

## Clear Creek County Role in Potential Renaming Of Mount Evans

The [Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board \(CGNAB\)](#) and the [US Board on Geographic Names \(BGN\)](#) intend to act this year on five proposals to change the name of Mount Evans. Both have asked Clear Creek County for our official County recommendation to inform their decisions. The mountain is currently named for former Colorado Territorial Governor John Evans, who was in office during the [Sand Creek Massacre](#) of November 29, 1864.

Therefore, the County is holding a process described below to develop an official county position. The final renaming decision will be made by the BGN, informed by the recommendations of Native American Tribes, the US Forest Service, the CGNAB, Colorado Governor Polis, Clear Creek County and the public.

To help inform our local decision, we have made direct requests for comment from the Ute Tribes due to their history in the area; the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Oklahoma, Wyoming and Montana due their history in the area and their presence at the Sand Creek Massacre; and the family of Governor Evans. ***The public is also welcome to submit written comment to the County at any time via County Executive Assistant Beth Luther [bluther@clearcreekcounty.us](mailto:bluther@clearcreekcounty.us).***

## The five proposals for new names, with links to associated application documents are:

- **Mount Blue Sky** (from the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes)
  - [Mount Blue Sky proposal](#)
  - [Mount Blue Sky BGN case summary](#)
  - [Mt. Evans Mount Blue Sky Petition Nov 2020](#)
  - [Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune Nov 30, 2020](#)
  - **RMPBS Documentary:** [https://video.rmpbs.org/video/colorado-experience-sand-creek-massacre/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAr5iQBhCsARIsAPcwROPOwGOu2CI7-oIZ6YUd8hzCKZ6FYWVUOIOYtWIqwwsd3O4jOc3GaBAaAvV-EALw\\_wcB](https://video.rmpbs.org/video/colorado-experience-sand-creek-massacre/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAr5iQBhCsARIsAPcwROPOwGOu2CI7-oIZ6YUd8hzCKZ6FYWVUOIOYtWIqwwsd3O4jOc3GaBAaAvV-EALw_wcB)
  - **The US Army's Massacre of Innocents: Sand Creek - RE:WIRE:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRMfSCUZynU>
  - **Importance of Renaming Webinar:** [https://zoom.us/rec/play/12A4MI\\_mtV3zs\\_EXsf3pTI8R2wnkw2Sja-Uk1LxTYWdss2BILUcvRtYCrjqvZBaZQK\\_ZiFV7zF-hmJpK.d7SjklxNDBH-FoxX?continueMode=true](https://zoom.us/rec/play/12A4MI_mtV3zs_EXsf3pTI8R2wnkw2Sja-Uk1LxTYWdss2BILUcvRtYCrjqvZBaZQK_ZiFV7zF-hmJpK.d7SjklxNDBH-FoxX?continueMode=true)
- **Mount Cheyenne-Arapaho** (from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe)
  - [Mount Cheyenne-Arapaho BGN case summary](#)
  - [Northern Cheyenne Mount Cheyenne Arapaho letter](#)
- **Mount Soule** (from a private party)
  - [Mount Soule proposal](#)
  - [Mount Soule BGN case summary](#)
  - [NPS - The Life of Silas Soule](#)

- [Silas Soule – The Sand Creek Massacre](#)
- **Mount Rosalie** (from a private party)
  - [Mount Rosalie proposal](#)
  - [Mount Rosalie BGN case summary](#)
- **Mount Evans** (to be re-designated after a different Evans family member; from a private party)
  - [Mount Evans proposal](#)
  - [Mount Evans BGN case summary](#)
  - [Anne Evans - Mt Evans summit register page](#)
  - [Anne Evans - CMC member card](#)

### [Additional Documents](#)

[To listen to a recording of an educational BOCC meeting held last year](#) with both Cheyenne and Arapaho participants, describing the impact of the Sand Creek Massacre on their people, [click here](#).

[The BOCC on Feb. 1 endorsed the following sequence in order to arrive at its recommendation.](#)

- **On March 1 at 10:00 AM** we'll give the proponent of each proposal 10 minutes to present with a 5 minute Q&A in a session of about 1 1/2 hours, with no public comment other than what appears in chat. We don't want to ignite debate or subject any proponent to abusive oral comments. We'll then add a video of that session to our posted links.
- **On March 8 at 6:00 PM** we'll hold a public comment session for as long as it takes, generally allowing 3 minutes per person. **You are welcome to comment to us in that meeting.**
- **On March 15 at 1:00 PM** we'll have an action session, beginning with any final public comment, followed by our BOCC discussion and the decision on our opinion. We'll pass that decision on to the CGNAB and BGN.
- **The Zoom link for all 3 March meetings is:** [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/167562115](https://zoom.us/j/167562115)

## Final Steps

- The CGNAB will then likely go through a 3-meeting process to determine their recommendation.
- Governor Polis will then decide whether to act on that recommendation, and send a letter to the BGN.
- The BGN will make a final decision, based on all comments, and after having reached out to all indigenous tribes in the country for their opinion.

## To comment directly to the state and federal entities:

### **Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board**

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### **Colorado Governor Jared Polis**

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### **U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN - Federal)**

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