

# Domestic Geographic Name Report

1 Use this form to recommend a feature name or to suggest a name change.

2. For features on Federal lands, coordinate requests with the agency (U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) For the administrative area in which the land is located.

3. On the reverse side of this form give information on the local usage and authority for recommended name.

4. For more information about the Geographic Names Information System or the National Gazetteer Program, contact the U.S. Board on Geographic Names at 703-648-4544.

5. Return this form to:

Executive Secretary for Domestic Geographic Names  
U.S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center  
Reston, VA 22092

**Action Requested:**

Proposed New Name:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Application Change:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name Change:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Recommended Name:</b>	Mount Mary
<b>State:</b>	Alaska
<b>County or Equivalent:</b>	Kenai Peninsula Borough
<b>Administrative Area:</b>	Chugach National Forest

**Specific Area Covered:**

Latitude:	60	°	06	'	58	"	N	Longitude:	149	°	13	'	44	"	W
Latitude:		°		'		"		Longitude:		°		'		"	
Center:	X						Heading End								
Section(s)	2	Township(s)	1S	Range(s)	1E	Meridian	Seward	Elevation	4,883'						

<b>Type of Feature</b> (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.):															
<b>Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?</b>															
Yes		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unknown		If Yes, how is it listed?									
<b>Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):</b>															

The mountain is on the Resurrection Peninsula, 6 miles east of Seward, across Resurrection Bay, and visible from the town. It is approximately 2 miles southeast of Mount Alice. Godwin Glacier is along the north side of the peak, separating the mountain from Mount Alice. The peak proposed to be named is within the boundaries of Chugach National Forest and within the boundaries of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

<b>Maps and other sources using recommended name (include scale and date).</b>	<b>Other name (variants)</b>	<b>Maps and other sources using other name or application (include scale and date).</b>

**Name information such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographic data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, and any other pertinent information:**

The proposal is to name a mountain visible from Seward, Mount Mary, to honor Mary (Forgal) Lowell. To the north of the mountain are Mount Alice and Mount Eva, named for two of Lowell's daughters. Lowell, of Alutiiq-Russian descent, was born in 1855 at Nanwalek. She moved to Resurrection Bay in the late 1880s with her husband Frank, an Alaska Commercial Company trader. They had nine children before Frank left the family in 1893. Mary filed a homestead claim in 1902 when surveyors were in the area seeking a route for a railroad to interior Alaska. She sold land to Frank and John Ballaine in 1903 in exchange for 37 city lots and \$4,000 when they came to start building the railroad and establish the town of Seward. Lowell died in Seward in May 1906.

In addition to the mountains named for Lowell's daughters, other geographic features in the area recognize the family, including Lowell Creek, Lowell Canyon, and Lowell Point. The proposer believes Mary should be commemorated and the mountain close to ones named for two of her daughters is appropriate. Local mountaineers, guides, and pilots are using the name, and several published articles have promoted the name. The proposer notes increased recreational use of the area near the mountain and increased tourism to Seward provide opportunities to promote local history. Also, with the increased recreational use, it would be helpful to name the mountain for safety reasons.

<b>Is the recommended name in local usage?</b>	Yes	X	No		<b>If Yes, approximately how many years?</b>	+6
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**Is there local opposition to, or conflict with the recommended name (as located)?**

Articles referencing the proposal appeared in the *Peninsula Clarion* (June 10, 2018), *Seward Journal* (June 14 and 21, 2018), and Mountaineering Club of Alaska's *Scree* (March 2012, March 2013, December 2016).

**For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:**

The proposer notes that many residents referred to the peak as Mount Eva after Greg Higgins completed the first recorded ascent in 1986 and used the name. In 2000 a peak north of Mount Alice, Peak 4995, was officially named Mount Eva. On the USGS Seward A-6, 1:63,360 map the proposed Mount Mary is noted as Peak 4883.

**Additional information:**

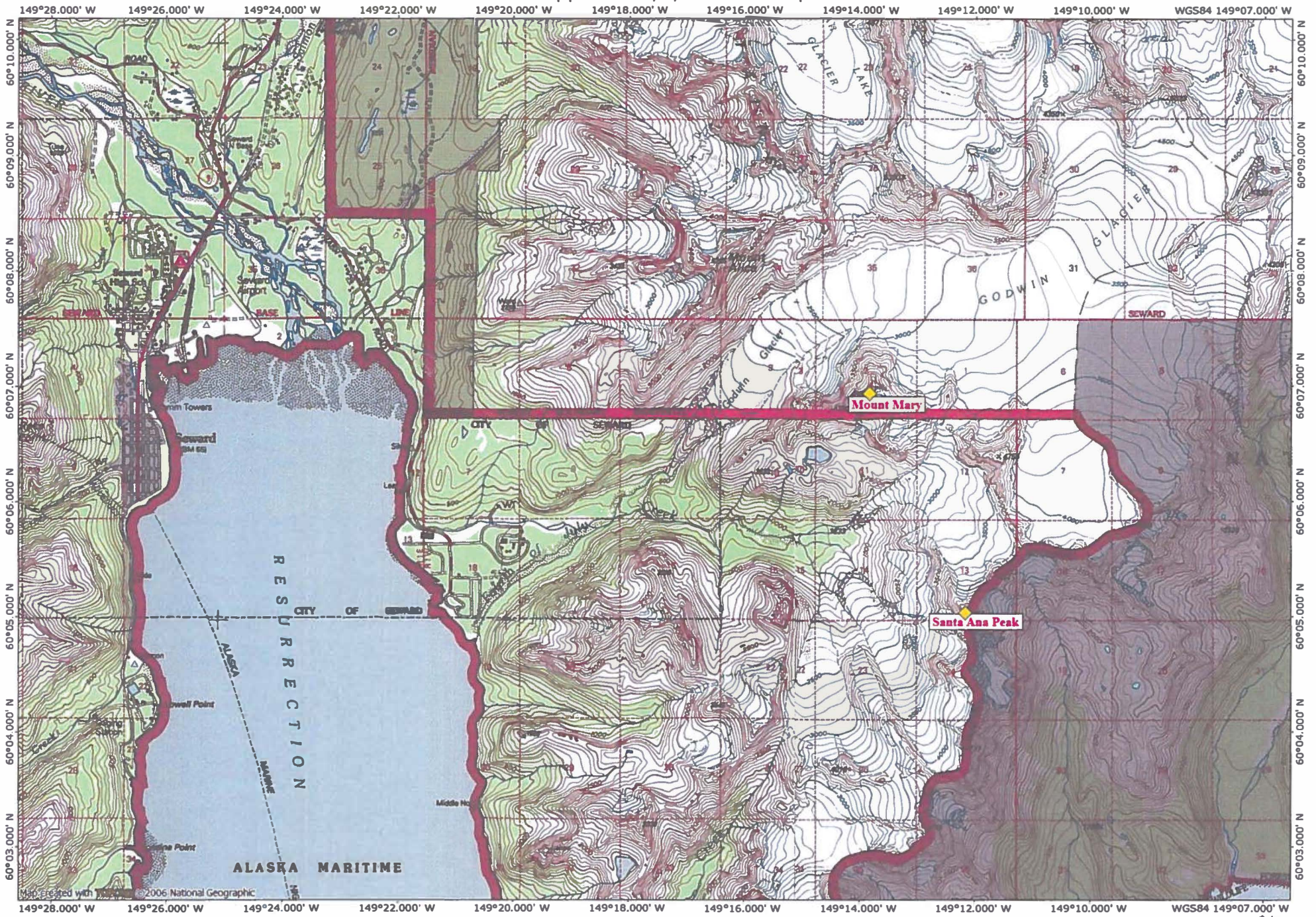
Proposal sent for review with letter indicating response must be in writing to object or endorse the proposed name to:  
 U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Region Office (cc to USFS representative on the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, and Chugach National Forest, Seward Ranger District)  
 Chugach Alaska Corporation, Cultural Resources  
 Mountaineering Club of Alaska

**Endorsements received with proposal from:**

- Kenai Peninsula Borough – resolution 2018-027, supports name, June 4, 2018
- City of Seward – resolution 2018-036, supports name, April 9, 2018
- Qutekcak Native Tribe – indicated no known Native name for the peak, no opposition to name, June 14, 2018
- Resurrection Bay Historical Society – membership supports name, May 9, 2018
- Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm Heritage Area – email, supports name, October 16, 2018

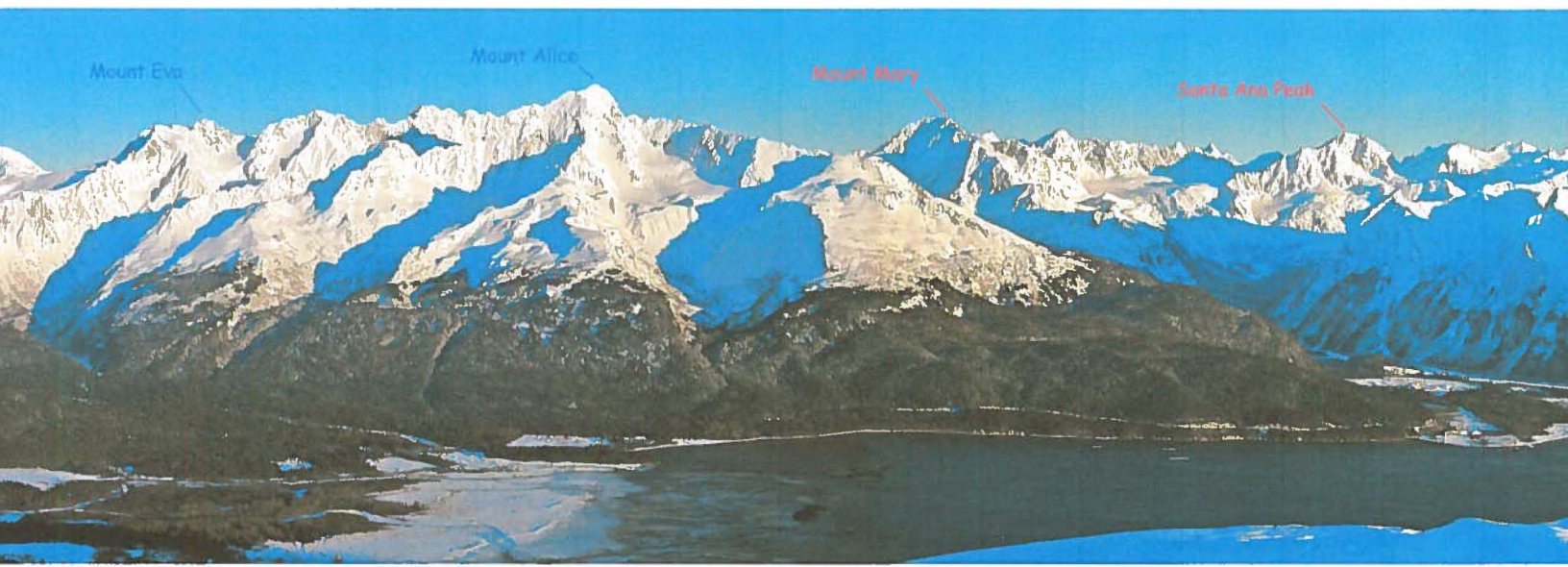
The Alaska Historical Commission is expected to review the proposed name at their February 25, 2019 meeting.

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Alaska Department of Natural Resources/Office of History and Archaeology	550 West 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1310, Anchorage, AK 99501-3565		
Authority for Recommended Name:	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area



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Mount Eva

Mount Alice

Mount Mary

Santa Ana Peak