



December 6, 2019

File: 10280-60 (93A/16)

Board of Directors  
Cariboo Regional District  
PO Box 2260  
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Dear Board of Directors:

The BC Geographical Names Office has received a proposal to adopt "Mount Lyons" as an official name for a peak on the border between Wells Gray Provincial Park and Cariboo Mountains Park, as shown on the attached map. This proposal is supported by the Alpine Club of Canada, Kamloops Outdoor Club, and the Kamloops Naturalist Club.

The namesake is Mr. Chester Peter "Chess" Lyons (1915-1998) who was instrumental in establishing and surveying a number of Provincial Parks, including Wells Gray Park, through his work with the Parks Branch of provincial government (and later, BC Parks). Lyons is singled out as being an exceptional advocate of B.C.'s natural environment during his work with Parks as well as through film, writing, lectures and international tours. As an author, Lyons was well-known for his B.C.-themed content in the *Milestones* series and *Trees, Shrubs and Flowers to Know in British Columbia* as well as other popular field-guides.

This peak is within or forms a portion of the boundary of the traditional territory of several First Nations, and is within or near the border of several local governments so it is important to ascertain a) if there is a known traditional name for the feature, and b) the proposed name reflects the heritage values in the area.

Before considering adoption of "Mount Lyons" may I have your advice and comments? In particular, is there a known traditional name for this peak? Is there any reason why "Mount Lyons" would not be a suitable name for this feature? Adoption of this name does not prejudice legitimate claims to the land.

Thank you in advance for your comments. Your response before 6 March 2020 would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

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enclosure

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	BC Mountaineering Club	Neskonlith Indian Band
	BC Parks, Thompson Cariboo Region	Northern Secwepemc te Qelmucw
	Canadian Mountain Guides	Robson Valley Search and Rescue
	Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C.	Simpcw FN
	Fraser Fort George Regional District	Thompson-Nicola Regional District
	Lheidli-T'enneh Band	Wells Gray Search and Rescue



BC Geographical Names

**Proposed Names**

**Mount Lyons**

No official name

Located at: 52.876883,

-120.211983

NTS Map: 93A/16

0 5.08 10.16 km

1: 250,000

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Key Map of British Columbia

