## **Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names**

Discussion Topics for Inaugural Meeting, Dec 7 & 8, 2022

## <u>Proposed Scope of Work (Locations Examined by the Committee)</u>

Per <u>Secretary's Order No. 3405</u> and the Committee's <u>charter</u>, the Committee will focus on derogatory names for the following:

- 1. *Geographic* Names names applied to topographic features, areas, and spaces on the earth's surface, such as rivers, mountains, valleys, streams, etc. It does not include human-constructed features such as gardens, trails, bridges, or buildings.
- 2. Federal Land Unit Names includes (1) National Forest System land; (2) units of the National Park System; (3) components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; (4) parts of the National Landscape Conservation System; and (5) units of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

With the concurrence of its Designated Federal Officer, the Committee may also examine names used for human-constructed features (visitor centers, campgrounds, trails, bridges, gardens, etc.) that are located on Federal lands and waters.

## <u>Draft Working Definition of "Derogatory" (Names Examined by Committee)</u>

In the context of the work of the Committee, **the term "derogatory" will mean a disparaging or pejorative term used to label a group of people** by race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or other arbitrary characteristics, in a disrespectful and demeaning manner.

## **Proposed Subcommittees**

- **Federal Land Unit Names Subcommittee** examines derogatory and potentially derogatory names for federal lands
- **Geographic Feature Names Subcommittee** examines derogatory and potentially derogatory names for geographic features (e.g. mountains or streams) on all lands within the U.S.
- Processes and Principles Subcommittee helps refine definitions/terms in support of the other subcommittees as needed; develops recommendations to improve existing federal naming/renaming processes