

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 9673

To designate a peak in the State of Washington as “qʷəłtmáyq̓n-ʔistiqayuʔ-Mount Cleator”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 22, 2022

Mr. BEYER (for himself and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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“qʷəłtmáyq̓n-ʔistiqayuʔ-Mount Cleator”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Oral history from the Wenatchi band of the
6 Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and
7 from the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe identifies the
8 traditional Native American names for the 7,630-
9 foot peak located at latitude 48.11516° N, longitude
10 120.94636° W, in what is now the Glacier Peak Wil-

1 derness in the State of Washington, as
 2 “qʷəłtmáyq̣n” and “ʔistiqaɣuʔ” in the languages of
 3 the Wenatchi and Sauk-Suiattle peoples, respec-
 4 tively, both meaning “Wolverine Head”.

5 (2) These names derive from a Wenatchi
 6 (šnpəšqʷáw̓šəxʷ) creation story involving a battle
 7 between a wolverine and a grizzly bear over the love
 8 of a spruce grouse, or fool hen.

9 (3) The culture and economy of both the
 10 Wenatchi (šnpəšqʷáw̓šəxʷ) and Sauk-Suiattle
 11 (Saʔqʷəbixʷ-Suyaʔbixʷ) people centered around
 12 fishing, but they also gathered roots and berries and
 13 hunted game in the surrounding mountains.

14 (4) The Wenatchi and Sauk-Suiattle people
 15 have a long history of interaction and intermarriage
 16 that connected the Northwest Coastal Salish and the
 17 Plateau Salish peoples.

18 (5) During the twentieth century, the peak in-
 19 formally came to be known as “Mount Cleator” in
 20 recognition of Frederick W. “Fred” Cleator, an
 21 early employee of the United States Forest Service
 22 who surveyed and assisted in the establishment of
 23 national forests and trail systems in the Pacific
 24 Northwest and was one of the Service’s first rec-
 25 reational planners.

1 (6) Cleator is credited with establishing the Or-
 2 regon Skyline Trail, a 350-mile trail in the Oregon
 3 Cascades, and the Cascade Crest Trail, a 500-mile
 4 trail in the State of Washington. Both trails formed
 5 the basis for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
 6 in Oregon and Washington.

7 (7) In the late 1920s, Cleator named and began
 8 the development of the Cascade Crest Trail in Wash-
 9 ington and, by the mid-1930s, his team had mapped
 10 the 450-mile trail and begun construction.

11 (8) During his 35-year Forest Service career,
 12 Cleator surveyed the Olympic, Wenatchee, and Che-
 13 lan national forests and held positions in the
 14 Wenatchee and Colville National Forests and in
 15 what is today the Forest Service’s Northwest Re-
 16 gional Office in Portland, Oregon.

17 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF qʷəłtmáyq̣n-ʔistiqayuʔ-MOUNT**
 18 **CLEATOR IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The 7,630-foot peak located at
 20 latitude 48.11516° N, longitude 120.94636° W, in the
 21 Glacier Peak Wilderness in the State of Washington, shall
 22 be known and designated as “qʷəłtmáyq̣n-ʔistiqayuʔ-
 23 Mount Cleator”.

24 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
 25 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United

- 1 States to the peak referred to in subsection (a) shall be
- 2 deemed to be a reference to q^{wə}łtmáyqn-ʔistiqayuʔ-Mount
- 3 Cleator.

