



## UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

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523 National Center  
Reston, Virginia 20192-0523

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TOWN OF CARROLL

January 15, 2010

Ms. Bonnie Moroney, Chair  
Town Board of the Town of Carroll  
Selectman's Office  
School Street  
Carroll, New Hampshire 03595

Dear Ms. Moroney:

This is in reference to a proposal that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names has received, to change officially the name of Mount Clay in Coos County to Mount Reagan. The U.S. Board is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the Federal government and its members must approve any new name or name change before it can appear on Federal maps and publications. Because local acceptance of a name is very important to the Board, and because we presume the geographic feature in question is of significance to your community, we would like to know the opinion of the Town of Carroll Board of Selectmen regarding this issue.

Although the name Mount Clay has appeared on Federal maps since at least 1896, the New Hampshire State Legislature in 2003 passed House Bill 82, changing the name for State use to Mount Reagan. The U.S. Board was advised at the time of the State's actions; however, the change could not be considered at the Federal level because the intended honoree was still living. President Reagan passed away in June 2004, and so the required five year waiting period has now passed. Former State Legislator Mike Harrington is asking that the Board now make the change official for Federal use. We have enclosed for your review a copy of the proposal, along with a Geographic Name Recommendation Form to facilitate a response from your office. We also encourage you to share this request with any other office or organization that you believe might wish to comment.

As you can likely appreciate, the Board's policies discourage changing any name in long term published use. The Board also prefers to recognize local usage and preference, so although the name was changed by the State over six years ago, we would like to know if the new name has come into widespread use within the local community. For example, have road signs and maps been updated, and do hikers and other individuals who are familiar with the summit refer to it as Mount Reagan? Has there been overwhelming support or objection to the change? Any information that you can provide to assist the Board in its deliberations would be very much appreciated. We have also asked the government of Coos County, the New Hampshire State Geographic Names Authority, and

the U.S. Forest Service to comment on the issue. As soon as all parties have had an opportunity to provide recommendations, we will present the proposal to the U.S. Board for discussion and a decision.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or to submit your recommendation, we may be contacted by mail at the address above; by telephone at (703) 648-4552; by fax at (703) 648-4549; or by e-mail at <BGNEEXEC@usgs.gov>.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Yost", written in a cursive style.

Lou Yost  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Names Committee  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names

Enclosures

cc: Ken Gallager



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Geographic Name \_\_ Change "Mount Clay" to "Mount Reagan" ? \_\_

This is to notify the U.S. Board on Geographic Names that:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of government entity, organization, or individual)

Recommends that the U. S. Board on Geographic Names:

- Approve the Proposed Name**
- Reject the Proposed Name**
- Take Action as Specified Below**
- Render a Decision Without Our Recommendation**

Comments (the following factors contributed to this recommendation; attach supporting documentation if appropriate):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, ZIP Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(E-mail)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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## Domestic Names - Propose or Change a Domestic Geographic Name

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE: This form is inoperable.** It soon will be replaced by a new and improved form. In the meantime, please use this form as a guide and submit the same information via email, mail, or fax to the address below.

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#### Domestic Names

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**Mail:**

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**Please note:** All information becomes part of the public domain and is subject to review by any interested party.

Select the help buttons (purple question marks) for additional information on each field.

#### Foreign Names

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#### Links

<b>Proposed Feature Name:</b>	Mount Reagan	<a href="#">?</a>
<b>State or Equivalent where feature is located:</b>	New Hampshire	<a href="#">?</a>
<b>Is the feature located in other States?:</b>	No	<a href="#">?</a>
<b>County where feature is located?:</b>	Coos	<a href="#">?</a>
<b>City, Town, Township where feature is located:</b>	Thompson & Meserve's Location	<a href="#">?</a>
<b>Administrative Area where feature is located:</b>		<a href="#">?</a>
<b>Action requested:</b>	Proposed New Name	<a href="#">?</a>

**If other was selected, explain below:** [?](#)

**Why does feature need a name?:** to conform to NH law [?](#)

**Feature type:** Mountain ?

**Is this a GNIS feature?** Unknown ?

**If yes, explain below:** ?

**Feature description:** ?

A mountain 5,533 ft high in the Presidential Range in NH's White Mountains

**Name Information:** ?

Now listed as Mount Clay, in 2003 NH inacted a law to have the name changed to Mount Reagan

**Feature elevation:** 5,533 ft ?

**Mouth or center of feature:**

Latitude: 44 17.11 N ?

Longitude: 71 18.95 W ?

**Source of feature:**

Latitude: ?

Longitude: ?

**Section (s):** ?

**Township (s):** ?

**Ranges (s):** ?

**Meridian:** ?

**Maps and other published sources using name:** ?

USGS Mount Washington 44071 -c3

**Other names used for feature: ?**

**Is the proposed name in local usage?:** No ?

**If yes, for approximately how many years?:** ?

**Is there local opposition or conflict regarding the proposed name?:** No ?

**If yes, explain below: ?**

**Additional Information: ?**

In 2003, Chapter 139 of NH law changed the name of Mount Clay to Mount Reagan. A copy of the law is attached

**Organizations or individuals which support proposed name: ?**

The State of New Hampshire

**Proposed By:**

Name: ?  
Street: ?  
City, State and Zip: ?  
Email: ?  
Telephone: ?  
Fax Number: ?  
Title: ?  
Company or Agency: ? State of NH

**Submitted By:**

Name: Michael Harrington ?  
Street: 82 Garland Rd ?  
City, State and Zip: Strafford, NH 03884 ?  
Email: harringt@metrocast.net ?  
Telephone: 603-942-8691 ?  
Fax Number: ?  
Title: ?  
Company or Agency: ?

**Do you have additional materials to submit?:** Yes ?

Please do not click Submit more than once.

CHAPTER 139

HB 82 - FINAL VERSION

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2003 SESSION

03-0213

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HOUSE BILL **82**

AN ACT to change the name of "Mount Clay" to Mount Reagan.

SPONSORS: Rep. Weyler, Rock 79; Rep. M. Harrington, Straf 68; Rep. Holden, Hills 48; Rep. Milligan, Hills 58; Sen. Barnes, Dist 17; Sen. Boyce, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the name of "Mount Clay" located in the White Mountains to Mount Reagan.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three*

AN ACT to change the name of "Mount Clay" to Mount Reagan.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

139:1 Mount Reagan. The mountainous elevation known as "Mount Clay" (5535') which is located in the White Mountains and is approximately one mile away from Mount Washington shall hereafter be called and known as Mount Reagan.

139:2 Reaffirmation. The general court hereby reaffirms the actions of the general court in 1913, 96 in renaming "Mount Clinton" as Mount Pierce.

139:3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

(Approved: June 17, 2003)

(Effective Date: I. Section 2 shall take effect June 17, 2003.

II. Remainder shall take effect August 16, 2003)