



UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

In reply please use this address:
U. S. Geological Survey
523 National Center
Reston, Virginia 20192-0523

September 24, 2009

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Yaroslavsky:

We are pleased to inform you that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, at its September 9, 2009 meeting, approved your proposal to change officially the name of Negrohead Mountain in Los Angeles County to Ballard Mountain. The change has been entered into the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is available and searchable online at <http://geonames.usgs.gov>. The entry reads as follows:

Ballard Mountain: summit; elevation 619 m (2,031 ft); located in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, 1.6 km (1 mi) W of Seminole Hot Springs, 10 km (6 mi) N of Malibu; named in honor of John Ballard (d. c.1900), an early black pioneer in the area; Los Angeles County, California; Sec 6, T1S, R18W, San Bernardino Mer.; 34°06'35"N, 118°48'35"W; USGS map – Point Dume 1:24,000; Not: Negrohead Mountain, Niggerhead Mountain.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Yost".

Lou Yost
Executive Secretary
Domestic Names Committee
U.S. Board on Geographic Names