chairman asked Orth to clarify the language of that part of the guidelines.

The question concerning proposing new names in Wilderness Areas and National Park Areas was discussed further. Housley submitted a position

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DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fifty-Second Meeting

April 6, 1978

Conference Room 4419

Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
Shirley B. McDonald, Postal Service  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Raymond M. Housley, Department of Agriculture

1.2 Attending Deputies Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture

1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names

1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.

2.2 The minutes of the 351st meeting were approved as written.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following statistical domestic names staff report for the month of March:

Inquiries received and answered	218
Letters written (answered & initiated)	102
Case Briefs prepared	107
Work Cards prepared	143

3.2 Chicago River/River Daley, Illinois

Orth read a letter from Mr. John C. Mullen, lawyer, Chicago, Illinois who proposes changing the name of the Chicago River to River Daley in honor of the late Mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daley. There is no evidence of local support for the name change. After a short discussion



VOTED: to approve the proposal to name a peak with an elevation of 7,478 ft. in Ravalli County, Montana at 46°06'31" N, 114°19'14" W Brandy Peak.

3.6 Mount McKinley/Denali; Alaska

Orth reported that to his knowledge, the "Mount McKinley Resolution" before Congress has not progressed in any way. The Committee discussed the matter briefly. It was suggested that the Board take up the proposal again for decision after a logical period of time such as after this session of Congress.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7801 has been sent to the printer.

4.2 Docket List 233 with 104 entries was printed and distributed.

5. DOCKET LIST ACTIONS

5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on deferred names on previous Docket Lists and on current Docket List 232. See attached names considered list for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

543 names were considered  
46 names were approved  
14 names were not approved  
14 names were withdrawn  
469 names were deferred for further investigation.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Gazetteer Standardization

Orth introduced a recommendation asking the Committee to consider making official by special action all the names of a state that have been compiled and are part of the Geographic Names Information System (See Attachment "A"). The Committee discussed the significance of "blanket" action of this kind. Comments during the discussion generally supported the recommendation. Action on the recommendation was deferred until the May meeting in order to allow members of the Committee time to study the matter.

7. CLOSING

7.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held May 11, 1978 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4419, Department of the Interior.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fifty-third Meeting  
May 11, 1978  
Conference Room 4419  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members & Deputies Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce, Chairman  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture
- 1.2 Ex Officio Elvyn A. Stoneman, Department of State, Chairman  
Board on Geographic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary (BGN)  
Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic Names
- 1.3 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson
- 1.4 Other Sam Stulberg, Geographic Names Information Management, U.S. Geological Survey

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 352nd meeting were approved as written.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Executive Secretary's Report (Domestic Names)

- a) The Commission of the Place-Name Survey of the United States met in Washington, D.C. and Reston, Virginia from May 3 through May 5. The Place-Name Survey is an academic effort, under the auspices of the American Name Society, to collect, catalog, and eventually put in machine-readable form a wide variety of geographic name information for reference and research purposes. Founded in 1969, it presently consists of a National Director (Professor Frederick Tarpley, East Texas State University), a Commission, and 47 State Directors. Chairman Harrington, Orth, Berringer, and Stulberg attended all or part of the meetings. Our interest, of course, is to assure cooperation of the Survey to maintain standard geographic-name usage.



Copies of a memorandum from Deputy Member Solomon M. Lang raising questions about the Solicitor's letter were passed out. The Committee discussed this matter at length. There seemed to be an understanding of the letter in general except for the meaning of "reasonable time." Lang's comments will be discussed at the June meeting.

### 3.5 Mount McKinley vs Denali, Alaska

The Joint Resolution in the Congress is still dormant. A fairly recent letter from Secretary of the Interior to Congressman John F. Seiberling states that he (Secretary Cecil D. Andrus) continues to support the name change and hopes that the Board will reconsider its action (deferral) in upcoming months. The Committee briefly discussed how long it should defer the case.

### 3.6 L V Ray Peak, Alaska

Berringer reported that the Alaska State Geographic Board asked us to expedite processing and Board on Geographic Names' action on the proposal to name an unnamed feature in the Kenai Mountains 25 miles north of Seward for Seward's 75th Anniversary Celebration this year. L. V. Ray (1877-1946) lived in Seward most of his life and was President of the First Alaska Territorial Senate in 1913. The U.S. Forest Service initiated the proposal, supported locally and by the Alaska Board. The idea for honoring L. V. Ray was actually discussed by the late Senators Gruening and Bartlett in 1968, but a formal proposal was not made until April 1978.

The Committee discussed the matter of using a person's initials in a geographic name and whether the letters "L V" should have a space between. By motion of Powell/Glover it was:

VOTED: to approve the name L V Ray Peak  
for a 4,840 foot peak in the Kenai  
Mountains of Alaska between Crescent  
and Upper Trail Lakes at 60°29'99" N,  
149°25'00" W.

The Committee agreed that it should discuss the question of initials and letters in geographic names for the purpose of establishing policy or recommendation.

### 3.7 Revising the Decision List Introduction

Orth read parts of a memorandum from Deputy Member Lang regarding several recommendations for changing the Decision List Foreword so that it would read better and clearer. Randall said that the term "Foreword" is a misnomer. It should be called "Introduction" or "Explanation." The Committee agreed. Orth said that the staff had planned to rewrite the "Introduction" but has not been able to find the time. Lang's recommendations are good and will be incorporated in the rewritten version. Chairman Harrington directed the staff to rewrite the Introduction and submit a draft to the Committee.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fifty-fourth Meeting

June 8, 1978

Conference Room 4419

Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members & Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
Deputies Chairman

James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior

Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress

Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture

Richard E. Ganley, Postal Service

1.2 Deputies Hazel E. McEwen, National Bureau of Standards

1.3 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for Domestic  
Names

1.4 Staff Ernest F. Berringer  
Donald A. Johnson

1.5 Other Sam Stulberg, Geographic Names Information  
Management, U.S. Geological Survey

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.

2.2 It is noted that Mr. Richard E. Ganley will represent the U.S. Postal  
Service.

2.3 Minutes of the 353rd meeting were approved as written.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Executive Secretary's Report

- a) Orth reported on a program planned by the U.S. Geological Survey's EEO office called "Minority Participation-Earth Science." A proposal was made, as a part of this program, to assist about 36 high school students in Washington, D.C. with a project to field and map collect "D.C." names, process and research the names, and write a report on the results of the work. Besides himself, Orth said the project will involve professional persons from the Smithsonian Institution and Columbia Historical Society, two research assistants, and a part-time photographer. The project may lead to a gazetteer of Washington, D.C.



Tybee Island. After short discussion the Committee decided to bring Federal usage in line with official State usage. By motion of Powell/Glover it was:

VOTED: to change the name of the populated place called Savannah Beach to Tybee Island.

### 3.6 Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline Route Names

A letter was received from Dr. Julius Rockwell, Jr., Staff Biologist with the Alaska Pipeline Office, Department of the Interior who has been compiling a "List of Streams and Other Water Bodies Along the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline Route" for several years. The listing is presently over 400 pages long. It appears that most of these names are recent, probably given in connection with construction of the pipeline. He asks whether there is an easy way to get the names on his list officially recognized.

Orth commented that we should get a copy of the list in order to evaluate whether the names are acceptable. Harrington commented that we should coordinate closely with the Alaska State Geographic Board on this matter; Anderson agreed. Chairman Harrington suggested that Orth reply to Dr. Rockwell and ask for a complete list and to inform the Alaska Board of this matter.

### 3.7 Underwater Names in Cook Inlet, Alaska

A letter was received from Mr. Arnold H. Bouma, Branch of Pacific-Arctic Marine Geology, U.S. Geological Survey, proposing several names for underwater and surface water features in Cook Inlet, Alaska. This area is now of considerable interest to Federal and State agencies and special interest groups. The names are needed for special bathymetric charting and studies. Anderson asked if this naming was a matter for the Board's Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF) or the Domestic Names Committee. Orth said that the Domestic Names Committee has handled some underwater names when the features are related to coastal or land features. Powell suggested that we may wish to work with ACUF to make sure that the terminology or generic terms are proper. Orth said that he will take up this matter with ACUF and report back to the Committee.

### 3.8 Mount McKinley vs Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that Mr. Ralph Regula, Congressman from the Sixteenth District of Ohio introduced an amendment to the Alaska "Lands Bill" on May 19 before approval by the House of Representatives. The language of the amendment reads: "The park is hereby redesignated as 'Denali National Park' but the mountain located at 63 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds north by 151 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds west shall retain the name Mount McKinley in perpetuity." Glover noted that the bill now goes to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Fifty-Ninth Meeting  
November 9, 1978  
Conference Room 4417  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

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| 1.1 | Voting Members &<br>Deputies | Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,<br>Chairman<br>John Antonio, Government Printing Office<br>Ann Bright, U.S. Postal Service<br>Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture<br>Solomon Lang, Department of the Interior<br>Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress |
| 1.2 | Attending<br>Deputies        | Hazel E. McEwen, Bureau of Standards<br>Richard Forstall, Bureau of the Census   |
| 1.3 | Ex Officio                   | Elvyn A. Stoneman, Department of State,<br>Chairman, U.S. Board on Geographic Names<br>Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary for<br>Domestic Names   |
| 1.4 | Staff                        | Donald Johnson<br>Paul Sorvo<br>Janet Flanagan   |
| 1.5 | Other                        | Roger Payne, U.S. Geological Survey,<br>Richard Maloy, Thompson Newspapers   |

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.
- 2.2 Orth introduced Mrs. Janet Flanagan, his secretary since last July; Mr. Roger Payne, who is assisting Mr. Sam Stulberg with the Geological Survey's geographic names information management program; and Mr. Richard Maloy who represents Thompson Newspapers.
- 2.3 Minutes of the 358th meeting were approved as printed.



of Pierce became popular and by 1952 it was used by the city, churches, business establishments, railroad station, and post office. The Board changed its decision to Pierce City in 1952. The staff will investigate the case and report back to the Committee.

3.5 Mount McKinley vs Denali, Alaska

Orth reported on recent developments in the case including publicity given by Walter Cronkite on CBS. Since The Congress adjourned without taking action on the matter, the case is now back on the agenda of the Board on Geographic Names. Congressman Ralph Regula called from Ohio on election day, after hearing the CBS newscast, and indicated he hoped that the Committee would take no action at this time since he plans to introduce new legislation in The Congress as soon as he can after it convenes. The Committee discussed the matter and Dr. Stoneman expressed an opinion that action at this time may put the Board in conflict with The Congress. Upon the motion of Lang/Antonio it was:

VOTED to defer action on the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali until we see what The Congress does with the matter.

3.6 La Canada Flintridge, California

Johnson reported that the staff received notice that the unincorporated communities of La Cañada and Flintridge, California incorporated into a single City of La Cañada Flintridge. The question as to whether the "ñ" in "Cañada" is on the official incorporation papers was raised. The staff will investigate this matter before putting the case on the docket.

3.7 Lehigh Acres vs Lehigh, Florida

The Committee discussed this matter at length recognizing that the case is very controversial locally. The Committee expressed its feeling that the Committee should not get caught between the two factions. Upon motion of Lang, the Committee:

VOTED to defer action on the proposal of the Lehigh Corporation to change the name of Lehigh Acres to Lehigh for a period of one year before taking final action on the proposal.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Sixty-Fourth Meeting

April 12, 1979

Conference Room 4417

Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1. Voting Members &  
Deputies

Charles E. Harrington, Department  
of Commerce, CHAIRMAN  
James R. Anderson, U.S. Geological  
Survey  
Ann Bright, U.S. Postal Service  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of  
Agriculture  
Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress

1.2 Deputies

Hazel McEwen, Department of  
Commerce  
Richard L. Forstall, Department of  
Commerce

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary

1.4 Staff

Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo

1.5 Guest

Mr. Randolph E. Schmid, Associated  
Press, (Note: Mr. Schmid's article  
is Attachment "A")

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.

2.2 Minutes of the 363rd Meeting were approved as printed.



### 3.4 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Harrington mentioned that the Denali name-change proposal is still active. To the staff's knowledge, no legislation on the matter has been introduced yet in The Congress. Anderson expressed the view that the Committee should do something about the case soon if The Congress is not involved. Powell said that unless the Committee takes action on the case in a few months, it may be open to serious criticism. Forstall commented that, based on the evidence on hand, a decision will be hard to make if the Committee wishes to go along with majority wishes. It was suggested that Dr. Anderson, as Department of the Interior representative, review the matter with the Secretary of the Interior's office. He will do so as soon as possible.

### 3.5 La Creek/Lacreek/Lake Creek, South Dakota

Johnson reported on the request of the U.S. Geological Survey to change the name of Lake Creek in South Dakota to Lacreek. (See March 8, 1979 minutes.) If approved, it would be the only stream in the United States with a one word form. Lake Creek is a 1935 decision. It could be made a two-word form by calling it La Creek, which would be more in keeping with a few other streams that exist in definite form such as The River, The Branch, or El Rito. There is a Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, which accounts for the effort to change the stream name.

At the request of this Committee, the staff called an official of the Wildlife Refuge and he recommended that the stream be officially named Lake Creek. The stream is in low lying topography and when it floods, a series of small ponds or lakes are formed giving the stream its name. After discussion and by motion of Anderson/Powell, it was unanimously:

VOTED: to reaffirm the 1935 decision for  
Lake Creek in South Dakota; not:  
Lacreek, La Creek

### 3.6 Eli Creek vs. Hyde Creek, Idaho

For information, Johnson reported on a letter and petition from citizens in Idaho who are objecting to an effort announced in The Recorder-Herald to change the name of a stream south of Salmon from Eli to Hyde Creek. An official request from the proposer has not yet been received. The Idaho State Geographic Names Board has been notified of the matter.

## PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 7804 was published and distributed.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Sixty-Seventh Meeting  
July 12, 1979  
Conference Room 5071  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Charles E. Harrington, CHAIRMAN  
(Department of Commerce)  
Edwin Bock,  
(U.S. Postal Service)  
Lewis G. Glover,  
(Department of Agriculture)  
Solomon M. Lang  
(Department of the Interior)

1.2 Deputies

Richard L. Forstall,  
(Department of Commerce)  
Lloyd E. Sadler,  
(Department of the Interior)

1.3 Ex Officio

Elvyn A. Stoneman, Chairman  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
(Department of State)  
Richard R. Randall, Executive  
Secretary  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo  
John E. Findley

1.5 Other

Roy G. Saltman,  
(National Bureau of Standards)

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 9:30 a.m.



Departmental Secretaries and agency heads late in August requesting appointments to the Board.

He also mentioned that Charles D. Rouse, a member of the BGN representing the Department of the Navy and the Department of Defense since 1951 and Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Underseas Feature Names since 1970, retired on July 6.

Dr. Randall announced that he and Orth will be interviewed on the BGN and American geographic names for broadcast on American University's radio station WAMU. Dr. John Allee, The George Washington University, an expert on Nordic and Greenlandic names, will also be interviewed.

### 3.2 Derogatory Names in California

A letter was received from Alice Wright-Cottingham, Chief Deputy Director, California State Department of Parks and Recreation, objecting to condescending and racist place names in an area east of Sacramento. Some of the names cited are Nigger Hill, Indian Springs, Squaw Flat, Indian Creek, Cherokee Flat, French and African Bar. It was noted that the Board already has a policy dealing with the word "nigger." Orth said that the letter was not clear as to the source of the names mentioned. Board policy cannot control local spoken usage or dictate usage to private, county, or State organizations. Lang said that he does not understand why some of the names mentioned would be considered racist or condescending. After discussion, the Chairman instructed the staff to reply outlining our present policy concerning derogatory names. We should find out if these names appear on current Federal maps. The letter should also express the Committee's view that some of the names listed would not be considered racist by most people. If they were, where would a policy dealing with such names stop? Would names like Los Angeles and Sacramento also be considered by some as religiously biased names?

### 3.3 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Senator Mike Gravel introduced a bill in The Congress on June 7, which, if passed, will change the name of Mount McKinley and Mount McKinley National Park to Denali and Denali National Park respectively. A copy of the bill is Attachment A.



June 7, 1979

By Mr. GRAVEL:

S. 1297. A bill to redesignate Mount McKinley National Park as "Denali National Park" and to redesignate Mount McKinley as "Denali"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## DENALI NATIONAL PARK

• Mr. GRAVEL. Mr. President, one of the smaller issues facing Alaska over the past several years is the question of changing the name of Mount McKinley National Park and the name of the mountain to "Denali." Although this issue does not involve land, jobs, the environment, or the many other crucial problems facing Alaska. It has nonetheless stirred the interest and the "psychological" desires of a great many Alaskans.

In recent years we renamed the historic Cape Canaveral in Florida, Cape Kennedy in honor of our past President. Several years later public reaction to this change intensified to the point where the Board of Geographic Names returned the historic Spanish name Canaveral, to that point of land. I think that action is analogous to the decision facing us today. "Denali," the historic geographic name used for centuries by local Native groups, was changed to Mount McKinley in a rather capricious fashion.

In 1896 a prospector came out of the "wonderful wilderness," and the first news he heard was of the nomination of William McKinley. The prospector had not more days than he had cared to with two outspoken champions of free silver. The prospector, like McKinley, favored the gold standard. So the prospector got back at his long-winded friends. He named the great mountain he had seen after McKinley. Much to the dismay of many Alaskans, both Natives and later settlers, the name stuck in the official records.

This is not to say that we should not honor our Presidents and other distinguished Americans. I think the recent commemorative naming of two previously unnamed peaks in Alaska to Mount Begich and Mount Boggs was a fitting tribute to these men. Similarly, there are many new structures, such as bridges, schools, and hospitals where commemorative naming can help preserve memories and accomplishments of our leading citizens.

But we need not destroy a part of our Nation's and State's existing history to establish "new" history. Superimposing more modern, less-accepted names on already named topographic features violates a sense of historic integrity in the minds of many local residents.

Support for this change comes from a wide spectrum. The U.S. Board of Geographic Names has done much research into this matter, held public hearings, and has found approximately 59 percent of Alaska adult respondents favored the change, and approximately 70 percent of respondents nationwide. The Alaska State Legislature, the Governor, the State Geographic Board, and the National Park Service have also endorsed this change. I ask unanimous consent that a report by the Board documenting this information be printed in the RECORD.

This measure is not without controversy. Most of the congressional delegation from Ohio is not very sympathetic to the idea of removing the name of its favorite son from the tallest mountain in North America. In fact, the introduction of a measure in the 95th Congress prohibiting the name change by a Congressman from Ohio caused the Board to suspend its deliberations in making any administrative decision until "Congress resolves the issue." Thus, we must act, and I would hope the Senate would support the wishes of the Nation and the people of Alaska to rectify this long-standing historical injustice by approving this change to "Denali."

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES: SUMMARY REPORT ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME MOUNT MCKINLEY TO DENALI

## BACKGROUND

Mount McKinley in Mount McKinley National Park, Alaska, with an elevation of 20,320 feet, is the highest elevation in North America. It was named in 1896 by William A. Dickey, prospector, "after William McKinley of Ohio who had been nominated for the presidency, and that fact was the first news we received on our way out of that wonderful wilderness."

Denali, reported to mean "great one," is the Tanana Indian name of the mountain. The Russian Americans called it Belskaya Gora, meaning "big mountain."

Except for Mount Rainier, Mount McKinley is, to our knowledge, the only mountain name for which there has been a certain amount of objection through the years. The first proposal to rename the mountain Denali seems to have been made in books written by the Reverend Hudson Stuck. He was Archdeacon of the Alaskan missions of the Episcopal Church until 1920, and was a member of the first recorded party to have successfully climbed Mount McKinley in 1913.

## SUMMARY

1. Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 of the Alaska State Legislature (March 7, 1975) requests the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior to direct the U.S. Board on Geographic Names "to officially designate Mount McKinley as Denali; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED that Mount McKinley National Park be renamed McKinley National Park."

Comments: (a). Passed by Senate, 13 4; Passed by House, 24 9.

(b). Changing the name of a National Park requires Congressional action.

2. Alaska State Geographic Board unanimously endorses the Resolution on February 7, 1975 and recommends that the name be changed to Denali.

3. Resolution formally brought before the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (known as the Names Committee) at its April 6, 1975 meeting No Action.

4. At its May 13, 1975 meeting the Geographic Names Committee voted to defer action on the name-change proposal for a period of six months (until November).

Comment: The Committee recognized the National importance of changing the name of North America's highest mountain. It realized that the American people were not aware of the name-change proposal. Time was needed for public and public reaction. Guidance from the Secretary, Department of the Interior is also needed since the Board works jointly with the Secretary. The case has been deferred at each monthly meeting since November 1975.

5. National Park Service endorses changing the name of Mount McKinley to Denali (May 20, 1975).

6. The Department of the Interior issued two press releases, August 4, 1975 and December 11, 1975, asking for public opinion on the name-change proposal.

Comment: The news releases were widely printed and commented on in newspapers and magazines throughout the country.

7. Two letters from Governor Jay S. Hammond, State of Alaska, strongly supporting the Resolution to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali (September 4, 1975 and January 21, 1976).

8. Response from individuals with regard to the name change proposal.

(a) Over 4000 letters and petitions have been received.

1. Total signed letters and telegrams: 59 percent favor Denali; 41 percent favor Mount McKinley.

2. Adult response, U.S. including Alaska (2209): 63 percent favor Denali; 37 percent favor Mount McKinley.

3. Adult response from Alaska (1081): 59 percent favor Denali; 41 percent favor Mount McKinley.

4. Letters from school children (1891): 54 percent favor Denali; 46 percent favor Mount McKinley.

(b) Response from organizations and administrative bodies who oppose the name change and favor the name Mount McKinley, with indicated exception, not counted above: Kenai Chamber of Commerce (Alaska).

Greater Anchorage Chamber of Commerce (Alaska).

Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce (Alaska).

South-Eastern Alaska Mountaineering Association.

Alaska Visitors Association (117 signatures on petition also counted in the individual tabulation).

Westours (Seattle Washington).

(c) Response from organizations and administrative bodies supporting the name Denali not counted above:

Alaska Conservation Society.

Alaska Alpine Club.

Alaska Chapter Sierra Club.

Alaska Chapter & National-Friends of the Earth.

Alaska Federation of Natives.

Shageluk Village Corporation (Alaska).

Dillingham Village Corporation (Alaska).

Notagheadin, Ltd. (Galena, Alaska).

Mountaineering Club of Alaska.

Denali Citizen's Council (Alaska).

Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. (Alaska).

Board of Nunan Kitiutsli (Alaska).

Kugakulik Limited (Alaska).

McGrath Village Council (Alaska).

Tigra Village Corporation (Point Hope, Alaska).

Central Native Corporation (Anvik, Alaska).

Fairbanks Environmental Center.

Nulato City Council.

Outdoors North (Anchorage, Alaska).

Anchorage Daily News (Alaska).

Washington State University Alpine Club.

The Wilderness Society (National).

The Alaska Yukon Pioneers (Washington).

Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (Alaska).

9. Summary of reasons for:

A. Opposing the name change—

(a) Economic cost of revising published material.

(b) Patriotic: McKinley was a U.S. President; McKinley; sounds more American.

(c) Usage: Mount McKinley is world known; people will find it hard to learn new name and may continue to use old name.

(d) Political & personal: McKinley was a great president; too much change today; the State and Federal Governments have more important things to do than change names; where will this name change end?

B. Favoring the name change—



(a) Usage: many people already use the name Denali; it was the original name; name should never have been changed to McKinley in the first place.

(b) Linguistic: Denali is more euphonious; Indian name is best because it is a natural descriptive name.

(c) Political & Personal: such a mountain should not be named for a mere man; McKinley never had anything to do with the mountain; the Europeans had no right to change the Indian name; our cultural heritage includes the Indians and should include their names.

(d) Bicentennial: renaming the mountain will be America's greatest Bicentennial monument.

Comments: 1. The large number of school children responses is largely due to publicity in a National school magazine.

2. There was a large response from former Alaskans living in the U.S. or people who have traveled in Alaska—most favor the name change.

3. Some organizations opposing the name change are travel or business oriented.

4. Organizations favoring the name change are generally ethnic, nature, recreation, and conservation oriented.

5. People living in the immediate area of the mountain generally support the name change.

6. It appears that almost all Indian and Eskimo people in Alaska (about 17 percent of the total population) support the name change.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Joint Resolution of the Alaska State Legislature.
2. Letter from National Park Service.
3. Letter from the Governor of Alaska.
4. December 11, 1975 news release.
5. Three newspaper articles.
6. Eight example letters.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. ORTH,  
Executive Secretary,  
Domestic Geographic Names.

STATE OF ALASKA,  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,  
Juneau, January 21, 1976.

Mr. DONALD ORTH,  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names,  
Arlington, Va.

Dear Mr. ORTH: I wish to make known very clearly to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names my complete and wholehearted support for the renaming of Mt. McKinley to Denali.

Although I conveyed my support of the name change, along with the Alaska Legislature and the Alaska Geographic Names Board, in a letter to you on September 4, 1975, it has come to my attention there may be some confusion remaining. I hope this letter will make absolutely clear my strong endorsement as Governor of Alaska of the name change.

Since Mt. McKinley is the highest mountain in North America, it deserves a name with some special meaning and significance. Unfortunately, the present name fits none of the criteria we might normally think appropriate for a mountain of this significance. William A. Dickey, a prospector who named the mountain, was not the first to see, to identify, or to climb the mountain.

The *Dictionary of Alaska Place Names*, by Donald J. Orth, quotes Dickey, as naming the mountain, "after William McKinley of Ohio, who had been nominated for the presidency, and that fact was the first news we received on our way out of that wonderful wilderness."

In his book, *Mt. McKinley The Pioneer Climbs*, Ferris Moore also talks about the reasons for Dickey's choice of the name, McKinley. "Mr. Dickey was later asked why he named the mountain, McKinley. Dickey

answered that while they were in the wilderness, he and his partner fell in with two prospectors who were rabid champions of free silver, and after listening to their arguments for many weary days, he retaliated by naming the mountain after the champion of the gold standard." To those with even the most casual interest in Alaska and this mountain, it must be obvious there are simply not valid reasons for the name McKinley.

On the other hand, the name Denali is one which originated with Alaskans. It was a name in use for many years. Since Denali means "The Great One", or "the high one", the relationship to the mountain is obvious.

The renaming of Mt. McKinley to Denali would thus be an original Alaskan name with meaning and relevance. The Alaska Legislature said in a joint resolution, "Whereas one of the aims of naming mountains, bridges, lakes or the like should be to honor and keep alive the heritage of those who were here before us; and whereas the renaming of Mt. McKinley as Denali would be a fitting and proper gesture to a large segment of the Alaskan population and would be originally Alaskan . . . Be it resolved . . . The Secretary of the Interior is respectfully requested to direct the United States Board on Geographic Names to officially designate Mt. McKinley as Denali . . ." I concur now as I did in my earlier letter.

For these and a number of other reasons of which you are no doubt keenly aware, I urge the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to establish Denali as a new name for North America's highest mountain.

Sincerely,

JAY S. HAMMOND,  
Governor

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,  
Washington, D.C., May 20, 1975.

#### MEMORANDUM

To Executive Secretary, Board on Geographic Names.

Through Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

From Director, National Park Service.

Subject: Change of name—Mt. McKinley

This office recently received correspondence from Governor Jay Hammond of the State of Alaska concerning the name of Mt. McKinley. The resolution passed by the Legislature of the State of Alaska stated that it was their desire that Mt. McKinley be renamed "Denali." The name "Denali" being the historic name for this great mountain and important to the history and culture of Alaska.

We have no objection to the renaming of Mt. McKinley to "Denali" and, in fact, favor such a change strongly. We would also agree with the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the name of the park should be changed to "McKinley National Park." It should be pointed out, however, that by changing the name of the mountain to "Denali" we are, in effect, forcing Congress to act positively on the change to the name of the park. You may wish to consult the Congressional Committee members in advance of any announcement of your decision.

In addition to the change of Mt. McKinley to "Denali," we would also suggest that it would be most appropriate and proper to at the same time change the name of Mt. Foraker to "Sultana." "Sultana" is the traditional and historic name of Denali's wife. If we are to rename Denali, it would seem most inappropriate to have him go through the rest of history with Foraker for a wife.

The changes so indicated would seem to be in the true spirit of reestablishing historic place names wherever possible such as has been done at Cape Canaveral.

If we can provide any further assistance, please call on us.

GARY EVERHARDT

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Seventy-Third Meeting  
December 13, 1979  
Conference Room 5070A  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Myles R. Howlett, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
Edwin Bock, Postal Service

1.2 Deputies

Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)  
George A. Gowans, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Donald D. Loff, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Lloyd E. Sadler, Department of the Interior,  
(Bureau of Land Management)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary,  
Domestic Names Committee  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary,  
Board on Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo  
John E. Findley  
Roder L. Payne

1.5 Others

Maureen Finnerty, Department of the Interior,  
Park Service  
John Roberts, Bureau of Land Management  
Allen Ewen, Sacramento, California



### 3.4 Reorganization at the Geological Survey

Anderson reported that the National Mapping Division reorganization plan was approved by the Department of the Interior on November 30. A timely implementation of the new Division, formed from the former Topographic Division, the Geography Program, and most of the Publications Division, is being planned. The geographic names activity, which furnishes staff support to the Board on Geographic Names, will be in the Office of Geographic Research (Attachment B).

Anderson also reported on the Staff Conference of members of the former Geography Program held November 27-30. The Conference reviewed the role of geography in the new National Mapping Division.

### 3.5 Gazetteer Program

Payne reported on the progress of the gazetteer program being done by the Geological Survey (Attachment C). He announced that alphabetical listings and magnetic tapes for names in Indiana are now available to the public. Compilation of names data for Texas was recently completed.

### 3.6 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that he was told by Senator Mike Gravel's office that the rider on the "Alaska Lands Bill" changing the name of Mount McKinley to Denali, was removed by the Senate Committee with the opinion that the name-change decision be left to the Board on Geographic Names. He did not know the status of the matter in the House of Representatives.

### 3.7 Alphabetical Ordering of Geographic Names

Saltman announced that the National Bureau of Standards is planning on establishing a standard for the alphabetical ordering of geographic names early in 1980. The standard will prescribe the rules and techniques that are to be used in the alpha-numeric ordering of names of geographic entities such as populated places, counties, states, countries of the world, etc. (Attachment D).

The Domestic Names Committee recommended that the Board appoint a three-man subcommittee with representation including the Department of State. Randall and Anderson said that they will follow through on the recommendation at the January meeting of the Board.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Seventy-Sixth Meeting  
Conference Room 6070A  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

March 13, 1980

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Edwin Bock, Postal Service  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)

1.2 Deputies

Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)  
Donald D. Loff, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)

1.3 Ex Officio

John Findley, Acting Executive Secretary,  
Domestic Geographic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary,  
Board on Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Paul J. Sorvo

1.5 Other

Maureen Finnerty, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)  
Patricia Martin, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)  
John Roberts, Department of the Interior,  
(Bureau of Land Management)

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Powell.

2.2 Minutes of the 375th meeting were approved as printed.



### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 3.1 BGN Executive Secretary's Report

Randall reminded the Committee that the 150th meeting of the Board on Geographic Names will be held May 6 at the U.S. Naval Observatory beginning at 1:00 p.m.

#### 3.2 Staff Report

Sorvo gave the following report of staff activities for the month of February 1980:

Inquiries received and answered	164
Letters written (answered and initiated)	127
Case Briefs prepared	35
Work Cards prepared	32
Editing gazetteer material	160 hours

- 3.3 The Committee discussed holding its November 1980 meeting in connection with the Fourth Western States Geographic Names Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was noted that Federal travel money is restricted this fiscal year for most agencies. The Committee also discussed the merits of the Committee meeting held in connection with the Third Western States Geographic Names Conference, in Menlo Park, California. By motion of Harrington/Bock, it was:

VOTED: to hold the November 1980 meeting of the Domestic Names Committee in Salt Lake City at the Fourth Western States Geographic Names Conference contingent upon the availability of Federal travel funds and upon representation of at least a quorum by the Committee.

#### 3.4 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

A Park Service memorandum was distributed concerning status in the Congress of the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali (Attachment A). The memorandum reports the interest of the Congress not to involve itself in the naming of the mountain. Finnerty provided additional information on the matter and reaffirmed that the name is no longer a legislative issue.

The Committee suggested that Orth, Anderson and a Park Service representative meet with the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Energy and Minerals to discuss the Board's responsibilities and the present position of the Department on the matter. The Committee also suggested a complete review of the Mount McKinley/Denali case in order to consider available options to the Committee. Orth will prepare an up-to-date summary report on the name-change proposal.





# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Donald J. Orth  
Executive Secretary  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
523 National Center  
Reston, Virginia 22092

Dear Mr. Orth:

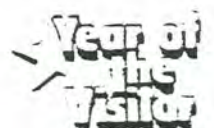
This is in response to a request at the recent meeting that I provide the Board with a report on the status of the proposal to change the name of Mt. McKinley to Mt. Denali.

HR 39 (Udall/Anderson) passed the House 5-16-79. This legislation makes no provision for changing the name of Mt. McKinley, but does provide for the changing of the park from the name Mt. McKinley National Park to Denali National Park.

In reviewing the House Report to accompany HR 39 (Report #96-413), the following quote is pertinent.

"The bill adds about 2,587,000 acres of public lands to the existing Mt. McKinley National Park, thus establishing a National Park totally about 4,527,000 of public lands, and establishes a National Preserve of about 1,169,000 acres of public lands. Both the Park and Preserve are renamed Denali, adopting the ancient Athapascan name for the mountain. However, the Committee took no action to change the name of the mountain.

By these actions the Committee in no way intended to indicate its approval or disapproval of the proposal to change the name of the mountain to Denali which has been pending before the Board of Geographic Names. The Committee believes that this Board is the entity which should make such a decision and strongly encourages the Board to continue its examination of this proposal and to reach a decision based on the merits of the case at the earliest possible time."

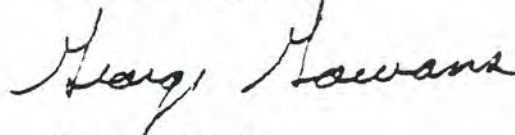




S9 (Jackson) passed out of the Senate Energy Committee on 10-30-79 and is currently waiting floor action. Apparently, at the hearings on this bill (the morning of 10-25-79) Senator Gravel stated that changing the name of the mountain from McKinley to Denali was not the concern of the Congress but rather the responsibility of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

You may want to furnish copies of this letter to the Board members and, reschedule the Mt. Denali decision for an appropriate future time. In view of the above it appears that it will now be timely for the U.S. Board to take action.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Gowans". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

George Gowans

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Seventy-Seventh Meeting  
Conference Room 6070A  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

April 10, 1980

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
Edwin Bock, Postal Service  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office.

1.2 Deputies

George A. Gowans, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary,  
Domestic Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo

1.5 Other

John Roberts, Department of the Interior,  
(Bureau of Land Management)

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Powell.

2.2 Minutes of the 376th meeting were approved as printed.



### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

#### 3.1 Executive Secretary's Report

- a) Orth announced that Dr. James R. Anderson is the Vice-President elect of the Association of American Geographers.
- b) Zodiac News Service of San Francisco put out a short news release to radio stations implying that citizens can name features for themselves. The office has been flooded by telephone calls from radio news and other announcers from across the country and Canada asking for interviews, about one-half live broadcasts, during which it was necessary to carefully explain BGN policy to counter the false impression given by the news release. During the last 2-3 weeks, 26 letters enclosing the "naming guidelines" have been sent out in response to requests based on the broadcasts.
- c) The office responded to a questionnaire received from the Washington State Legislative Auditor in connection with the sunset audit of the Washington State Board on Geographic Names (see covering letter, Attachment A).
- d) Orth gave an illustrated presentation on the Geographic Names Information System and the planned National Gazetteer at the 1980 joint convention of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping and the American Society of Photogrammetry held March 9-14 in Saint Louis, Missouri.
- e) The December 1979 copy of CANOMA was passed around to members of the Committee for review. This publication presents news and views concerning Canadian toponymy and is published by the Surveys and Mapping Branch, Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada.

#### 3.2 Staff Report

Johnson gave the following report on staff activities for the month of March 1980:

Inquiries received and answered	187
Letters written (answered and initiated)	133
Case Briefs prepared	142
Work Cards prepared	46
Editing gazetteer material	160 hours

#### 3.3 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reviewed the case and reported that at present there is no pending legislation in the Congress that affects the mountain name. A staff member from Senator Ted Stevens' office telephoned and indicated that the Senator does not plan to introduce legislation concerning the name of the mountain, particularly in connection with the "Alaska Lands Bill" currently before the Congress.



Anderson reported that he and Orth met with Assistant Secretary Joan Davenport (Department of the Interior) to discuss the Mount McKinley/Denali case. It was agreed that the Board should proceed promptly with a decision as soon as it is reasonably sure that the matter will not be reconsidered by the Congress. Secretary Davenport suggested that when the Board decides to take up the case again, it may wish to have another public meeting since former public meetings were held over two years ago.

The Committee discussed the matter at length. Upon motion of Anderson/Bock, it was unanimously:

VOTED: to prepare for one or more public meetings in June and/or July and, unless the matter is again taken up by the Congress, the Committee will plan to render a decision by late summer or early fall on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley in Alaska to Denali.

#### 3.4 Letter: Washington State Board on Geographic Names

A letter from the Honorable Bert L. Cole, Chairman of the Washington State Board on Geographic Names was discussed at length. A copy of the letter (Attachment B) opposing the arbitrary rejection of new names within Wilderness Areas in Washington, was sent to each Committee member prior to the meeting. Anderson commented that the objections raised in the letter involve a policy matter that affects more than Newbert Creek, mentioned as an example by Commissioner Cole.

Lang stressed the need to look into the policy at depth since the Committee seems to have accepted the policies of the Forest Service and Park Service. Orth said that the policy which restricts the naming of unnamed features in Wilderness Areas is not absolute. If a specific need for a name, outlined in the policy, is demonstrated, the proposed name may be approved. It was pointed out that the problem seems to be that only the Federal agency having jurisdiction over the area can identify such need, and for this reason the policy has proved to be somewhat absolute. Gowans mentioned that an exception would be where a feature was named in the past, and it is a matter of finally recognizing the name.

The Committee again discussed the reasons for restricting new names in Wilderness Areas; namely it is felt by the Forest Service and Park Service people that high name density detracts from the "wilderness" character of the area. Bock asked whether this policy really stops the naming of unnamed features by the people who use the areas. Orth said that it probably did not, but it did keep the features unnamed on Federal maps. It was suggested by a Committee member that an inherent danger in the policy is that it puts Federal name standardization out of phase with other usage and it may lead to the loss of naming control in such areas by the Board. Powell noted that the "wilderness naming policy" has



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Seventy-Eighth Meeting  
Conference Room 3004  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

May 8, 1980

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Edwin Bock, Postal Service  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
Myles R. Howlett, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office

1.2 Deputies

Richard Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
George A. Gowans, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald A. Johnson, Acting Executive Secretary,  
Domestic Geographic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary,  
Board on Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Paul J. Sorvo

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Powell.

2.2 Minutes of the 377th meeting were approved as printed.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 3.1 Executive Secretary's Report (Domestic Names)

Johnson reported on the progress of the State gazetteer program being done by the Geological Survey. Fourteen States have been completed and the information is available to the public. The names data for 16 States remain to be compiled. All others are in various stages of completion.

#### 3.2 Executive Secretary's Report (BGN)

Randall expressed the feeling that the Full Board meeting held on May 6 at the Naval Observatory was successful.

#### 3.3 Staff Report

Sorvo gave the following statistical report of staff activities for the month of April:

Inquiries received and answered	192
Letters written (answered and initiated)	209
Case Briefs prepared	63
Work Cards prepared	71
Editing gazetteer material	176 hours

#### 3.4 Quayle Creek/Kelso Creek, Colorado

Johnson requested deferral of the Quayle Creek matter on the agenda until the June meeting. Lang raised the question whether it is good for the Committee to so quickly consider revision of its decisions since the public may think the Committee does not deliberate long enough on each case before making them. The staff reported that the decision was withheld from publication. The matter will be put on the June meeting agenda.

#### 3.5 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

The question of the location for a public meeting on the Mount McKinley name-change proposal was discussed. Gowans suggested that the meeting should be held in Alaska as the name change is more important to Alaskans than to the citizens in the Washington, D.C. area. The Committee's decisions are generally based on local usage. Powell responded that it is because this matter is of national importance that the Committee is giving the proposal so much consideration. If it was a local naming problem, the Committee would have acted long ago. Randall asked how much weight the Committee members would give in their decision making process to opinions expressed by the public at such a public forum. Powell said he felt the meeting would be primarily to let the public know the Board is going to act



on the proposal but it would also provide an opportunity for new information to be heard or for anyone to express a change of opinion. It was generally felt that Committee members would probably vote according to their own judgments, using what was said at the meetings as only one factor in their decision making.

Howlett said he believes the decision making process should be more formalized. He thinks the public meetings should be held only after specific goals have been established. When the desired information has been gathered, the Committee can then make a decision using an established set of rules. This should make the decision making process easier. Randall responded that it is certainly desirable to set up a set of rules for the decision making process, but for the BGN to operate on a specific set of rules is somewhat difficult as each situation needs to be evaluated on its own merits. It was mentioned that a set of rules covering every situation would probably be quite lengthy. Howlett disagreed and stated he would be pleased to prepare some specific guideline regulations and bring them to a later meeting. It was reiterated that the vote for or against the name change will be done by the "full" board. However, the Domestic Names Committee will make a recommendation before the "full" Board makes its decision.

By motion of McArtor/Bock it was:

VOTED: to hold a public meeting in Washington, D.C. in September and to notify the Alaska Delegation and other interested parties that such a meeting is planned. A notice will also be published beforehand in the Federal Register.

### 3.6 Underwater Features in Long Island Sound

The Committee was notified that the Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF) had recently approved five new names for underwater features in the vicinity of Block Island Sound. Powell raised the question of why couldn't some formal procedure be developed so that these names and their descriptions could be incorporated into the lists of names published by the DNC. Otherwise these names might be missed by agencies which use the Decision List as a reference. Randall said he was of the opinion that a working relationship had been established between the DNC and ACUF. The Committee recommended that the domestic-names staff review its cooperation with ACUF to assure that all undersea feature names that can be considered "domestic" are processed for publication in the Decision List.

### 3.7 Grand Valley/Parachute, Colorado

Bock reported the Postal Service received a request to change the

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U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Seventy-Ninth Meeting  
Conference Room 6070A  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

June 12, 1980

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)

1.2 Deputies

John Roberts, Department of the Interior,  
(Bureau of Land Management)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)

1.3 Ex Officio

John Findley, Acting Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary  
Board on Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Paul J. Sorvo

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Powell.

2.2 Minutes of the 378th meeting were approved with the following corrections:

The deletion of the phrase "Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting." in the notice at the upper right corner of page 1.

The deletion of the phrase "according to their own judgments" in section 3.5, page 3, line 4.



### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 3.1 Executive Secretary's Report (Domestic Names)

Findley reported that Orth attended a conference in Ottawa on the Automation of Canadian Geographic Names. Orth will report to the Committee on this conference at the July DNC meeting.

#### 3.2 Executive Secretary's Report (BGN)

Randall reminded the Committee of the meeting of the full Board on Geographic Names scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, in the Director's Conference Room, U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia.

Randall also discussed the problem of coordinating the publication of decisions for undersea features. Presently, decisions for undersea features appear in both the Decision List and the Gazetteer for Undersea Features. Randall proposes to meet with Orth and members of the Undersea Advisory Committee to discuss this problem and to establish a single source for publishing undersea decisions.

#### 3.3 Staff Report

Sorvo gave the following statistical report of staff activities for the month of May:

Inquiries received and answered	231
Letters written (answered and initiated)	117
Case briefs prepared	86
Work cards prepared	76
Gazetteer program edit	168 hours

#### 3.4 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Findley reported that Orth will prepare a notice for publication in the Federal Register concerning the Mount McKinley/Denali situation. The Committee questioned whether Salt Lake City is still being considered as a location for the meeting since it would be a compromise location for Alaska and Washington, D.C.

Randall distributed copies of pages 1 and 3 of the minutes of the December 6, 1977 meeting of the Executive Committee of the DNC (Attachment B). The Executive Committee, at this meeting, proposed establishing voting procedures for the Mount McKinley/Denali proposal. Under this proposal, the Executive Committee would review the DNC's decision before presenting it to the Board on Geographic Names. Powell requested that this proposal be placed on the next agenda for discussion and that the Executive Committee's minutes be included in the minutes of Domestic Names Committee.

### 4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 8002 is being prepared for submittal to the printer.

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U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Eightieth Meeting  
Conference Room 6070A  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

July 10, 1980

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. Voting Members

Myrl J. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Ann Bright, Postal Service  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
George A. Gowans, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)

1.2. Deputies

Richard Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)

1.3. Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary,  
Domestic Geographic Names

1.4. Staff

Donald A. Johnson  
Roger L. Payne  
Paul J. Sorvo

1.5. Other

Henry Tom, National Bureau of Standards

2. OPENING

2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Powell.

2.2 Minutes of the 379th meeting were approved with the following change:

Item 6.1, first paragraph, last sentence, remove last three words ("to their agencies.") and add: "to inform appropriate offices of their agencies of 3GN activities and decisions. He also recommended the Chairman should use his judgment in suggesting that members develop a coordinated agency position on major questions."



3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Executive Secretary's Report

- a. Orth reported on two meetings he attended in Canada. The first was the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names held June 2-3 at the University of Montreal in Montreal and the second was an International Symposium on the Automation of Geographical Names held June 4 in Ottawa sponsored by the Canadian Government.
- b. The 14th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will be meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan from August 23 through 29, 1981.
- c. The Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names and the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources recently published the Northwest Territories/Gazetteer of Canada, its first computer generated gazetteer. This information is also available on microfiche. A copy of this gazetteer will be circulated to Committee members and deputies.

3.2 Staff Report

Johnson gave the following statistical report of staff activities for the month of June:

Inquiries received and answered	212
Letters written (answered and initiated)	123
Case briefs prepared	54
Work cards prepared	35
Gazetteer program edit	156 hours

3.3 Mount McKinley/Denali Public Meeting

Powell stated that the Committee decided at its May meeting to hold a public meeting in Washington, D.C. on the proposal to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali (378th Meeting Minutes, Item 3.5). There have been comments that it may be appropriate to hold another meeting in Alaska or the Western part of the United States. With restrictions on travel funds, it was suggested at the June meeting (Item 3.4) that it may be feasible to hold a public meeting in conjunction with the Domestic Names Committee's November 1980 meeting, which is planned to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Forstall suggested that if a second meeting is held, the appropriate place is Alaska. It was mentioned that the name-change proposal has national significance; it affects many people outside of Alaska.

Upon motion of Gowans/Harrington it was:

VOTED: to plan to hold a public meeting on the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature, to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali, in Salt Lake City, Utah in conjunction with the Domestic Names Committee's regular November 1980 meeting in that city in order to conserve Federal travel funds.



The Committee instructed Orth to notify all Federal and State principals that have been involved with the issue. It was also decided to hold the Washington, D.C. meeting as soon after the Utah meeting as feasible. This means the Committee may decide the issue at its December 11 meeting. The decision will then be submitted to the "full Board" which is scheduled to meet in January 1981.

#### 3.4 Michigan Township Names

Communications were received from Dr. Richard A. Santer at Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Michigan who made a study and found 349 duplicate civil township names in the State. This is 27% of the total number of townships in Michigan. For example, there are 11 townships called "Grant" in the State. The study recommends changing 46 names in 58 counties based on duplications in: 1) regional media service areas, 2) uniform planning and development regions, 3) contiguous counties, and 4) townships with over 5,000 population. Copies of the paper will be distributed to Committee members.

#### 3.5 Lake Sozey vs. Swedes Lake, New Jersey

Johnson reported that the Committee approved the name Lake Sozey for a feature in the Township of Delran, Burlington County, New Jersey at its February 1980 meeting. We subsequently received a letter from the Honorable Edwin B. Forsythe, U.S. House of Representatives, enclosing a resolution of the Township Council making the name Swedes Lake official for local use. Harrington said that although the National Ocean Survey originally submitted the name Lake Sozey, in the light of local official action, he had no objection to the name Swedes Lake.

Upon motion of Harrington/Gowans it was:

VOTED: to rescind the February 1980 decision for the name Lake Sozey for a feature in New Jersey and approve the name Swedes Lake for the same feature.

#### 3.6 Centennial Mountains, Montana and Idaho

The U.S. Geological Survey asked for expeditious handling of a proposal to officially recognize the names Western Centennial Mountains and Eastern Centennial Mountains as part of the east-west trending Centennial Mountains along the Idaho-Montana boundary. It was reported that these names have been used by geologists and others in the area for years. After discussion and upon motion of Harrington/Glover it was:

VOTED: that the names Western Centennial Mountains and Eastern Centennial Mountains as parts of the Centennial Mountains are approved contingent upon formal approval by the States of Montana and Idaho and the National Forest Service. Descriptions of these names will be published in the Domestic Names Action List.



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Eighty-first Meeting  
Conference Room 6070A  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

August 14, 1980

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members
- Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Ann Craven, Postal Service  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior, USGS
- 1.2 Deputies
- Richard Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)
- 1.3 Ex Officio
- Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary,  
Domestic Geographic Names
- 1.4 Staff
- Donald A. Johnson  
Paul A. Sorvo
- 1.5 Visitor
- Esther O. Adebisi  
Lagos, Nigeria

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Powell.
- 2.2 A letter appointing Ann Craven to represent the Postal Service was noted (see Attachment A).
- 2.3 Minutes of the 380th meeting were discussed. The following changes were made:

Item 3.3, first paragraph, line 10, remove last two words of the sentence (in Alaska) and add "within range of Alaska."

Lang suggested that the sentence "Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting." be re-inserted in the statement in the upper right corner of the first page of the minutes. After some discussion the suggestion was approved and the minutes of the 380th Meeting were approved as amended.



### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 3.1 Executive Secretary's Report

- a. Orth reported that Dr. James Anderson, Chairman of the BGN, is seriously ill in Fairfax Hospital.
- b. A public meeting on the Mount McKinley/Denali issue will be held by the Board on Geographic Names November 5 in the Federal Building in Salt Lake City, Utah. This meeting will be held one day before the Western States Geographic Names Conference. The November meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held beginning 1:30 p.m. on November 6 in connection with the Conference at Hotel Utah, in Salt Lake City. Letters to members requesting attendance at this meeting were sent out by Dr. Anderson.
- c. The Washington, D.C. public meeting on the Mount McKinley/Denali matter will be held the latter part of November, after the Western States Conference. Announcements for both Mount McKinley/Denali meetings will be published in the Federal Register.
- d. Orth will be attending the Second Annual Northeast Regional Names Institute to be held at the North Country Community College's Center for Adirondack Studies in Saranac Lake, New York, on September 12 and 13. The theme of the Institute will be Algonquian Indian names.
- e. On August 9, Orth was dinner speaker at the annual convention of the Post Mark Collector's Club, Inc. He discussed the influence of Post Office Department policy on post office names and community names. He distributed examples of publications produced by members of this organization which give complete lists of post offices and post office name changes for individual States. These provide useful tools in place-name research.

#### 3.2 Geographic Names Standardization Training

Chairman Powell introduced Mrs. Esther Oyindamola Adebisi, of the Survey Division of the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Works in Lagos, Nigeria, who is in the United States on a training program on the processing and standardization of geographic names. She worked with the geographic-names staff in the Geological Survey from July 15 to the 31st; the remaining time is being spent with the foreign names staff at the Defense Mapping Agency.

Mrs. Adebisi briefly described the geography of Nigeria and discussed the problems of geographic name standardization in a country with many tribal groups and languages. She reported that a compilation of Nigerian geographic names has taken about four years and the information is being put in machine readable form.

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U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Eighty-second Meeting  
Conference Room 6070A  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

September 11, 1980

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Ann Craven, Postal Service  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
George A. Gowans, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)

1.2 Deputy

Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo  
Roger L. Payne  
Janet C. Flanagan

1.5 Others

John Roberts, Department of the Interior,  
(Bureau of Land Management)  
David E. Meier, Department of the Interior,  
(Bureau of Land Management)  
Betty Murphy, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)



## 2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Powell.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 381st meeting were discussed. The following changes were made:

Item 1.2 Voting Members, add Solomon M. Lang,  
Department of the Interior, (Geological Survey)

Item 3.3, page 3, line 2, change "August" to  
"July"

Item 3.4, page 3, line 1, change "San Bernadino"  
to "San Bernardino"

Item 3.6, page 4, line 3, correct "Harrington/Long"  
to read "Harrington/Lang"

After discussion, the minutes were approved as amended.

- 2.3 Roberts introduced David E. Meier who replaces Lloyd E. Sadler in the Division of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

### 3.1 Executive Secretary's Report

- a. Orth reported that Dr. James Anderson, Chairman of the BGN, is much improved and is to go home from the hospital today and plans to return to the office later in the year.
- b. The public meeting on the Mount McKinley/Denali issue to be held by the BGN November 5 in Salt Lake City, Utah, may have to be changed in view of pending legislation in Congress. Orth read the following excerpt from the Congressional Quarterly: "A House-Senate Alaska compromise will determine Mt. McKinley's fate. Under the House version of the Alaska lands bill, the rock would keep the name of the 25th president. The Senate would let a board [BGN] say whether the highest peak in North America should be known by its Indian name, Denali." In the discussion that followed, Gowans felt that some decision would be made by November 1. The Committee decided to go ahead with plans for the November public meetings on the matter. Orth will wait as long as possible before publishing the meetings in the Federal Register in order to see if the Congress passes legislation that affects the mountain's name.
- c. A newspaper clipping from the Denver Post was passed around regarding Parachute (formerly Grand Valley) and the new town Battlement Mesa in Garfield County, Colorado. (See Attachment A)



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Eighty-third Meeting  
Conference Room 6070A  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

October 9, 1980

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Myles R. Howlett, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Ann Craven, Postal Service  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)

1.2 Deputies

Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Names Committee

1.4 Staff

Donald A. Johnson  
Paul J. Sorvo  
Roger L. Payne  
Janet C. Flanagan

1.5 Others

Betty Murphy, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)  
Nevaire Serrajian, Department of Energy  
James C. Poole, Department of the Interior  
(Geological Survey)

## 2. OPENING

- 2.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Powell.
- 2.2 Chairman Powell introduced the visitors, Miss Nevaire Serrajian, Department of Energy, and Mr. James C. Poole, Geological Survey, both members of the American National Standards Institute.
- 2.3 Minutes of the 382nd meeting were approved as printed.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

### 3.1 Mount McKinley/Denali, Alaska

Orth reported that he informed the Assistant Secretary (Energy and Minerals), Department of the Interior of the planned public meetings on the Mount McKinley/Denali issue. The Assistant Secretary, Ms. Joan M. Davenport, said that she could offer no objections to the meetings and would notify the Secretary of the Interior. A notice of both public meetings was published in the October 8 Federal Register (see Attachment A).

The Committee discussed a report read by Harrington from the October 2 issue of the Congressional Record concerning an amendment introduced in the "House" version of the D-2 Alaska Lands Bill which would "retain the name of Mount McKinley." The Committee decided that since there still is a possibility of the Board on Geographic Names having to render a decision on the Mount McKinley name-change proposal made by the Alaska State Legislature, the planned public meetings will help keep it current with public opinion on the matter.

### 3.2 Fourth Western States Conference on Geographic Names

The Committee reviewed the planned agenda for the Western States Conference to be held at the Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. In particular, the Committee discussed the various issues to be taken up at the 9 - 12 noon panel on November 7 involving State officials and Board on Geographic Names' members.

### 3.3 Staff Report

Johnson gave the following statistical report of staff activities for the month of September:

Inquiries received and answered	210
Letters written (answered and initiated)	110
Case briefs prepared	42
Work cards prepared	34
Gazetteer program edit	148 hours



draft policy was published September 9, 1980 (45 FR 59486).

**ADDRESS:** As before, comments should be sent to: Associate Director—Environment, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. Attention: John Christian.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Christian, Program Development Staff—Environment, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 343-7151.

Dated: October 2, 1980.

James D. Webb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

(FR Doc. 80-31259 Filed 10-7-80; 8:45 am)

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### Geological Survey

#### Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of the receipt of a proposed development and production plan.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces that Exxon Company, U.S.A., Unit Operator of the High Island Block A-280 Federal Unit Agreement No. 14-08-0001-16942, submitted on September 19, 1980, a proposed Initial Plan of Development/Operations describing the activities it proposes to conduct on the High Island Block A-280 Federal Unit.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public, pursuant to Section 25 of the OCS Lands Act Amendments of 1978, that the Geological Survey is considering approval of the Plan and that it is available for public review at the offices of the Conservation Manager, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, U.S. Geological Survey, 3301 N. Causeway Blvd., Room 147, Metairie, Louisiana 70002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Geological Survey, Public Records, Room 147, open weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 3301 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana 70002, phone (504) 837-4720, ext. 228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Revised rules governing practices and procedures under which the U.S. Geological Survey makes information contained in Development and Production Plans available to affected States, executives of affected local governments, and other interested parties became effective on December 13, 1979 (44 FR 53685). Those practices and procedures are set out in a revised

Section 250.34 of Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Dated: September 25, 1980.

J. Courtney Reed,

Staff Assistant for Resource Evaluation.

(FR Doc. 80-31254 Filed 10-7-80; 8:45 am)

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### U.S. Board on Geographic Names; Domestic Names Committee; Meetings

Announcement is made of the following two meetings of the Committee:

**Name:** U.S. Board on Geographic Names,

Domestic Names Committee.

**Date:** November 5, 1980.

**Place:** Room B20, Federal Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Time:** 0930-1130; 1300-1700.

**Date:** November 14, 1980.

**Place:** Room 7000 A & B, U.S. Department of the Interior, Main Building, 18th & C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**Time:** 0930-1130; 1300-1700.

**Purpose of meetings:** A proposal to change the name of Mt. McKinley in Alaska to the Indian name "Denali" will be discussed. Interested parties may express their views on the proposal prior to a decision on the matter by the entire U.S. Board on Geographic Names and the Secretary of the Interior.

The meetings of the Domestic Names Committee are open to the public. Parties wishing to make oral statements at the meeting(s) are asked to notify the Committee at least 5 days prior to meeting(s) which they plan to attend in order that time may be reserved for their presentations.

Any member of the public may file a written statement with the Committee, before, during, or immediately after each meeting. To the extent that time permits, the Committee Chairman may allow public presentations of oral statements at the meeting(s) from individuals who have not pre-registered with the Committee.

All communications regarding either meeting should be addressed to: Mr. Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary, Domestic Names Committee, U.S. Board on Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston, Virginia 22092.

Dated: September 30, 1980.

Donald J. Orth,

Executive Secretary, Domestic Names Committee, U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

(FR Doc. 80-31108 Filed 10-7-80; 8:45 am)

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### Water and Power Resources Service

#### Proposed Contracts With Holders of Miscellaneous Present Perfected Rights in the Lower Colorado River Basin; Intent To Enter Into Contracts With and Availability of Proposed Contracts for Holders of Miscellaneous Present Perfected Rights

The Department of the Interior, through the Water and Power Resources Service, intends to enter into contracts for delivery of water from storage in Lake Mead with holders of "Miscellaneous Present Perfected Rights," pursuant to the Boulder Canyon Project Act of December 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 1957), which became effective by Presidential proclamation on June 25, 1929. That act requires that a contract must be executed between the United States and water users before releases from Lake Mead can be made for irrigation and domestic uses in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada.

The Supreme Court decree of *Arizona v. California*, entered June 3, 1963 (376 U.S. 340), as amended by decree entered February 23, 1966 (383 U.S. 288), and as supplemented by decree entered January 9, 1979 (439 U.S. 419), describes 49 specific land areas and two cities that have "Miscellaneous Present Perfected Rights" established with Arizona and California.

The purpose of this notice is to alert owners of those land areas and the cities of Parker and Yuma, Arizona, that a contract with the United States, through the Water and Power Resources Service, will be required in the future for diversion of Colorado River water released from Lake Mead. Further, the notice is to announce to the water users with "Miscellaneous Present Perfected Rights" that a draft contract is available for public review and comment for a 90-day period following the date of this publication.

The holders of these rights and the public at large are invited to write to the Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, Water and Power Resources Service, P.O. Box 427, Boulder City, Nevada 89005, for a copy of the draft contract and instructions for obtaining an executed contract. Telephone requests may be made by calling Mr. George Blake or Mr. LeGrande Neilsen at (702) 293-8538.

As drafted, the proposed contract provides in perpetuity for delivery of water from Lake Mead by the United States in return for metering,



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U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Eighty-Fourth Meeting  
Hotel Utah  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
November 6, 1980



MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
James R. Anderson, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
Donald D. Loff, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Robert C. McArthur, Government Printing Office  
Richard E. Ganley, Postal Service

1.2 Deputies

Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)  
George A. Gowans, Department of the Interior,  
(National Park Service)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Names Committee

1.4 Others

This was a public meeting during which there were responses on agenda items from several citizens.

2. OPENING

2.1 Chairman Powell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He thanked Dr. Jay Haymond and other members of the Utah State Committee on Geographic Names for making arrangements for the meeting and welcomed the attending public, inviting all to express their comments on any of the issues being discussed by the Committee. Powell gave a short discourse on the history, structure, authority, and purpose of the Board on Geographic Names.



Mr. Frederick Meyer, Chairman of the California State Advisory Committee, commented that the Spanish language plays an important role in California. In fact the State, in some ways, is becoming bilingual. Ballots and other State documents, for example, are in two languages. There is a great deal of interest in accommodating the Spanish speaking people, especially in the area of written language. More and more typewriters in California have the Spanish diacritical marks.

Professor Frederick Tarpley, National Director of the Place-Name Survey of the United States (Commerce, Texas) stated that there is a growing movement in Hawaii to introduce the glottal-stop symbol in Polynesian names.

The Committee decided to defer action on the SIDMAN report, because of time needed by members for study.

### 3.2 Advisory Committee on Names in Micronesia Report

Mr. Ted T. Inouye, Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Names in Micronesia (USGS, Menlo Park, California) gave a brief statement on the background of the Committee and its work. Because the U.S. Geological Survey is responsible for mapping large parts of Micronesia, there was a need to collect geographic names for the maps, using a systematic orthography, which can be approved by the Board on Geographic Names. The Advisory Committee met in Menlo Park, California in October 1979. With Mr. Kozo Yamada (Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) as Chairman, the Committee adopted procedures for name collection and processing, and agreed upon principles of spelling.

Most of the field collection of the names has now been completed. The Committee is preparing to meet soon to review the work so the names can be submitted to the Board on Geographic Names for approval for Federal usage. Orth, who is secretary to the Advisory Committee, explained some of the principles adopted for Micronesian place names. It is hoped that the Board will receive the names for consideration early in 1981.

### 3.3 Mount McKinley/Denali Issue

Orth gave a brief update on the Mount McKinley/Denali issue. Chairman Powell reported on the public meeting held in Salt Lake City on November 5 on the matter. He then asked for comments on the proposal from the attending public.

Mrs. Lee McAnerney, Commissioner of the Alaska State Department of Community and Regional Affairs, was recognized. Commissioner McAnerney is also Chairman of the Alaska State Geographic Board. Commissioner McAnerney gave a history of the resolution of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. The resolution has the strong support of Governor Jay S. Hammond and the name Denali was approved for State usage. The Alaska Federation of Natives strongly supports the name change as do the majority of other citizens of Alaska. She emphasized that the name Denali is official in Alaska. She also recommended a public meeting in Alaska as



soon as possible.

Gowans reported that H.R. 39 does propose the name Denali National Park and Preserve, but does not make reference to the mountain name. The Committee reviewed the factors to be considered when dealing with the name-change proposal.

#### 4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 8003 has been printed and will be distributed.

4.2 Docket List 261 is being prepared by the staff.

4.3 Orth briefly reported on the National Gazetteer program.

#### 5. DOCKET LIST ACTIONS

##### 5.1 Quayle Creek, Stevens and Grizzly Gulches, Colorado (Appendix A, 4.1)

Orth gave a short presentation outlining the name problem. Chairman Powell recognized Mr. Erl H. Ellis of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Ellis presented historical background on the naming of the valley and stream features around Kelso Mountain. He said that two miners, Baker and Kelso, named many of the features in the area in the mid-nineteenth century, but later some mine claims called the lower part of Kelso Creek, Quail Creek. Mr. Ellis feels that the field investigations of the U.S. Forest Service are not necessarily valid, since the people who were interviewed know the name only from the sign which identifies the feature as Quayle Creek, and not from the history and land records.

Loff reported that the Forest Service made two field investigations and recommends the spelling "Quayle," and not "Quail" or "Kelso." Dr. Louis F. Campbell, Colorado State Cartographer and State Names-Authority said that the issue has become convoluted and recommended that the cases be withdrawn for resubmittal. This action may allow for more objective judgment for a decision than trying to decide one or another name at this time. He said that he will help Mr. Ellis prepare the documents for resubmittal.

Upon the motion of Harrington/McArtor, it was:

VOTED: to withdraw the Quayle/Quail/Kelso Creek case in Colorado and other related cases from the docket.

##### 5.2 Shorty Mountains, California (Appendix A, 4.2)

After a brief background on the case by Orth, Mr. Frederick Meyer, Chairman of the California State Advisory Committee on Geographic Names, was recognized. Mr. Meyer said that the California Advisory Committee felt strongly that there was little justification for making the name official. The California Advisory Committee recommends the proposed name not be approved.

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U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Eighty-Fifth Meeting  
Conference Room 7000B  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

December 11, 1980

MINUTES

I. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 CHAIRMAN Myrl D. Powell, Library of Congress
- 1.2 Voting Members Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Edwin Bock, Postal Service  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
John A. Wolter, Library of Congress  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office
- 1.3 Deputies Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)  
George A. Gowans, Department of the Interior,  
(National Park Service)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)
- 1.4 Ex Officio Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Names Committee  
Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary  
Board on Geographic Names
- 1.5 Others Carol Leatherman, Congressman Ralph S. Regula's  
office  
Richard E. Witmer, U.S. Geological Survey  
Sandra Shaw, Department of State  
Robert Smith, Department of State  
Ted Dachter, National Geographic Society  
David Meier, Bureau of Land Management  
Betty Mills, Anchorage Times



## 2. OPENING

- 2.1 Chairman Powell called the meeting to order and introduced the visitors.
- 2.2 The Minutes of the 384th Meeting were read and approved with the following corrections:
- 1) on Page 5, item 5.3, 1st paragraph, 3rd line, correct the spelling of "supersede" from "supercede."
  - 2) On Page 7, item 5.12, 3rd line, add the word "has" between "Names" and "traditionally."
- 2.3 Mr. Bock was welcomed back to regular attendance at the meetings after an absence of several months while on a special detail for the Postal Service.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

### 3.1 Meetings in Salt Lake City, Utah

Powell briefly reviewed the November meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah in conjunction with the Fourth Western States Conference on Geographic Names. He said that the arrangements made by Dr. Jay Haymond and other members of the Utah State Committee on Geographic Names were excellent and there was good rapport among Federal and State conferees. The meetings were very valuable to all participants. The Fifth Western States Conference will be held next fall in Oregon.

### 3.2 Staff Report

Johnson gave the following statistical report of staff activities for the month of November:

Inquiries received and answered	254
Letters written (answered and initiated)	128
Case briefs prepared	48
Work cards prepared	45
Gazetteer program edit	180 hours

## 4. PUBLICATIONS

- 4.1 Decision List 8003 was printed and distributed.
- 4.2 Docket 261 with 57 name entries was printed and distributed.

## 5. DOCKET LIST ACTIONS

- 5.1 The Committee reviewed and acted on docketed cases for which there was agreement between all interested parties. Because of the pending Mount McKinley/Denali case, it was decided to defer discussion



and actions on other pending controversial cases. See attached Domestic Names Action List for the results of the Committee's deliberations.

293 names considered  
 71 names approved  
 218 names deferred  
 3 names not approved  
 1 name withdrawn

## 6. MOUNT MCKINLEY/DENALI, ALASKA Case

### 6.1 Request for Public Meeting in Alaska

Orth read a letter from Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska suggesting that the Board on Geographic Names hold a public meeting on the Mount McKinley/Denali issue in Alaska before rendering a decision. Powell said that the Executive Committee of the Board met December 2 at the Library of Congress and discussed the suggestion at length. The feeling of the Executive Committee was that the Board already has adequate information on public opinion in Alaska on the matter. The small amount of gain that may be acquired in holding such a meeting does not warrant the cost. The Domestic Names Committee concurred with the Executive Committee and instructed Orth to reply to Senator Stevens.

### 6.2 Mount McKinley Name-Change Proposal

Powell referred the Committee to the November 20 "Mount McKinley/Denali Proposed Name-Change Report" prepared by the staff (Attachment). He circulated recent letters received from the Ohio Congressional Delegation and the "supplemental testimony" of Congressman Ralph S. Regula which opposes the name change. He also reported that the National Congress of American Indians, at its October 27 meeting in Spokane, Washington passed a resolution strongly supporting the name change. He asked the Domestic Names Committee if it now was ready to decide on a recommendation to the Board on Geographic Names on the name-change proposal.

Orth stated that in his opinion the issue has taken on considerable emotional and political implications in the last few weeks. The purpose of the Board on Geographic Names is to save the Federal Government money by means of judicial and regulatory processes for the standardization of geographic names. It is important that the Board maintain a high standard of integrity, its decisions are best based on the merits of cases as determined by substance and not form. Orth questioned whether the Board should get involved with the issue at a time when "outside" emotional and political pressures tend to make an empirical judgment difficult.



The Committee discussed the case at considerable length. Gowans commented that Mount McKinley is in what is now known as Denali National Park and Preserve. Lang asked whether the change in the park name will satisfy proponents of the mountain's name change. Forstall stated that he did not think so, because testimony of Alaska State representatives clearly indicated a desire to change the mountain's name. Powell said that the name Denali is official State usage. Further discussion focused on the political aspects of the case and possible use of the name-change issue as a symbol to American native peoples who are seeking political and cultural strength.

Forstall stated that the Board should consider the appropriateness of the issue in its area of responsibility as established by law. There has been no shift of attitude on either side since 1975. Should we not go ahead with a decision based on our guidelines, putting aside all political issues? Gowans suggested deferral because the matter is political. Lang reminded the Committee that a Resolution introduced in the House of Representatives on December 3 by the Ohio delegation is still under consideration since the Congress is still in session. Forstall said that if the Board made a decision now, Congress could always override that decision. Powell said that if such a thing would happen there would be more confusion, which we are here trying to prevent. Wolter stated that it is not practical to make a decision at this time. By a five to one voice vote, the Committee informally decided to postpone its decision. Then by motion of Wolter/Lang, it was:

VOTED: to defer the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali until the June 1981 meeting of the Domestic Names Committee.

The motion carried by a five to one vote.

Randall commended the domestic-names staff for the good work it has done to keep the Board members well informed on the case.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 Special Committee Meeting

Powell reminded the Domestic Names Committee that it had decided to have a special meeting to discuss policies and procedures. The Committee felt that it will need a full day for such a meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting at the U.S. Geological Survey National Center in Reston, Virginia, on January 28, 1981 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Members are to submit agenda items to the staff.





U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Ninetieth Meeting  
Conference Room 6643  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

May 14, 1981  
9:30 a.m.

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)

1.2 Deputies

Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce,  
(Census Bureau)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)

1.3 Ex Officio

Richard R. Randall, Executive Secretary  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Paul J. Sorvo  
John Findley  
Janet C. Flanagan

1.5 Others

Betty Murphy, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)

2. OPENING


2.1 Chairman Powell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.2 The minutes of the 389th Meeting were approved with the following change:

Appendix C is replaced by an updated version,  
4/10/81, of OFFICIAL GEOGRAPHIC NAME (see  
Attachment #1).

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 3.1 Executive Secretary's Report

- a. Copies of an article from the May 12 issue of the Wall Street Journal regarding the gazetteer program were distributed to the Committee members.
- b. Orth recommended that the Committee hold a special meeting to decide on how to process and make official certain categories of names in each State gazetteer as it is published. The Publications Committee of the Board on Geographic Names has already looked at a draft of the "Introduction" to the gazetteer. Powell suggested the special meeting be held before July. The Committee members agreed. The date and time will be announced.
- c.  Orth advised the Committee of a telephone call he received from Congressman Seiberling's office regarding a planned public hearing on the Mount McKinley/Denali issue (H.R. 772) by a House National Parks and Insular Affairs Subcommittee for May 21 at 9:45 a.m. A letter is being sent to the Secretary of the Interior concerning this public hearing. The Board on Geographic Names is being asked to provide testimony on its involvement in this issue. Orth told the members he had already discussed this matter with Powell and Lang and that he and Lang will see the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Energy and Minerals, to discuss the hearing. Commissioner McAnerney, of the Alaska State Geographic Board, was informed of the public hearing. The Committee members agreed that the Chairman of the Domestic Names Committee and the Executive Secretary for Domestic Names should prepare the requested written part of the testimony and appear at the hearing to give a verbal statement and answer questions. The Committee instructed Powell and Orth on the position of the Board concerning the name-change proposal; i.e., to provide background facts on the naming of the mountain, give the history of the proposal of the Alaska State Legislature and subsequent handling by the Board, to explain the policy concerning name matters being considered by the Congress, and to emphasize that the Board has not yet made a decision on the proposal.

#### 3.2 BGN Executive Secretary's Report

Randall announced the U.S. Board on Geographic Names' quarterly meeting will be July 14 at Defense Mapping Agency headquarters, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Three Hundred Ninety-first Meeting  
Conference Room 6643  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

June 11, 1981  
9:30 a.m.

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Myrl D. Powell, CHAIRMAN, Library of Congress  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce,  
(National Ocean Survey)  
Myles R. Howlett, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)  
Robert C. McArtor, Government Printing Office  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)  
Edwin Bock, Postal Service

1.2 Deputies

George A. Gowans, Department of the Interior,  
(Park Service)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce,  
(Bureau of Standards)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture,  
(Forest Service)

1.3 Ex Officio

Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Paul J. Sorvo  
John Findley  
Janet C. Flanagan

1.5 Others

David Meier, Department of the Interior,  
(Bureau of Land Management)  
Stephen C. Guptill, Department of the Interior,  
(Geological Survey)

2. OPENING

2.1 Chairman Powell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and introduced Stephen Guptill, Acting Chief, Office of Geographic Research, National Mapping Division, U.S. Geological Survey.



2.2 390th  
~~2.2~~ The minutes of the ~~391st~~ Meeting were approved with the following changes:

Page 3, 5.1, 2nd line - change spelling of "Coyanoza" to "Coyanosa"

Page 3, 5.1, 3rd line - delete "Board on Geographic Names" and insert "Geographic Names Authority"

Page 3, 5.1, 8th line - delete "Board" and insert "Authority"

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 Executive Secretary's Report

Orth said that the agenda today will cover several important matters that need to be resolved quickly. He then distributed several publications of interest related to ~~geographic names~~: Gazetteer of Canada - Northwest Territories; Topowest; and the Rapport d'activite' 1977-1980, Commission de toponymie, Gouvernement du Québec.

3.2 Staff Report

Findley gave the following statistical report of staff activities for the month of May:

Inquiries received and answered	130
Letters written (answered and initiated)	116
Case briefs prepared	42
Work cards prepared	8

3.3 McKinley/Denali Hearing June 4

Powell reported on the hearing June 4 before the House Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks (Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs) regarding H.R. 772, a bill to provide retention of the name Mount McKinley. Copies of the hearing agenda and Powell's testimony are attached (see Appendix A). Deputy Director Ira Hutchinson, National Park Service, also presented testimony. Others appearing before the Subcommittee were Congressman Regula of Ohio, who read a statement, and a representative of Congressman Young of Alaska who presented a statement of the Governor of Alaska.

After a brief discussion the Domestic Names Committee deferred action because the issue is still being considered by Congress.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Decision List 8101 has been distributed.

This action is consistent with Committee policy.

Statement of Myrl Powell, Chairman,  
Domestic Names Committee  
Board on Geographic Names  
Before the Subcommittee  
on Public Lands and  
National Parks  
Committee on Interior and Insular  
Affairs  
U.S. House of Representatives  
May 21, 1981

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee. My name is Myrl Powell. I am Chairman of the Domestic Names Committee of the Board on Geographic Names. I serve as the Library of Congress's deputy on the Board. I am testifying on behalf of the Board and my opinions do not necessarily reflect those of the Library of Congress.

The United States Board on Geographic Names is a Federal body created in 1890 and established in its present form by Public Law in 1947. The Board was established to eliminate duplication of effort by Federal agencies and to provide an authority to establish and maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. Sharing its responsibilities with the Secretary of the Interior, the Board has developed principles, policies, and procedures governing the use of both domestic and foreign geographic names. Although established to serve the Federal Government as a central authority to which all name problems, name inquiries, and new name proposals can be directed, the board also plays a similar role for the general public. With respect to domestic names, it is the policy of the Board to recognize present-day local usage or preferences when possible. To implement this policy, there is close cooperation with State geographic boards, State and local governments, and with the general public.



On March 7, 1975 the Alaska State Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 requesting the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior to direct the U.S. Board on Geographic Names "to officially designate Mount McKinley as Denali;...." The resolution passed the State Senate and the House and the Governor of Alaska transmitted a copy of the Resolution to Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton on March 11 who, in turn, sent it to the Board on Geographic Names without comment. The Federal Board was also notified by the Alaska State Geographic Board that it had unanimously voted to change the name of the mountain to Denali for official State usage.

The Domestic Names Committee which has authority to act on behalf of the Board on all domestic names issues, discussed the proposal at its April and May meetings in 1975 and voted to defer the case for a period of at least six months. It was felt that the Resolution of the Alaska State Legislature involved making a decision of national importance and time was needed to inform the American people and to receive reaction to the proposal. The Department of the Interior issued press releases on August 4 and December 11, 1975. These releases were widely used and commented on in newspapers and magazines throughout the country.

Because of continued reaction to the proposal the Committee took no action until its July 1977 meeting, when plans were made to hold two public meetings on the issue. These meetings were announced in the Federal Register on August 25, 1977, and by press release. The meetings were held in October at the Department of the Interior here in Washington and in November in Anchorage, Alaska.



The Committee had planned to render a decision at its December 1977 meeting, but action was deferred because a Joint Resolution had been introduced in Congress in the meantime which, if passed, would retain the name Mount McKinley in perpetuity. That proposed legislation was not enacted but bills were introduced in the 96th Congress both for and against the proposal.

By the spring of 1980 it appeared as if Congress would not enact legislation on the matter and, at its April meeting, the Domestic Names Committee decided to hold two additional public meetings.

These meetings were announced in the Federal Register and again by news release. They were held in Salt Lake City on November 5, 1980 in connection with the 4th Western States Geographic Names Conference and in Washington, D.C. on November 14.

The Committee had hoped to render a decision at its December 1980 meeting. By the time of that meeting, however, the issue was again before the Congress. The Committee voted to defer further consideration until its June 1981 meeting.

In April the Committee adopted a policy which had been in unofficial effect for some time and had been the basis for deferring a decision on the McKinley/Denali issue several times in the past. That policy states "The Board on Geographic Names will not render a decision on a name or its application if the matter is also being considered by the Congress of the United States. If the Congress does not act on the proposed legislation by the end of its second session, the Board will not act on the case for 90 days after the beginning of the next session of Congress. If Congress formally declines to act on proposed naming legislation, the Board will wait 90 days before deciding on the case, unless new legislation is introduced during that period."

Although the Domestic Names Committee normally places great weight on local opinion when it comes to rendering decisions on naming proposals it felt from the very beginning of its concern with the McKinley/Denali proposal that it was dealing with an issue which transcends local consideration and is, indeed, a matter of national, if not international, importance. For this reason the Committee has moved cautiously and has sought as much expression of public and official opinion as possible.

The Committee has never taken a vote on the proposal. I cannot in all honesty even venture a guess on what the outcome of such a vote would be. This issue has been perceived to be of such magnitude that the members of the Committee, all of whom officially represent Federal departments and independent agencies, have been careful about expressing their own personal decisions.

If the Congress does not act on this issue the Board on Geographic Names will probably feel obligated to decide on the proposal of the State of Alaska since there is continued interest by State officials for a decision.



These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Four Hundred Twenty-third Meeting  
Room 5071, Interior Building  
Washington, D.C.

March 8, 1984

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Voting Members      Robert C. McArtor, Acting CHAIRMAN  
                                    Government Printing Office  
                                    Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture  
  (Forest Service)  
                                    Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce  
  (National Ocean Service)  
                                    Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
  (Geological Survey)  
                                    Jack Thompson, Postal Service (Acting)
- 1.2 Deputy Members      Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce  
  (Bureau of the Census)  
                                    Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce  
  (National Bureau of Standards)
- 1.3 Ex Officio              Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary  
  Domestic Geographic Names
- 1.4 Staff                      Roger Payne  
  Ernest Berringer  
  Harold Burstyn  
  Paul Sorvo  
  Joyce Torres  
  Janet Flanagan
- 1.5 Other                      Tracy Fortman, Department of the Interior,  
  (National Park Service)  
                                    Richard J. Darley  
  National Geographic Society

2. OPENING

- 2.1 Acting Chairman McArtor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and welcomed Mr. Richard J. Darley, Chief Cartographer, National Geographic Society.



- 2.2 The minutes of the 422nd Meeting were approved with the following correction:

Page 3, item 3.6, should read Shipley Point, Maine

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 3.1 DNC Executive Secretary's Report

- a. Orth distributed a copy of a page from the Congressional Record, March 5, 1984, regarding Mt. McKinley (see APPENDIX A).
- b. Orth reported on a recent meeting between the staff and other U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) personnel in an effort toward streamlining procedures for handling geographic names. The aim is to have a fully integrated system that will allow the format of the operations to be consistent. It is planned to use the Wang System if possible. Lang suggested the Committee hold an all-day meeting at Reston so that the members can become better acquainted with staff activities. The Committee members agreed but decided to wait until the new system is interactive.

#### 3.2 The following documents were distributed:

- a) "Official Authorities & Other Organizations Involved With Geographic Names - 1984: United States, Canada, Mexico." (USGS Open File Report 83-881)
- b) "The National Geographic Names Data Base: Phase II Instructions." (USGS Open File Report 84-036)

- 3.3 Orth reminded the members of the BGN/PCGN meetings March 12-22 at the Defense Mapping Agency Headquarters, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.

#### 3.4 Staff Report

Berringer gave the following statistical report of staff activities for the month of February:

Inquiries received and answered	221
Letters written (answered & initiated)	198
Case briefs prepared	48
Staff-processed names	24

#### 3.5 National Gazetteer Program

Payne reported that new cost-efficient methods of printing are being tested that will improve the printing in the gazetteer volumes. The new method may be available for the printing of the Kansas volume.

These minutes are provisional until approved by the Domestic Names Committee. Any changes will be noted in the minutes of its next meeting.

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

Four Hundred Twenty-seventh Meeting  
Room 6641, Interior Building  
Washington, D.C.

July 12, 1984

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Voting Members

Robert C. McArtor, Acting Chairman  
Government Printing Office  
Charles E. Harrington, Department of Commerce  
(National Ocean Service)  
Lewis G. Glover, Department of Agriculture  
(Forest Service)  
Ralph E. Ehrenberg, Library of Congress  
Jack Thompson, Postal Service (Acting)  
Solomon M. Lang, Department of the Interior  
(Geological Survey)

1.2 Deputy Members

Richard L. Forstall, Department of Commerce  
(Bureau of the Census)  
David E. Meier, Department of the Interior  
(Bureau of Land Management)  
Roy G. Saltman, Department of Commerce  
(National Bureau of Standards)  
Tracy Fortmann, Department of the Interior  
(Park Service) (Acting)

1.3 Ex Officio

Ernest F. Berringer, Acting Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

1.4 Staff

Harold Burstyn  
Joyce Torres  
Janet Flanagan

1.5 Other

Richard J. Darley, National Geographic Society

2. OPENING

2.1 Acting Chairman McArtor called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.



- 2.2 The minutes of the 426th Meeting were approved with the following correction:

Page 4, Item 4.2, 1st paragraph, delete the last sentence and substitute the following:

"Meier said that permitted artificial reefs are identified in a list on the back of a 1983 recreational map of the Gulf of Mexico published by the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Services, as part of an Environmental Impact Statement on the Gulf of Mexico."

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 3.1 Executive Secretary's Report

- a. Acting Executive Secretary Berringer (Orth is attending meetings in Quebec, Canada) advised the Committee that Senate Bill 597, concerning the conveyance of certain lands to Show Low, Arizona, with an amendment to "retain the name Mount McKinley in perpetuity," became Public Law 98-287 on May 21, 1984, without the amendment referring to Mount McKinley.
- b. Letters will be prepared requesting member attendance at the 8th Western States Conference on Geographic Names in Bijou, California, October 4, 5, and 6, and sent out over the signature of the Chairman of the Board on Geographic Names by the August meeting. Berringer reminded the members that the October meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held in conjunction with the Conference. The California State Advisory Committee on Geographic Names, cohosts of the Conference with the Western States Council on Geographic Names, will meet October 3 in Bijou. Copies of the Preliminary Schedule and Agenda were furnished those who had not previously received them.
- c. Berringer also reminded the Committee members of the quarterly meeting of the Board on Geographic Names, July 17, at the headquarters of the Defense Mapping Agency, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.

#### 3.2 Staff Report

Torres gave the following statistical report of staff activities for the month of June:

Inquiries received and answered	273
Letters written (answered & initiated)	215
Case briefs prepared	44
Staff-processed names	35





THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3337

Subject: Change of the Name of Mount McKinley to Denali

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** The purpose of this Order is to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali.

Sec. 2 **Background.** On March 11, 1975, Governor Jay S. Hammond of the State of Alaska, in furtherance of a resolution passed by the Alaska State Legislature, formally requested that the Secretary of the Interior direct the United States Board on Geographic Names (Board) to change the name of "Mount McKinley" to "Denali." Denali is a local Athabascan name for the mountain, which is the highest in North America and is located entirely within Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. The mountain was originally named after President William McKinley of Ohio, but President McKinley never visited, nor did he have any significant historical connection to, the mountain or to Alaska.

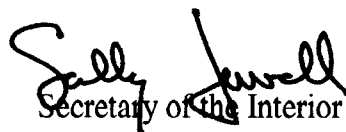
The requested name change is consistent with the Board's substantive policies and is supported by the State of Alaska. While the Board does have a policy of deferring action when a matter is being considered by Congress, contradictory bills on this issue have been proposed by various members of Congress since the late 1970s. Under 43 U.S.C. §§ 364-364f, the Secretary of the Interior may take action in matters "wherein the Board does not act within a reasonable time." The statute also directs the Secretary to "promulgate in the name of the Board ... decisions with respect to geographic names and principles of geographic nomenclature and orthography."

Sec. 3 **Authority.** The authority for this Order is 43 U.S.C. §§ 364-364f.

Sec. 4 **Renaming of Mount McKinley.** This Order changes the name of Mount McKinley in the State of Alaska to Denali.

Sec. 5 **Implementation.** The Board is responsible for following its usual procedures to immediately implement this name change, including changing the mountain's name in the Board's Geographic Names Information System and notifying all interested parties of the name change.

Sec. 6 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until it is amended, superseded, revoked, or automatically expires. This Order shall automatically expire when the Board notifies me that it has notified all interested parties, changed the name in the Board's Geographic Names Information System, and taken all other appropriate actions to implement the name change.

  
Secretary of the Interior

Date: AUG 28 2015



# United States Department of the Interior

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Honorable Scott Jiu Wo Kawasaki  
House of Representatives, Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Kawasaki:

Secretary Salazar asked me to respond to your request to change Policy I of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN), which addresses names under consideration by Congress. I have directed the Executive Secretary of the U.S. BGN to place this matter on the agenda of the BGN's Domestic Names Committee, for consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 9, 2009. Once a decision has been rendered, I will inform you in writing of the result.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark DeMulder at 703-648-5569.

Sincerely,

Suzette M. Kimball  
Acting Director

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# Representative Scott Jiu Wo Kawasaki

Alaska State Legislature

District 9 Fairbanks

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February 19, 2009

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I am a member of the Alaska State House. Earlier this month I introduced House Joint Resolution 15 to urge the United States Congress to rename Mount McKinley its traditional name of Denali.

The State of Alaska has been eager to change the name of the centerpiece of our spectacular environment since the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In response to the Legislature's resolution to rename Mount McKinley in 1975, Congressman Regula of Ohio introduced legislation at the beginning of each of his terms in order to block this effort. He retired this past term, but Reps. Tim Ryan and Betty Sutton carried on his tradition. According to Policy I of Chapter 3, the U.S. Board of Geographical Names cannot change the name of a landmark as long as any legislation regarding that landmark is pending, regardless of whether or not it is passed.

I am writing to urge you to change this policy because it should not be more difficult for state residents to preserve the name of their own landmarks than it is for nonresidents to preserve a landmark's name from thousands of miles away.

I suggest the following revision:

*"The U.S. Board of Geographic Names will not render a decision on a name or its application if the matter is also being considered by the Congress of the United States. If Congress does not act on the proposed legislation by the end of its second session of the third consecutive Congress in which legislation is introduced, the Board will determine if the landmark in question has reasonable grounds to be named or renamed and will make a decision based on those grounds."*

I believe revising this policy will allow for plenty of time—six years—for Congress to act on *passing* such legislation. Such a revision will not allow for a permanent filibuster by another state. If Ohio's delegation is as serious about preserving the name Mount McKinley as Alaska is to change the name to Denali, a name which is widely recognized around the world and should be placed on the map, then their congressmen would move to ensure their bill would be passed rather than let it sit for eternity without official consideration. The Board should act as a mediator, as a check and balance of such monopolistic situations. We cannot let Ohio have authority over Alaska's most famous landmark's name for as long as the mountain stands.

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## Representative Scott Jiu Wo Kawasaki

Alaska State Legislature

District 9 Fairbanks

I have enclosed an editorial from the newspaper of my hometown and district, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, which addresses the issue of this policy. Also enclosed is a copy of the resolution I introduced on February 9 and my sponsor statement.

The people of Alaska have been fighting for the name of Denali since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This is a sensitive issue to Alaska Native peoples and Alaskan residents. It is an issue that is dear to many people's hearts, even if they are nonresidents that simply believe the mountain should be called what all Alaskans call it, Denali, the high and great mountain of our spectacular landscape. I urge you to change the policy of the Board in the effort to resolve this interstate culture war and to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I congratulate you on your recent appointment as Secretary of the Department of the Interior. I thank you for your service to our great country.

Working Hard for Alaskan Families,



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## Daily News - Miner

### Restoring Denali

#### Mountain's name blocked by flawed agency policy

Published Wednesday, February 18, 2009

The names of past presidents cover our maps like left-over campaign signs. These presidents may have been fine citizens, but the minor memorials to them are too often next to meaningless.

So it has gone with Alaska's and North America's tallest mountain, dubbed Mount McKinley in 1896 by a prospector seeking to promote the Republican nominee for president, William McKinley of Ohio.

A far more interesting, unique and descriptive name existed for the mountain long before it became McKinley. That traditional Athabascan name, Denali, should be restored, as Fairbanks Rep. Scott Kawasaki has urged Congress to do. He introduced a resolution to that effect in the Alaska Legislature.

However, the easiest route to restoring the mountain's proper name may not be through Congress but rather through the U.S. Department of the Interior. Within that department lies the Board of Geographic Names, and that board has a policy that has been gamed for decades by Denali's opponents.

The board's "Policy I" is simple: "The U.S. Board of Geographic Names will not render a decision on a name or its application if the matter is also being considered by the Congress of the United States."

Not surprisingly, the members of Congress from William McKinley's home state of Ohio are happy to ensure, year after year, that "the matter" is brought before Congress. McKinley was the nation's 25th president when he was assassinated in 1901. He never visited Alaska.

This session, Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, fulfilled his duty by introducing HR 229, which states: "Notwithstanding any other authority of law, the mountain located 63 degrees 04 minutes 12 seconds north, by 151 degrees 00 minutes 18 seconds west shall continue to be named and



referred to for all purposes as Mount McKinley.”

That qualifies as “being considered by Congress” under the geographic names board policy. So the board will not consider any petitions to rename Mount McKinley as Denali.

The board’s reasoning when it adopted this policy was sound. While the board is the authoritative source of all names in the United States, its decisions, of course, can be trumped by an act of Congress. So, to avoid wasting time on names likely to be nullified in short order, the board suspends action when such legislation is before Congress.

Unfortunately, this policy is easily abused. Any congressional delegation that opposes a geographic name change may halt the board’s consideration indefinitely, regardless of the merits.

It’s time for a new policy. Since this policy is neither in law nor in regulation, it can be changed at any time with a minimal public process.

The current board policy was approved by Secretary of the Interior James Watt on April 21, 1981. Watt, a Colorado resident who served under President Ronald Reagan, drew criticism for his environmental policies before being drummed out of office for an offensive joke.

It should give Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, also of Colorado but serving under President Barack Obama, great pleasure to rewrite one of Watt’s well-intentioned but flawed guidelines: Policy I of the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.



# Representative Scott Jiu Wo Kawasaki

Alaska State Legislature

District 9 Fairbanks

## House Joint Resolution 15 Sponsor Statement

### **"A Resolution Urging the United States Congress to Change the Name of Mount McKinley Back to Denali."**

Millions of people from all over the world come to Alaska every year to engage in our unique culture and embrace our spectacular environment. Mount McKinley is viewed as the centerpiece of that environment, but its name disregards Alaskan culture and undermines its majesty. The State of Alaska has been denied the right to rename this geographical landmark since 1975 due to a block in the United States Congress. It is time to reassert our interests and bring attention to the importance of the Denali name.

The intent of HJR 15 is to rechristen Mount McKinley its rightful Athabascan name, Denali, meaning "The High One." The highest peak on the continent is widely recognized as Denali, but officially renaming it would properly respect the mountain's history and the culture of Alaska Natives.

Should the mountain forever maintain the name of a president who never visited Alaska, a name which the mountain received in 1896 when McKinley had just been named the Republican candidate, the mountain's current name would forever linger as a reminder of the usurpation of the state's right to name geographical landmarks. Having made several efforts to rename the mountain since its designation as Mount McKinley, it is clear the people of Alaska generally share this aspiration.

I urge you to support HJR 15 for the sake of Alaskan culture.

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES KAWASAKI, Gardner**

**Introduced: 2/9/09**

**Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Resources**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the United States Congress to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the Athabaskan name "Denali" for Alaska's highest mountain has been in  
4 use for thousands of years before the renaming of the mountain to McKinley in 1896, is still  
5 widely used across the state, and is recognized throughout the world as synonymous with  
6 Mount McKinley; and

7 **WHEREAS** "Denali" means "The High One" in the Athabaskan language and the  
8 name Denali is indicative of its worldwide recognition as the highest mountain on the  
9 continent of North America, standing at 20,320 feet; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1896, when prospector William A. Dickey christened the mountain  
11 "Mt. McKinley," William McKinley of Ohio had recently been named the Republican  
12 candidate for President of the United States but had not yet assumed the office of President;  
13 and

14 **WHEREAS** President McKinley never visited the territory of Alaska; and

15 **WHEREAS** officially recognizing the Athabaskan name of Denali may help to rectify  
16 past injustices toward Alaska Native peoples; and



1           **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska recognizes the Denali name as it applies to the  
2 mountain; and

3           **WHEREAS** members of Congress have blocked any attempt by Alaska officials to  
4 rename the mountain Denali since 1975, effectively revoking the right of the people of the  
5 State of Alaska to name their own geographical landmarks;

6           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
7 Congress to pass legislation to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali.

8           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
9 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and  
10 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ken Salazar, United States Secretary of the  
11 Interior; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
12 Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
13 Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell,  
14 Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair of the Energy and  
15 Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the  
16 Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
17 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 111th United  
18 States Congress.