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**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2023 3:44 PM  
**To:** Gallager, Ken  
**Cc:** Gilbert, Jennifer; Verdile, Stephanie; Caswell, Taylor  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder: Comments requested for Mt. Washington and Baker River name change proposals

Good Afternoon,

Please find NHDES's comments below. If you need them on DES letterhead, please let me know.

Thanks so much and I hope everyone has a great holiday weekend!

NHDES Comments:

The NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) opposes the proposed name changes of Mt. Washington to "Agiocochook" and of the Baker River to the "Asquamchumauke". The current names have significant cultural significance to the residents of the Granite State and the current branding is important to the State's tourism industry and many of the State's businesses.

In addition, the current names appear on numerous existing maps produced and published by NHDES, including geologic maps and companion documents that have been produced through the years, all of which would need to be modified, both in paper form and on NHDES's website. These current names also exist in many instances within database and GIS attribute tables and files used to describe landscape and water surface features. All these instances would require considerable staff time across multiple agency units to edit, perform updates, and provide to external data distributors for redistribution.

Modifying the names of these natural resources would create an innumerable number of hours of work which would divert substantial financial resources, personnel resources, and staff time away from other critical mapping and environmentally-focused priorities while causing unnecessary confusion and eliminating the centuries of branding that has been done for the current names.

Any positive impacts of these name changes do not outweigh the negative impacts that will be caused to our tourism industry, to our businesses, to our state agencies and employees, and to the cultural importance of these names to the State of New Hampshire.

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**Subject:** Reminder: Comments requested for Mt. Washington and Baker River name change proposals

To the members of CORD:

This is a friendly reminder to please send your comments to me regarding the following proposed name changes: Mt. Washington to "Agiocochook" and the Baker River to the "Asquamchumauke". We would like to receive your comments by close of business Friday, May 26. Even if your department chooses to have no comment, we would like to receive a notice of that position. I will compile all of the comments and send to the Board on Geographic Names and let you know when they have made their decision.

Thank you very much for your help.

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