

To whom it may concern:

In a combined effort, Daniel Michaud and Harold Faust are currently working on proposals to submit requests for naming two local mountain peaks. The two peaks are located east of Resurrection Bay and are visible from the town of Seward, Alaska (details of each peak below). At this stage of the proposal process, it is necessary to obtain support for our concept. If you would please take a moment to read and consider our proposal and either write a Letter of Support, or a Comment in Opposition, we would truly appreciate your time and effort regardless of your decision.

As back country travelers we ski, snowshoe, climb and explore all over the Seward area. Identification of mountain peaks on the Kenai Peninsula is very limited; well over a hundred peaks are unnamed and unexplored. We would like to suggest officially designated names for these two mountain peaks due to their proximity to the Seward outdoor recreational use area. Images and maps of each mountain peak are attached as well as the historic references for the proposed names.

Objective:

Identify with historically relevant names two mountain peaks that are located east of Seward, Alaska. The peaks are visible from Seward, across Resurrection Bay on the Resurrection Peninsula, Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Mount Mary (Domestic Geographic Name Proposal #9369) is located at 60 degrees, 6 minutes, 58 seconds North; 149 degrees, 13 minutes, 44 seconds West. It rises to an elevation of 4883 feet and dominates the view to the east from the Seward Marine Industrial Center. The Godwin Glacier flows along the north base of this peak, separating it from Mount Alice approximately two miles to the northwest.

Santa Ana Peak (DGNP # 8922) is located at 60 degrees, 5 minutes, 3 seconds North; 149 degrees, 12 minutes, 3 seconds West. The summit, at 4754 feet, is about 2.5 miles south-southeast of Mount Mary and 5.5 miles east of the shore of Resurrection Bay.

Proposers:

Daniel Michaud – Born in 1962 in Montana and moved to Alaska in 1970. I started climbing and exploring in the Eagle River/ Chugach State Park area and in 2005 I moved to Seward where I now live. I met longtime resident Harold Faust and together we have put many miles under our feet exploring, climbing, skiing, snowshoeing, scrambling up, down and around this area. We both respect and utilize the principles of "leave no trace" as we travel into the back country; we have skin in the game and hold an interest in the surrounding land, history, and flora and fauna.

Harold Faust - Born in Seward in 1953, I graduated local schools, married, and raised three children in Seward; now enjoying the company of grandchildren as well. I have always enjoyed roaming around the ridges and valleys which border Resurrection Bay and have scrambled to the summit of every high point visible from town.

Our Request:

If you agree and support our proposals, or oppose them, your comments are of great importance to our efforts. If there is concern for the proposals by the community of the parties involved, we would like to first address the concerns. If issues cannot be resolved, we prefer to forfeit the proposals rather than pursue without an overwhelming support from the community. Please address a letter of support for, or other comment, to: **Alaska Board on Geographic Names**. We can pick up your letter or you may attach it in an email to an address below. All letters and comments will be attached to our final naming proposal documents.

Any feedback is time, effort and community commitment we greatly appreciate.

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