



GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

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September 19, 2017

Attention: US Board of Geographic Names.

RE: Tribal Nations' petition to change the names of Mount Doane and Hayden Valley in Yellowstone National Park.

Please accept this notice as a formal submission to change the names of Mount Doane and Hayden Valley in Yellowstone National Park.

The Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association is in full accord with the signed declaration enclosed, a copy of which was furnished to Yellowstone National Park Superintendent, Dan Wenk, through Deputy Superintendent, Pat Kenney, on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

The Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association supported the resolution of the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council dated December 2014, that formalized longstanding opposition to these names, aptly described by Blackfeet Chairman, Harry Barnes, as "deplorable" in his petition to Interior Secretary Zinke.

It is, as many tribal leaders have protested, shameful, that Yellowstone National Park continues to honor a war criminal, Lieutenant Gustavus C. Doane, and a white supremacist who advocated for the genocide of indigenous people, Dr. Ferdinand V. Hayden, by retaining their names on major features of Yellowstone National Park. These categorizations are not opinion, but fact, based upon the written statements of both Doane and Hayden, some of which are documented in the signed declaration.

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association, Inc. (GPTCA) is a Federally Chartered Organization under the Indian Reorganization Act. GPTCA is comprised of Tribal Nations in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Nebraska – 16 sovereign Indian Nations, all of which have treaty rights and/or ancestral connections to Greater Yellowstone, which has resulted in the Department of the Interior recognizing the Tribal Nations of the GPTCA as being among the "Associated Tribes of Yellowstone

In closing, let me reiterate what the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council stated in its 2014 resolution: "Yellowstone was a homeland, a sacred cultural landscape to twenty-six tribes, before it was a National Park." For healing, reconciliation, and a new era of education and cross-cultural cooperation, Mount Doane should be changed to First People's Mountain, and Buffalo Nations Valley should replace Hayden's name.

If you have any comments, please contact the Executive Director of GPTCA, A. Gay Kingman, at Kingmanwapato@rushmore.com; Cell, 605-484-3036. Thank you for your thoughtful assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HCF', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harold C. Frazier, Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Chairman, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association