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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: _____
 Title: Naming a Mountain after Bruce McGhan BRU: _____
 Sponsor: Rep. Menard & Donley Components: _____
 Requestor: House Resources Committee

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TRAVEL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SUPPLIES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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LAND & STRUCTURES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
GRANTS, CLAIMS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: House Resources Committee Phone: 465-4944
 Division: Representative Curt Menard, Chairman Date: 5/3/89
 Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]* Date: _____
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Name of game is unfair

Dear Editor:

For the past 2½ years I have been attempting to have an unnamed mountain named in memory of my late husband, Bruce McGhan. In my efforts I have followed the state's requirements by contacting friends and family and collecting over 1,000 signatures of support, as well as support from local area residents and the Kenai Assembly where the mountain is located.

On Feb. 8, the state Alaska Geographic Names Board voted to reject my proposal, stating they felt the "significant contribution" to Alaska criteria was not met. In my research I discovered there is no written definition for this criterion and it is being defined by the seven member geographic names board.

My question then is what gives these seven people the right to discount what over 1,000 Alaskan voters have requested? Do we as the voting public have no say as to what our geographic features are named?

In the past, Alaska's mountains, lakes and towns have been named after corrupt politicians from other states (Mount Foraker), drunken bums (Juneau) and misunderstandings in spelling (Nome, Chicken). What's wrong with naming our features after just plain, decent Alaskans?

Bruce McGhan and his family (which now spans three generations) have lived in Alaska since the 1940s. They brought the brass rail to Alaska that is still in the Anchorage Fourth Avenue Theatre. They installed the first transmitter station on Mount Susitna. They worked on the statehood committee. They installed all the water, sewer, basement foundations and roads in the Turnagain area of Anchorage. They operated one of the first non-scheduled airlines between rural Alaska and Seattle. They homesteaded in the Kenai area.

If not for people like Bruce McGhan and his family, Alaska would not be what it is today. Bruce represents the hard-working Alaskan, the average citizen. He was killed in a construction accident at the age of 33, the prime of life when most people are just realizing their capability to make a significant contribution or impact on their towns, communities and states. Why should he be punished for not living long enough to meet the state's "significant contribution" criterion which has no definition?

Debra McGhan
Wasilla

FROM REPRESENTATIVE CURT MENARD

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

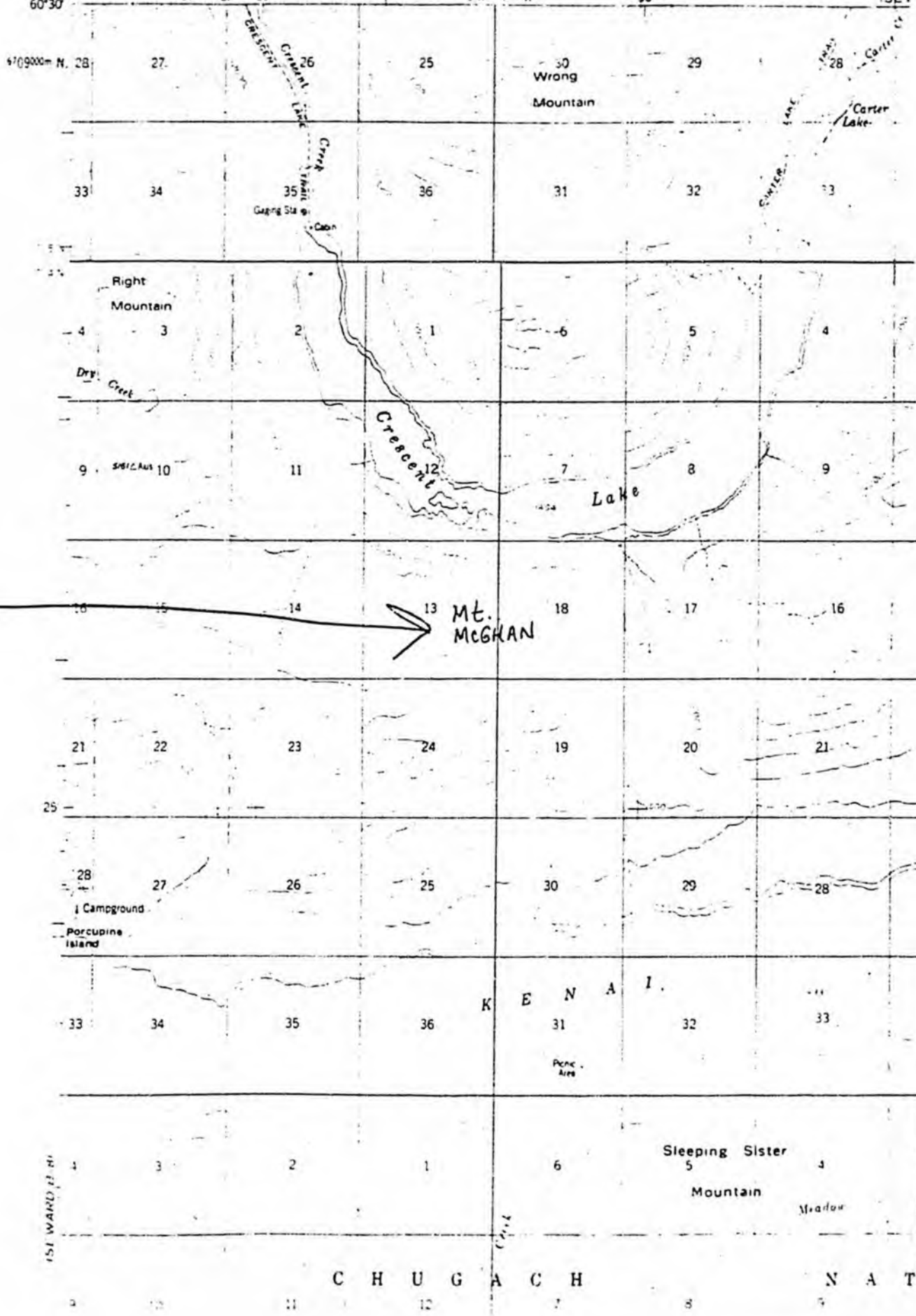
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POSED
FEATURE

MT.
MCGHAN

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Dear Mrs McEhan

This letter is in reference to your letter regarding Resolution 88-24. I agree wholeheartedly with you ... your husband was an old-timer Alaskan and deserves to be recognized. I will continue to support your efforts let me know how I can assist you.

Sincerely

Jack & Brown
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

HCR 32 - Requesting the State Geographic Board to name a mountain on the Kenai Peninsula after Bruce McGhan.

COMMITTEE PACKET CONTENTS

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- . Letters of support and sample of petition submitted to State Geographic Board



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MAYOR

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June 8, 1988

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Alaska State Geographic
Names Board
P.O. Box B
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Sirs:

On June 7, 1988, the Kenai Peninsula Borough approved a motion to forward a letter of non-objection to the naming of a mountain at Latitude 60°26'0" North; Longitude 149°33'30" East, Section 13, Township 4N, Range 2W, Seward Meridian located on the north shore of Kenai Lake and the south shore of Crescent Lake. The mountain is currently unnamed based on the section map - Seward B-7 quadrangle.

Debra A. McGhan has requested the mountain be named in memory of her deceased husband - Mt. McGhan.

If we may be of further assistance, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office, 262-4441 ext. 220/221.

Very truly yours,

Joanne Brindley, CMC
Kenai Peninsula Borough Clerk

February 1, 1988
Cooper Landing, Alaska
99572

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Planning Commission
Keven Fenner
144 North Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

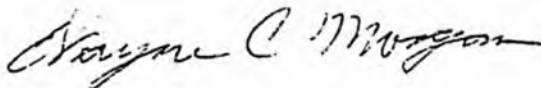
RE: Commemorative Geographic Name
Bruce McGhan (Mt. McGhan)

Dear Mr. Fenner:

The attached proposal was reviewed at the January 28, 1988 Cooper Landing Community Club meeting. The majority of those present approved the proposal to name the designated mountain Mt. McGhan.

There was considerable discussion regarding criteria for making such designation however and the consensus of opinion was that the State should establish and enforce more stringent requirements for designating place names in the future.

Sincerely,



Wayne Morgan, President
Cooper Landing Community Club
P O Box 508
Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572

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cc: Debra McGhan

November 1, 1987

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1. KAREN L. EVANS Box 1384 Kenai, AK 99611 Karen L Evans 11-3
2. JIMMY D. EVANS Box 1384 Kenai AK 99611 Jimmy D Evans 11-3-87
3. CAROLYN M. LEWIS Box 1117 SOLDOTNA, AK 99669 Carolyn M. Lewis 11-4-87
4. GEORGE W LEWIS Box 1117 SOLDOTNA, AK 99669 George W Lewis 11-5-87
5. HAZEL C. SMITH Box 124 Soldotna, AK 99669 Hazel C Smith 11-5-87
6. JACKIE R. MIZE HC 2 BOX 932, SOLDOTNA AK 99669 Jackie Mize 11-5-87
7. SARAH J JACKSON P.O. Box 1013 SOLDOTNA AK 99669 Sarah Jack 11-5-87
8. FRANK MIZE HC 2 BOX 932 SOLDOTNA, AK 99669 Frank Mize 11-5-87
9. GEOFFREY LONG, HC 2 Box 932 Soldotna, AK. 99669 Geoffrey Long 11-5-87
10. Mitzi Long Box 4133 Soldotna, AK 99669 Mitzi Long 11-6-87
11. CLARK F. LONG Box 4133 Soldotna, AK. 99669 Clark F Long 11-6-87
12. CLAUDIE L. COLE Box 1945 SOLDOTNA AK 99669 Claudie L Cole 11-8-87
13. Archie G Phelps Box 4572 Soldotna AK 99669 Archie Phelps 11-8-87
14. Joan Artz 394 W. Beluga Soldotna AK 99669 Joan Artz 11-8-87
15. LYNN ARTZ PO Box 4134 SOLDOTNA AK 99669 Lynn Artz 11-8-87
16. Robert M Gille 173 Trumpeter Ave. Soldotna AK. Robert M Gille 11-8-87
17. DARLENE B. COUCH 1136 WALNUT KENAI, AK. 99611 Darlene B Couch 11-9-87
18. ARTHUR L. COUCH 1136 Walnut Kenai, AK 99611 Arthur L Couch 11-9-87
19. DONNA M. BAILEY 5720 COPA ST. ANCHORAGE ALAS. 99518 Donna M Bailey 11-9-87
20. ED KOCH 6672 SOLDOTNA, ALASKA 99669 Ed Koch 11-9-87

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LOTIS L. LUVANT	4055 Lupine Kenai	LOTIS L. LUVANT
Gerald Bryant	4055 Lupine Kenai	Gerald Bryant
Elizabeth E. Warren	Box 116 KENAI	Elizabeth E. Warren
Wesley G. Warren	Box 116 KENAI	Wesley G. Warren
PAT POOTER	116 Deepwood KENAI	Pat Pooter
Tippie Kieckhefer	416 mc mullen, Kenai	Tippie Kieckhefer
Oliver T Halverson	Orange Landing AK	Oliver T Halverson
C C Blackmore	Box 1108 Kenai	CC Blackmore
LOUISA BARTLETT	284 Lidanson Cir, Soldotna, AK	Louisa Bartlett
PAUL R. BARTLETT	28 Lidanson Cir, Soldotna, AK	Paul R. Bartlett
CAROLINE KLEINFICK	P.O. Box 2722 KENAI, AK	Caroline Kleinfick
MARGARET BRIDWELL	1113 4th St. KENAI, AK	Margaret Bridwell
GENEVA SIPPERY	903-Cord. 41 B-4 Kenai	Geneva Sippery
Wilma C Huddleston	P.O. Box 3541 Kenai	Wilma C Huddleston
BERNICE SCHULTZ	235 Phillips Way - KENAI	Bernice Schultz
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Belle M. Richards	393 W. BERNING ^{SOLDOTNA}	Belle Richards
HELEN GWIN	P.O. Box 506 Cooper Landing	Helen Gwin
LEU ABBOTT	Box 4268 Soldotna AK	Leu Abbott
Mabel Richter	Box 834 Kenai AK	Mabel Richter
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CILEN SNYDER	Box 706 Cooper Landing	Cilen Snyder
MARGARET-SHERVANICK	903 Cook Kenai	Margaret Sherwanick
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Virginia A Poore	4300 Eagle Peak Dr, Kenai	Virginia A Poore
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Mariorie Pate	Box 218 Kenai.	Mariorie Pate
S.A. HART	RT1-Box 160 Kenai AK 99611	S.A. Hart
LAVERN McLEMORE	P.O. Box 475, Kenai, Ak.	Lavern McLeMore
F.M. McLEMORE	P.O. Box 475, Kenai, Ak.	F.M. McLeMore
Walter Luckman	1608 Salween Circle, Kenai, Ak.	Walter Luckman
Mollie Jackson	1408 Salween Cir, Kenai AK 996	Mollie Jackson
Lillian S. Frazer	1002 Crow Ct, Kenai	Lillian S. Frazer
DELINA BAKER	131 SHADY LANE	Delina Baker
Fredie R Melitt	402 Church - Soldotna	F R Melitt
David Spenn	1102 Church - Soldotna	David Spenn

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Lawrence R. Cooper	Cooper Landing AK	Lawrence R. Cooper
Elizabeth M. Smith	Cooper Landing AK	Elizabeth M. Smith
Bob Green	Cooper Landing AK	Bob Green
Bruce Smith	Cooper Landing AK	Bruce Smith
JOAN M PERRY	COOPER LANDING, AK.	Joan M. Perry
Mike Rogers	Cooper Landing AK	Michael Rogers
Nancy Charley	Cooper Landing	Nancy Charley
Arvid Anderson	Cooper Landing	Arvid Anderson
Thomas P. Warhus	Cooper Landing	THOMAS P. WARHUS
Linda Peterson	Cooper Landing	Linda Peterson
LINDA PETERSEN	Cooper Landing	Linda Peterson
Martha Hutton	Cooper Landing	Martha Hutton
Mark Hutton	Cooper Landing	Mark Hutton
BRUCE PETERSEN	Cooper Landing	Bruce Peterson

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Edward P. Martin Jr	P.O. Box 521 Populadine, AK	Edward P. Martin Jr
Dale F Stowers	P.O. Box 111341 Anchorage AK 99515	Dale F Stowers
Sandip Haulk	P.O. Box 4542 Soldotna	Sandip Haulk
Richard D. Lewis	359 W. Katmai Soldotna Ak	Richard D. Lewis
Candice Berger	8160 Country Wds Dr. Anch, AK 99502	Candice Berger
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Bill Bell	Box 519 Cooper Landing 99572	Bill Bell
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James O. Hopkins	P.O. Box 192 Seldovia, AK 99683	James O. Hopkins
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Dan. T. Edlund 4801 V. JO 345 7725 Anch AK 99511

Larry Pedrik P.O. Box 112268 Anch. AK. 99511 345-3715

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<i>Dolores Schwankl</i>	<i>Anchor #80, AK 3601 Lois Drive</i>	<i>Dolores Schwankl</i>
<i>Lorraine Keane</i>	<i>Anchor #44, AK 100 Bunnell #44</i>	<i>Lorraine Keane</i>
<i>Marg. Totter</i>	<i>260 Cranberry Ak</i>	<i>Margo Totter</i>
<i>Lois Osborne</i>	<i>1310 Grace Anchorage</i>	<i>Lois Osborne</i>
<i>Carol Guillory</i>	<i>1044 B. Jensen Ak, Anchorage</i>	<i>Carol Guillory</i>
<i>Frank Ken Park</i>	<i>2168 Crotchet Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99508</i>	
<i>Yvonne Cendrossi</i>	<i>8219 Sunde Dr, Anchorage, Alaska 99506</i>	<i>Yvonne Cendrossi</i>
<i>Georgia Johnson</i>	<i>P.O. B 90083 Anchorage AK 99509</i>	
<i>Jackie Wilson</i>	<i>P.O. B 7468, Nikiski 99635</i>	<i>Jackie Wilson</i>
<i>Weda Campbell</i>	<i>2700 Karluk Anchorage, AK 99805</i>	<i>Weda Campbell</i>
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JOHN DROZDOWSKI	<i>[Signature]</i>	4306 Baitk Cir, Anch, AK 995
JOHN E. ADAMSON	<i>[Signature]</i>	Po Box 670-863 Unigak AK 995
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JEROME A. JURY	<i>[Signature]</i>	13047 Ridge View Anch 995
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Chester L. Chiswick Jr	<i>[Signature]</i>	1453 Bartlett Dr Anch 995
S.J. SCHNEIDER	<i>[Signature]</i>	1720 Bartlett Dr Anch 995
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Virginia K. Martin	2480 Belmont Ave	Virginia K. Martin
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BARBARA V. ALLEN	1406 W. 13 TH ANCH	Barbara V. Allen
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Dea K. Linnell	2409 C St Anch AK 99501	Dea K. Linnell
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January 22, 1988

Alaska State Geographic Names Board
c/o The Department of Community & Regional Affairs
Pouch B
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Commemorative Name - Mt. McGhan, located north shore of Kenai Lake
and the south shore of Crescent Lake, Section 13,
Township 4N, Range 2W, Seward Meridian

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been made aware of a request that deserves my attention, as well as that of other interested persons. This request is support for the naming of Mt. McGhan on the Kenai Peninsula.

As a property owner and taxpayer in the Soldotna area, since 1963, I am tendering my total support for the naming of a mountain on the Kenai Peninsula in memory of Bruce McGhan. I would be proud to know that I had a part in the sponsorship of this naming in behalf of such an accomplished individual such as Mr. McGhan.

He was an outstanding, extraordinary individual that, anyone who had the opportunity to be acquainted with him would agree, I am sure. Most people do not meet such an individual in a lifetime. He was truly "one-of-a-kind".

Please enter my support in your growing files of concurrences from interested individuals.

Sincerely,

Robert Thompson

Robert (Roy) Thompson
Murray Lake Subdivision, Lots #1 and #2
Soldotna, Alaska

cc: Kevin Fenner, Planning Director
Kenai Peninsula Borough
144 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

✓ Debra McGhan
HC 31 Box 5268
Wasilla, Alaska 99687-9704

6237 Balfour Dr.
Lansing, MI 48911
December 30, 1987

Dear Debra,

Thank you for forwarding your petition through the request of Mary Brasie. We often get the news late, since our papers are mailed, and often have to rely on friends to do last minute chores by telephone.

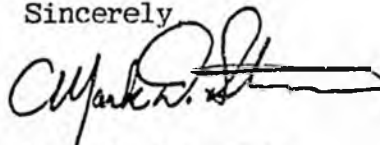
We remember Bruce well, and considered him a good friend. When we lived on Telequana Dr., Bruce was always there after the snows to plow us out. He helped bail us out when our septic system failed to meet DEC standards. He had a vitality and energy I have known few to match. I still remember all the work he did to fix up an old green Mercury for his brother, and all the work the car needed!

My wife and I had always hoped that Bruce would build our "dream" house when we return to Alaska next year. His death was a shock because men like him seem invincible and larger than life. Even though Barb and I have never met you, we feel that through Bruce and his praise of you, we are friends.

We are forwarding this petition and letter to some other friends for them to sign. Even if they never met Bruce, they would have known him as an Alaskan by the shadow that he cast.

May God bless your efforts and we shall remember you and your children in our prayers.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Osterman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark D. Osterman

Jan. 16, 1990

Sola,

Hi -

Here are some letters
I received as well as
10 pages of petitions. I
have approximately 160 of
these - not all completely
full - but a total of
1,236 signatures.

Thanks again for all your
hard work and help.

Debra McPhar

Dear Debra,

4/29/88

Just a short note to enclose this petition with the added names. Terry tells me that many of the church people were here to sign another one earlier. We do trust that these petitions will accomplish the desired result, and that unnamed mountain will soon bear the name of your husband, Bruce.

We have sent you our prayers and love in this time of your life. We do know that God is a loving father, and is faithful... This evening will change to morning and with it will come joy..

If you do not have a church home for yourself and your children we invite you to join with us. God loves you dearly.....

With all best wishes.

and love in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Saviour

— Lovingly,
Dorothy L. Rosecrance



Debra McGhan

He wasn't a politician

State rejects widow's plea to name mountain

By **SUSAN MORGAN HOWK**
Frontiersman staff
Mount McGhan.

Wasilla resident Debra McGhan had hoped by now that a mountain near Cooper Landing would bear that name in honor of her late husband. This month, however, she says she was told that Bruce McGhan just wasn't important enough to the state of Alaska to warrant naming a mountain after him.

Soon after Bruce, a life-long Alaskan, was killed in a construction accident Nov. 26, 1986, Debra realized she wanted a permanent reminder of her husband of 13 years.

Someone suggested naming a star for him, but she decided on one of the unnamed mountains on the Kenai Peninsula instead. "A star just seemed too far away," she says. "I wanted something more tangible."

Debra began plowing through all the required paperwork and regulations the state told her she needed.

She collected signatures on peti-

tions, talked about her dream with politicians in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and traveled with her two young children to meetings in the area. She never doubted that her husband was worthy of a mountain.

"Bruce lived and breathed Alaska. This was home," she says. "I just always saw him go out of his way to help the state as a private citizen."

Bruce and Debra married shortly after both graduated from Diamond High School in 1972. Bruce owned his own construction business in Wasilla. He was killed when the walls of a sewer ditch collapsed on him.

Debra says her husband was an adventurer and recalls the time they spent camping and hiking on "their mountain" fondly. "Just to be in the heart of that beautiful country was great," she says. "It was our favorite place."

After collecting 1,200 signatures of support, Debra's application to name Mount McGhan was finally approved by the Kenai

Borough last June.

She then packaged up all the information and supporting data and mailed it to the Commissioner of Regional Affairs in Juneau for final approval. A phone call from someone in the office in August told her the application looked "really good" and said approval would probably be just a formality.

On Feb. 9, however, she was told the state had refused her request.

"They said they didn't feel that Bruce had given the state of Alaska a substantial enough contribution," Debra says. "I said, 'What exactly are you looking for' and she said, 'Well, like somebody who held a political office or something.'"

Debra said Bruce made more than his share of contributions to Alaska. He designed a bear-proof trashcan still in use in state parks and took pride in installing sewer systems that wouldn't pollute the environment.

"His whole thing was, 'I'm going to be here forever and my

children are going to be here forever,' so he wanted to take care of the state," she says. "But they didn't think that was enough."

She admits to feeling bitter. "Do they think that somebody who puts on a white shirt and lobbies in Juneau makes more of a contribution than Bruce did?" she asks. "This is what Alaska is all about, we're the people who live here and work here."

Now, Debra says, she's beginning the appeal process. Juneau will need more supportive information and reasons to consider naming Mount McGhan.

Meanwhile, a bronze plaque, installed by Debra, marks the 4,730-foot-high mountain that her husband loved. After his death, Debra scattered his ashes over the peak and says she and the children can feel his presence when they visit.

"It's like when you get there, he's really there," Debra says. "It's so quiet, it's like being in the middle of a picture. It's like heaven and it feels like he's really happy there."