

I request that the Commission consider that Mt. Washington be renamed.


George Washington enslaved people. With the exception of Mt. Eisenhower, all of the presidential range peaks named after presidents are named after slave owners or those complicit in slavery.

Character aside, naming a mountain after a person is inappropriate.

Finding a new name or returning to a Native American name for Mt. Washington could be included as part of the Master Plan public input and deal with this issue in a fair and efficient way, before it is thrust upon the State.

One of George Washington's slaves, a young woman named Ona Judge, escaped to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Washington tried several times to kidnap her and force her back into slavery. He never freed her. She later married and settled in Portsmouth, then Greenland. Though she outlived Washington, she was considered the property of his heirs, until her death.

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Slavery and the Underground Railway in New Hampshire, Michelle Arnosky Sherburne

<https://www.whitehousehistory.org/slavery-in-the-presidents-neighborhood-faq>