



Long Island Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

To: Grace Peak Committee
62 Prendergast Road
Phoenix, New York 13135

Dear Members of the Grace Peak Committee,

ADK Long Island, the 800-member Long Island chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, would like to endorse the renaming of the two high peaks of the Dix Range of the Adirondack Mountains in the town of North Hudson and the County of Essex.

We support the renaming of East Dix to Grace Peak, to commemorate Grace Leach Hudowalski, the pioneering woman climber of the High Peaks, a president and longtime historian/correspondent of the Adirondack 46rs, and a respected writer concerning the High Peaks.

We also support the renaming of South Dix to Carson Peak after Russell M. L. Carson. His 1928 volume about the High Peaks, *Peaks and People of the Adirondacks*, was the definitive work about the mountains throughout the rest of the 20th century.

We note that Carson wrote concerning South Dix and East Dix, that those "two subordinate peaks of the Dix range" had almost no history, in part because "they do not have distinctive appellations" and thus "have never had much notice. Yet South Dix is higher than such better known peaks as Colvin, Cascade and Seymour," Carson continued. "If Marshall had not called them South Dix and East Dix in his booklet, in order to identify them, they would still be nameless mountains. The most interesting fact about these two mountains is that their names are not important enough to be retained, and that they can be given distinct titles, when the right occasion comes, without violation of old-established names."

We believe that the right occasion has come; that East Dix, which, in a sense, overlooks Grace Hudowalski's longtime vacation home, the Boulders, on Schroon Lake near Adirondack, be renamed Grace Peak; and that South Dix, which, in a sense, affords a vista towards Carson's longtime Glens Falls home, be renamed Carson Peak. It is time that the current names be discarded and that the new names be applied to the peaks in honor of and in memory of two individuals who recorded much of and contributed much to the history of the Adirondacks. Precedence – the naming of other peaks (Nye, Phelps, Street, Colvin, Black, Marshall, Emmons, Redfield – even Porter and Allen) – recommends the renaming of East Dix and South Dix. They should be Grace Peak and Carson Peak.

Sincerely,

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