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Mr. Lou Yost  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Names Committee  
United States Board on Geographic Names  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 20192-0523

Dear Mr. Yost,

As Montana's State Geographic Names Authority, I recommend that the Domestic Names Committee approve the proposal from Review List 406 to name a peak in Lewis and Clark County, Montana as Rittel Mountain.

The Montana State Library released a public notice regarding this proposal for a new peak name. The local newspaper and a local TV station published articles about it. We received twelve messages and phone calls in support of the name and none opposed. The Lewis and Clark County Commission supports the proposal.

I have met personally with the proponent to view the location and have seen clear evidence that the Rittel family have been outstanding stewards of the lands associated with the peak and have worked to preserve all evidence of human history in the area.

A summary of the correspondence we received as a result of our public notice, the County Commissioners' letter of approval, and the text of the local newspaper article are available at [http://msl.mt.gov/geonames/comments/40602\\_Rittel\\_Mountain.zip](http://msl.mt.gov/geonames/comments/40602_Rittel_Mountain.zip).

Sincerely Yours,

Gerald J Daumiller  
Montana State Library