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This would be the most honorable and appropriate action to do in making this

name change.

Hopefully, the Ely Shoshone Tribe is being consulted and Trent Griffin, Council member and Linguist would be the one to consult Elders for spelling of the peak. something like Tosa Mootsaa:)

Updated: Jeff Davis Peak could be renamed to Doso Doyabi, awaits federal approval

[Benjamin Spillman](#), Reno Gazette Journal Published 6:00 a.m. PT Jan. 7, 2019 | Updated 5:31 p.m. PT Jan. 8, 2019

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UPDATE: *The Nevada State Board of Geographic Names on Tuesday voted unanimously in favor of renaming Jeff Davis Peak to Doso Doyabi, a Shoshone-language phrase that means White Mountain.*

Members from the Pyramid Lake Paiute and Yomba Shoshone tribes and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony spoke in favor of the change.

In a letter to the board, the Duckwater Shoshone Elders Committee also expressed support stating, in

part, "It honors our cultural heritage, for the places that had names before they were renamed."

Before the name change becomes official, it will need approval from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, which meets monthly. It's unclear when the Doso Doyabi name will go before the board because of the government shutdown.

The name of a man who sought to defend slavery and topple the United States could get bumped from atop a Nevada peak.

The [Nevada State Board on Geographic Names](#) will consider a proposal to strip the name Jeff Davis from one of the state's highest peaks and replace it with a Shoshone phrase meaning "white peak."

The proposed name, Doso Doyabi, comes at the behest of Shoshone people whose ancestors predated white settlers by thousands of years.

"It's in the western Shoshone original territory," Kathy Adams-Blackeye, vice chairman of the Duckwater Shoshone tribe, said of the peak which is now within Great Basin National Park. "It has always been a place where historically people have gathered."

Even if the state board approves the change, it would need approval from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. The U.S. board often relies on state boards for input on naming.

"We tend to have the same findings," said Christine Johnson, executive secretary for the Nevada board.

The change would right what many consider a historical wrong by stripping the name of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, from a place of honor in Nevada, a state with which he had little to no connection.

"It is a good way to say we as a state don't want this piece of the Confederacy," said Assemblywoman Heidi Swank, D-Las Vegas, who is sponsoring a resolution in the upcoming session of the Legislature that would support replacing Davis' name with "a more appropriate tribal-related name."

There's also a Jeff Davis Peak in Alpine County, Calif., which is undergoing the renaming process.

Davis' name is [synonymous with secession and slavery](#). In 1861, he resigned from the Senate, where he represented Mississippi. Within weeks, he won the presidency of the newly seceded Confederate States in large part because he represented the planter class which relied on slave labor to prop up their livelihoods and notions of white supremacy.

According to the [Great Basin National Park website](#), the naming saga dates to 1855 when Davis was secretary of war under President Franklin Pierce.

Under Davis, the Army Corps of Topographical Engineers was charged with exploring much of the West with an eye toward identifying routes for the Transcontinental Railroad.

Credit for assigning Davis' name in what is now Nevada goes to Col. Edward Steptoe, who was leading an expedition through the region.

The park service report says Steptoe applied the Davis name to what would become Wheeler peak, which at 13,064 feet is the tallest mountain in Nevada. Boundary Peak is higher, but it is a subsidiary summit to Montgomery Peak, which is in California.

As Davis shifted his loyalty from the Union to Confederate cause, subsequent explorers appeared to regret his name on the peak.

In 1869, an expedition passed through the area led by George Montague Wheeler.

Wheeler and five others summited the peak and renamed it Wheeler, which stuck.

Yet Davis' name remains on the smaller peak connected to Wheeler by a ridge.

Jeff Davis peak still appears on maps, like this National Park Service map of Great Basin National Park. (Photo: National Park Service)

Interest in reviewing the name spiked in recent years as communities around the country sought to remove monuments to Davis and other Confederates from places of honor.

One proposal called for the Nevada peak to be re-named in honor of Robert Smalls, a South Carolina slave who escaped, commandeered a Confederate transport boat, served in the Union Army and was elected to Congress.

However, Smalls had no connection to Nevada and the proposal was shelved in favor of the Shoshone proposal.

Johnson said if the proposal is successful, the name Doso Doyabi wouldn't require use of the word "peak" because it would be redundant.

"You could equate it with Denali in Alaska, it is just Denali," she said. "That is what this will be like. It is powerful."

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[Cynthia Lazetich](#)

Reno Storm hasn't hit Wyatt's horns yet!





Another stunning picture by Bucky Harjo.

The Green New Deal Rises Again By THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

It was a good idea that didn't catch on in 2007. Now we're running out of time.

Nevada Art Council to host Carson City workshop on grant funding

January 10, 2019 - 2:00pm

The Nevada Art Council will be hosting a Grants Workshop in Carson City on Thursday, Jan. 10, to go over the new grant programs for 2020, as well as lessons on how to craft a grant proposal.

Joshua Tree to close, address damage taken during shutdown

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. -- Joshua Tree National Park will temporarily close this week to address damage and sanitation problems that have occurred during the partial federal government shutdown.

Nevada Humanities Programs

Great Basin Young Chautauqua Season Begins 27th Season

January 17, 2019 5:30 pm KNPB building, 1670 North Virginia Street, Reno

Informational Meeting

A new year of Great Basin Young Chautauqua (GBYC) is about to begin. Students ages 8-18 who share a love of history and exploring characters from the past are welcome to participate in the 2019 GBYC season. Join us for our GBYC informational meeting. [Learn More](#)

Don't Miss the January Salon: Norms and Why They Matter

January 18, 2019 6:00 - 7:30 pm Sundance Books & Music, Reno

What's the difference between a norm and a law? What does it mean to circumvent a norm, and is that even a problem? What can we trust in one another to do, and what do we need to codify? Join Nevada Humanities for *The Salon: Norms and Why They Matter*, as we pose these and other questions to a lawyer, a political scientist, and a rhetorician. [Learn More](#)

Razor Wire Exhibition Closes on January 23

December 6, 2018 - January 23, 2019

The *Razor Wire* exhibition features the recent art and poetry from the *Razor Wire Poetry Workshop*—a program held at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center in Carson City. As part of the *Nevada Humanities Exhibition Series*, this exhibition can be viewed until January 31 at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery in Las Vegas.

Image courtesy of Ismael Garcia Santillanes

New Exhibition, Ginger-Sean-Montana: Our Daily Bread, Opens on January 31

January 31 - March 27, 2019

Learn about the disciplined practice of making art every single day while exploring the work of artists Montana Black, Ginger Bruner, and Sean C. Jones. This new *Exhibition Series, Ginger-Sean-Montana: Our Daily Bread*, opens on January 31.

All Exhibition Series events are held at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery in Las Vegas.

[Learn More](#)

Nominate Your Favorite Humanities Hero for a 2019 Nevada Humanities Award

Do you know a person or an organization who has made great contributions to the humanities in Nevada? Nominate them today for a 2019 *Nevada Humanities Award*. Nominations are open until February 15. [Learn More](#)

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Calendar

January 10-12 - 2019 Native American Youth, Educators, and Employers (NAYEE)

Conference. For Native American students in grades 7-12 to interact with business leaders in an effort to equip them for future employment and for educators to be prepared to teach Native youth what they need to learn to be successful in the business world. Arizona Department of Education. For more information click [here](#).

January 11-12 - Pascua Yaqui Native American Career Technical Program. Trainee Info Session held at South Mountain Community College, 12:30-3:30 p.m. For more information call (480) 755-2508.

January 14 - ASU RECHARGE for grades 7-12. Held at ASU West. For more information or to RSVP please contact [Danyel](#).

January 14 Deadline - Marcus Harrison Jr. Leadership Award for the American Indian Disability Summit. For more information or application please contact Rosalie at (602) 254-6407 or email [her](#).

January 15 Deadline - Indian Arts Research Center invites Applications for Residency Fellowships. Three fellowships available. Must be from a Native community in the southwestern U.S. and work in the visual arts. Must specify affiliated tribe or nation. Must be 18 by January. Do not need to provide CIB or Tribal ID. For more information click [here](#).

January 16 - Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day, Governor's Office on Tribal Relations. State Capitol. For more information contact [them](#).

January 16 - Native Youth Know - workshop to educate youth on indigenous food systems, cultivation, preparation and more. Held at Indian Nations and Tribes Day. Separate registration required. For more information call (602) 542-4426.

January 18 Deadline - Environmental Public Health Internship Program. Stipend. For information click [here](#).

January 24-25 - Maricopa County Standdown for U.S. Military Veterans and their families experiencing or at risk for homelessness. 7:00 a.m. For more information check the [website](#).

January 25 - Cultural Humility Training: Building Workplace Equity. Indigenous Vision. Held at Biltmore Financial Center. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information click [here](#).

January 26 - 2nd Annual New Year Rez-Solution (A Native Youth Wellness Day). Traditional games, traditional healthy foods, speakers, etc. Held at SRPMIC, Way of Life Facility, 11725 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale. Noon-6:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP call (602) 264-6768 or email [them](#).

January 27 - Native Nation Script Reading. 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center at Steele Indian School Park. For information click [here](#).

January 28 - Native Nation Script Reading, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at ASU Center for Indian Education, Payne Hall, Room 301, 1000 S. Forest Mall, Tempe. For more information click [here](#).

January 31-February 1 - 2019 Wiring the Rez: Innovative Strategies for Business Development Via E-Commerce. Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino, Chandler. For more information click [here](#).

January 31 Deadline - John S. Knight Fellowship Application. 20 fellows. Stipends, health insurance and Stanford Tuition. For more information click [here](#).

January 31 Deadline - The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment. This is a ten week funded summer internship program offers a unique opportunity for Native American students to gain professional leadership in Washington DC. There are 50 scholarships available. For more information click [here](#).



Another Bucky Harjo beauty

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February 1 Deadline - SUMR@Penn. Summer Undergraduate Minority Research Program (SUMR). 12 week summer internship, for undergraduates to health services research. For rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors with an interest in health care and strong quantitative skills. Underrepresented minorities are given priority. For information contact Joanne at [via email](#).

February 1 Deadline - 2019 NIDDK - Diversity Summer Research Training Program for Undergraduate students . For information click [here](#).

February 1 Deadline - Bank of America's Student Leaders Program. For more information click [here](#).

February 1 Deadline - Andrew Mellon Foundation - Native American Scholars Initiative Fellowship and Internship Opportunities. For information click [here](#).

February 1 Deadline - Andrew Mellon Foundation - Postdoctoral Fellowship. For information click [here](#).

February 5-7 - 16th Annual Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Integrated Behavioral Health Conference. In Balance: Tradition and Innovation. ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy. For more information click [here](#).

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February 9-10 - Arizona Indian Festival. Celebrating Indigenous People of Arizona. Scottsdale Civic Center Park, Scottsdale. Free. For more information check the [website](#).

February 22 Deadline - Native American Research Internship for AI/AN junior or senior undergraduates interested in biomedical or health science research. University of Utah. There is also a University of Utah, M.D.-Ph.D. Program. For more information contact Janet at (802) 585-6408 or via [email](#).

February 22 Deadline - Native American Bar Association - NNABA Foundation Bar Review Scholarship applications. For more information click [here](#).

February 28 Deadline - Native American Journalism Fellowship. For American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and First Nations college students, undergraduate and graduate, pursuing media degrees. For more information click [here](#).

February 22-23 - 18th Annual Ira H. Hayes Veterans Social Pow Wow 2019. Sacaton Fair Grounds. For information call Marcus at (520) 610-9411.

February 23 - Phoenix Indian Center's Youth Leadership Day. Held at Phoenix College, 1202 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information call Rodale at (602) 264-6768.

[ExxonMobil takes another big hit as SCOTUS says Massachusetts AG has power to pursue oil giant](#)

[Walter Einkenel Daily Kos Staff Monday January 07, 2019](#) ·

After a 2015 report exposed that fossil fuel giant ExxonMobil [hid its knowledge of the fossil fuel industry's adverse impact on our planet's environment](#), Massachusetts and New York state attorneys general filed lawsuits against the corporation. The charges in the lawsuits are that not only has the corporation hidden important information from consumers, but it has actively pushed misinformation about the science of climate change. One legal battle has been over how many decades' worth of documents ExxonMobil would have to release. ExxonMobil has argued that its privacy is being compromised. On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear the oil giant's appeal of [a 2017 Massachusetts judge's ruling](#).

This is another setback in [a slew of setbacks for ExxonMobil](#). Even former U.S. Secretary of State [and climate-change-question-evader](#) Rex Tillerson* has not been able to shield his former company.

*Remember him?

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