

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**January 25, 2023**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Public Works and Highways to which  
was referred HB 213,**

**AN ACT renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount**

**Kosciuszko. Having considered the same, report the**

**same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it**

**is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. David Milz**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Public Works and Highways</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 213</b>
Title:	<b>renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko.</b>
Date:	<b>January 25, 2023</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Testimony revealed that renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko would take the involvement of the federal government due to its location in a national forest. Although the committee looked favorably on the intent of the bill, we felt that bringing back a house resolution in favor of renaming would make it easier for the sponsors to take the next necessary steps for federal approval.

Vote 17-0.

Rep. David Milz  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Works and Highways

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 213**

**BILL TITLE:** renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko.

**DATE:** January 25, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 201

**MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Milz

Seconded by Rep. Jack

Vote: 17-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep David Milz, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PW & H

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 213

BILL TITLE: ...  
DATE: 1/25/23  
LOB ROOM: 201

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_  
(if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. MILZ Seconded by Rep. JACK Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
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- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_  
(if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

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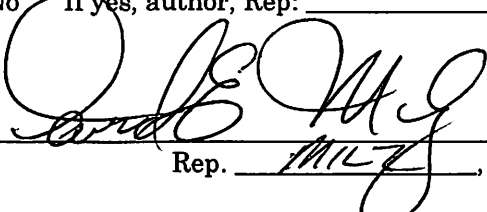
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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR:  YES  NO

Minority Report?  Yes  No If yes, author, Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted:   
Rep. MILZ, Clerk



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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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Report

2023 SESSION

Public Works and Highways

Bill #: HB213 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 1/25/23

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
McConkey, Mark E. Chairman	17		
Cloutier, John R. Vice Chairman	1		
Milz, David E. Clerk	2		
Fedolfi, Jim L.	.		—
Newton, Clifford A.	3		
Kaczynski, Thomas L.	4		
Beaudoin, Richard B	5		
Boyd, Bill	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Bogert, Steven T	8		
Connor, James	9		
Jack, Martin L.	10		
Abbott, Michael D.	11		
Edgar, Michael A.	12		
Faulkner, Barry	13		
Newman, Sue A.	14		
Eaton, Daniel A.			
Pedersen, Michael P.	15		—
Vallone, Mark A	16		
Juris, Louis C.			
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 213

**BILL TITLE:** renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko.

**DATE:** January 25, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 201 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:35 PM

**Time Adjourned:** 2:00 PM

**Committee Members:** Reps. Cloutier, Milz, Fedolfi, Newton, Kaczynski, R. Beaudoin, B. Boyd, Melvin, Bogert, Connor, Jack, Abbott, Edgar, Faulkner, S. Newman, Pedersen and Vallone

**Bill Sponsors:**

**Rep. Dutzy**

**Rep. Moffett**

**Rep. Ploszaj**

**TESTIMONY**

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**\*Rep. Michael Moffett - Bill Sponsor**

Grovetown High school graduate. Meuse mountain \_\_\_ in Coos  
People were logging and Mr. Meuse wondered why. This honored the whole family. HB213 honors  
Thaddeus K. 1776 arrived in US and served in continental army. Was a general. Supervised  
construction of West Point. This would greatly honor the Polish-American community. This would be  
similar to the new monument to General Lafayette. This can be phased in on maps. Federal  
coordination may be needed.

**\*Rep. Dutzy - Prime Sponsor**

Filed for a constituent. Recognized contribution to Civil was. Understands must go through Bureau  
of Geographic names. \_\_\_ Search and rescue opposes. Many Polish immigrants would be honored.

**\*Rep. Tom Ploszaj -Bill Sponsor -**

TK is world famous. Has other objects for him. He fought for the lower class. Has EMS background.  
Thinks the search and rescue issue is overblown.

**\*Daryl Drejza**

Presented written testimony.

**\*Zachary Drejza**

Presented written testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. David Milz, Clerk





# House Remote Testify

## Public Works and Highways Committee Testify List for Bill HB213 on 2023-01-25

Support: 1 Oppose: 9 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Larson, Steve	Merrimack, NH mmkoutdoors@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/18/2023 12:40 PM
Jesseman, Ralph	Milan, NH rpjess@msn.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/18/2023 5:56 PM
Morrison, Candace	Hebron, NH hikbikjo74@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/18/2023 8:09 PM
Kowal, Kristen	Chesterfield, NH Kleigh530@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/18/2023 8:53 PM
Parks, Melissa	Nashua, NH runcodirun@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/19/2023 10:26 AM
Watkins, Dan	Derry, NH dan.j.watkins@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/20/2023 5:27 PM
Berio, Simon	Holderness, NH quahog319@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/21/2023 12:46 PM
Holstein, Susanne	Bedford, NH srholstein@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/21/2023 2:04 PM
ploszaj, tom	Center Harbor, NH tom.ploszaj@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	1/25/2023 11:13 AM
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/25/2023 11:46 AM

Steve Larson

Keep the history of the White Mountains as it is! Too high a cost to change all the maps, guide books, signs, etc Will cause confusion for people needing to call for rescue when in a panic and with poor cell service. Be sure to reachout to Fish and Game, Forest Service, AMC, and SAR teams for their input

## Ralph Jesseman

I am very opposed to this bill. While the general was a revolutionary war hero, he truly had no connection to our state. I've found no information that he even visited our state. To rename a mountain is ok, I am not against that. But we should choose a name that has real bearing on our state, that people can find connection with. I'd rather name it Burton Mountain, after Ray Burton. He loved New Hampshire to the core, and cared about OUR state. I could care less about his politics, I cared about the man's commitment. I digress.... Without a true, verifiable connection to our state, I feel this is nothing more than someone finding something to do, or just getting "their own way" over others. To allow such a travesty is a dishonor to our state.... Period.

Candace Morrison

I looked at an online forum that indicated because one constituent wanted a name change this bill was submitted. As a lifelong NH resident I do not want the change to an obscure revolutionary war hero. I don't care that Australia or Washington has the same name for their mountains.

Kristen Kowal

Waste of time and money and not necessary. This guy is unheard of and definitely not to be thought of along the lines of Lafayette, Washington and Lincoln. Nothing wrong with current name and regardless of the decision will remain Haystack to all in the state who frequent the mountains.heard of

Melissa Parks

I oppose the renaming of Little Haystack to Kosciuszko because it's unnecessary. It creates a chance to cause confusion for hikers when interpreting an out of date map if the name changes. Additionally, if the name has to change I would suggest investigating what the Abenaki name that the mountain originally had was and instituting that as it's new name.

Simon Berrio

Can we please stop randomly renaming things? Barring that, could we at least pick a name that isn't already in use as Australia's tallest mountain?

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/mount-kosciuszko>

tom ploszaj

@page { margin: 0.79in }p { margin-bottom: 0.1in; line-height: 115% }a:link { so-language: zxx }January 25, 2023Rep. Tom PloszajBelknap 1 - Center Harbor New HamptonWritten Testimony HB213

Title: renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko.

Co-sponsor Rep. Tom PloszajPro- Support

Dear NH House Public Works and Highway Committee, Thank you for taking my written testimony. I am in support of the proposed HB 213 renaming of Little Haystack Mountain, a mountain in the Franconia Range of the White Mountain National Forest, to Mount Kosciuszko.

Tadeusz Kosciuszko was more than just an American Revolutionary War general who led and fought in the Continental Army. He also served and fought for national freedoms, in support of a Polish Constitution and social reforms and against Russian and Prussian control.

Kosciuszko refused to align with Napoleon and Russian Alexander I when they refused his demands for support of Polish sovereignty and social reforms.

Tadeusz Kosciuszko, known for his beliefs and fighting for freedom and liberty, is not only honored in the United States and Poland but across the world where Australia's tallest mountain is Mount Kosciuszko.

I respectfully request that this committee would continue New Hampshire's tradition of recognizing honorable persons who fought for social justice and liberty with a decision to recommend HB213 be passed to the NH House for debate to consider including a peak in the Franconia Range, alongside Mt. Lafayette, Mt. Lincoln, and Mt. Liberty in honor of Tadeusz Kosciuszko.



## HB 213

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CO-SPONSOR

**Little Haystack Testimony – Rep. Mike Moffett**

**Thank you, Mr. Chair.**

**So I'm originally from Coos County. NH's true North Country. Groveton High School grad. One of my classmate's father was a conservation officer, Arthur Muise. When Mr. Muise retired, a mountain in northern Coos County was named after him. You can find Muise Mountain on a map today.**

**When Mr. Muise retired, they had a testimonial for him. When he spoke at this testimonial he thanked all concerned for naming a mountain after him. He then said he'd earlier driven by the mountain with his kids to show them the mountain that now bore his family's name.**

**But he had one concern about the process. He shared that when they drove by Muise mountain they noticed some significant logging and lumbering operations happening on one of the mountain's slopes. He then posed a question that drew much laughter at the testimonial.**

**He asked: "Why are all these people cutting trees down on my mountain without my permission?"**

**Mr. Muise indeed had a sense of humor.**

**But significantly, the mountain was named Muise Mountain. Not Arthur Muise Mountain. It was a way to honor the entire Muise family. Arthur's parents then lived in Bristol.**

**His dad was a World War I hero who did some amazing things in the trenches and in no-mans land during the Great War when he was in the Canadian Army. In fact, he was awarded the Victoria Cross – Britain’s highest award for valor. He was given the Medal by the King of England in a special ceremony. So Muise Mountain was a way to honor the whole family. Indeed, that I’m speaking of the Muise family here in Concord in 2023 speaks to the intent of renaming the mountain. To honor ~~the memory~~ of special people.**

**Which brings us to HB213 and renaming Little Haystack Mountain as Mt. Kosciuszko. The intent is to honor another hero: Tadeusz Kosciuszko. He was a Polish engineer, statesman, and military leader who became a hero in Belarus, France, Lithuania, Poland and the United States. He came to America in 1776 and provided invaluable service to George Washington and our Continental Army. A military architect, he designed and oversaw the construction of numerous state-of-the-art fortifications, to include those at West Point. The Continental Congress rewarded him by promoting him to general in 1783.**

**So renaming Little Haystack as Mt. Kosciuszko is a wonderful way to honor a wonderful Revolutionary War hero. But it’s more than that. As Muise Mountain honors the whole Muise family, Mt. Kosciuszko would also honor our greater Polish-American Community. Like the Honorable Paul Mirski of Grafton County, who served many terms in this body. I’m a history guy and support measures like this that help us remember and honor our heritage and heroes from long ago.**

**Out in front of our State House, not far from the statue of Daniel Webster, there is a monument honoring the Marquis de Lafayette, who came here from France to fight in our Revolutionary War.**

Lafayette was perhaps George Washington's favorite general. And remarkably, in case you didn't know, the Marquis, General Lafayette, once address the NH Legislators in the very chamber that we'll be sitting in next Thursday. That's why his monument stands in front of the State House. *And of course there is a Mt Lafayette*

Some say we should keep Little Haystack as a name because its easier to say than Mt. Kosciuszko. In case someone had to make a 911 call from up there.

Really?

Is Kosciuszko that much harder to say than some of the Indigenous Native American Indian names we find throughout NH? Like Monadnock? Pemigewasset? Kancamagus? Moosilaukee?

~~Others~~ *Others* say renaming a mountain could entail significant expense.

Really?

We just need to change the name on some future aps and maps. A simple transition. We don't have to roll the presses and reprint every existing map or book or sign today.

And finally, we're not taking anyone else's name down in this process. The mountain was named for a Haystack! Not Christopher Columbus!

Yes, there may need to be some coordination with the feds and the Department of the Interior. There are processes. But if we can put a man on the moon we can put Kosciuszko's name on this mountain, *starting with*

So I hope this committee will approve and honor a great hero, our American history, and the Polish-American community by moving this measure forward. I'd be happy to take any questions.

Stanley  
Kolodnicki  
Protective Services

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## **The Case for Mount Kosciuszko (The Koz Kause)**

**Thank you for your consideration of this proposal regarding our White Mountains, Franconia Notch, and one of the most popular hikes in New Hampshire.**

**Forming the east side of Franconia Notch is the Franconia Ridge, which is sometimes hiked by nearly a thousand people a day. The peaks that make up the ridge are Mount Lafayette, Mount Lincoln, Mount Liberty and... Little Haystack!? Three great names and one that clearly doesn't fit. There is a figure in American history, however, who fits perfectly with all of them. This person, like Lafayette, was instrumental in our victory in the Revolutionary War, opposed slavery as much as Lincoln, and was famously described by Thomas Jefferson as "the purest son of Liberty I've ever known." This person is Tadesz Kosciuszko, hero of the American Revolution, specifically the important Saratoga victory that turned the tide in the war. He was a gifted military engineer and architect who came to America from his home country of Poland solely because of how strongly he felt about our fight for independence. A Mount Kosciuszko amongst Mount Lafayette, Mount Lincoln, and Mount Liberty is a perfect fit for this important part of our state.**

**Kosciuszko has connections to New Hampshire. He fought with several New Hampshire regiments and militias during the Saratoga campaign, stopping General Burgoyne's army in their advance south from Lake Champlain. His other connection to New Hampshire is our beloved state motto "Live Free or Die." There are not many people who lived this phrase more than Kosciuszko. He fought for freedom in not one, but two countries, America and his home country of Poland as well, and nearly died in both. He was furthermore a lifelong advocate for individual freedoms, being so strongly opposed to slavery that he wrote a will dedicating all the money he'd earned fighting in our Revolution to freeing and educating as many American slaves as possible. It's a story that's not known nearly enough. New Hampshire, the "Live Free or Die" state, here has a perfect opportunity.**

**Support for this idea is growing, but it can obviously never have enough. If at all interested and have questions, we'd love to explain more and talk about what we can do to make history.**

**Thanks again,**

**Zach Drejza (603)459-4253 ([zachdrejza@yahoo.com](mailto:zachdrejza@yahoo.com))**

**Daryl Drejza (603)438-5000**



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mark mcconkey <mrkmcconkey@gmail.com>

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## Little Haystack Mountain research

2 messages

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**Kristi Ausfresser** <kristi.ausfresser@leg.state.nh.us>  
To: Mark McConkey <mrkmcconkey@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 13, 2023 at 3:53 PM

Hi Representative McConkey,

I researched what land Little Haystack Mountain is on.

I called Franconia Notch State Park 603.823.8800 and White Mountain National Forest 603.536.6100

I found a boundary map from [National Forest System Land Units \(Map Service\) | ArcGIS Hub](#) (This map opens to the state of Wyoming, so you'll have to move over to New Hampshire and then zoom in)

Attached is a zoomed in map from this website. One version is the map as is, and one version I annotated. My annotations show - between the yellow lines is a corridor along I-93 which is Franconia Notch State Park and on the outsides from the blue lines over is White Mountain National Forest, which includes Little Haystack Mountain.

This map shows Little Haystack Mountain is on National Forest land.

Please let me know if you have questions.

**Kristi Ausfresser**

Committee Researcher

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**2 attachments**



**little haystack boundary map annotated.JPG**  
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**little haystack boundary map.JPG**  
127K

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To: Kristi Ausfresser <[kristi.ausfresser@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:kristi.ausfresser@leg.state.nh.us)>

Fri, Jan 13, 2023 at 6:55 PM

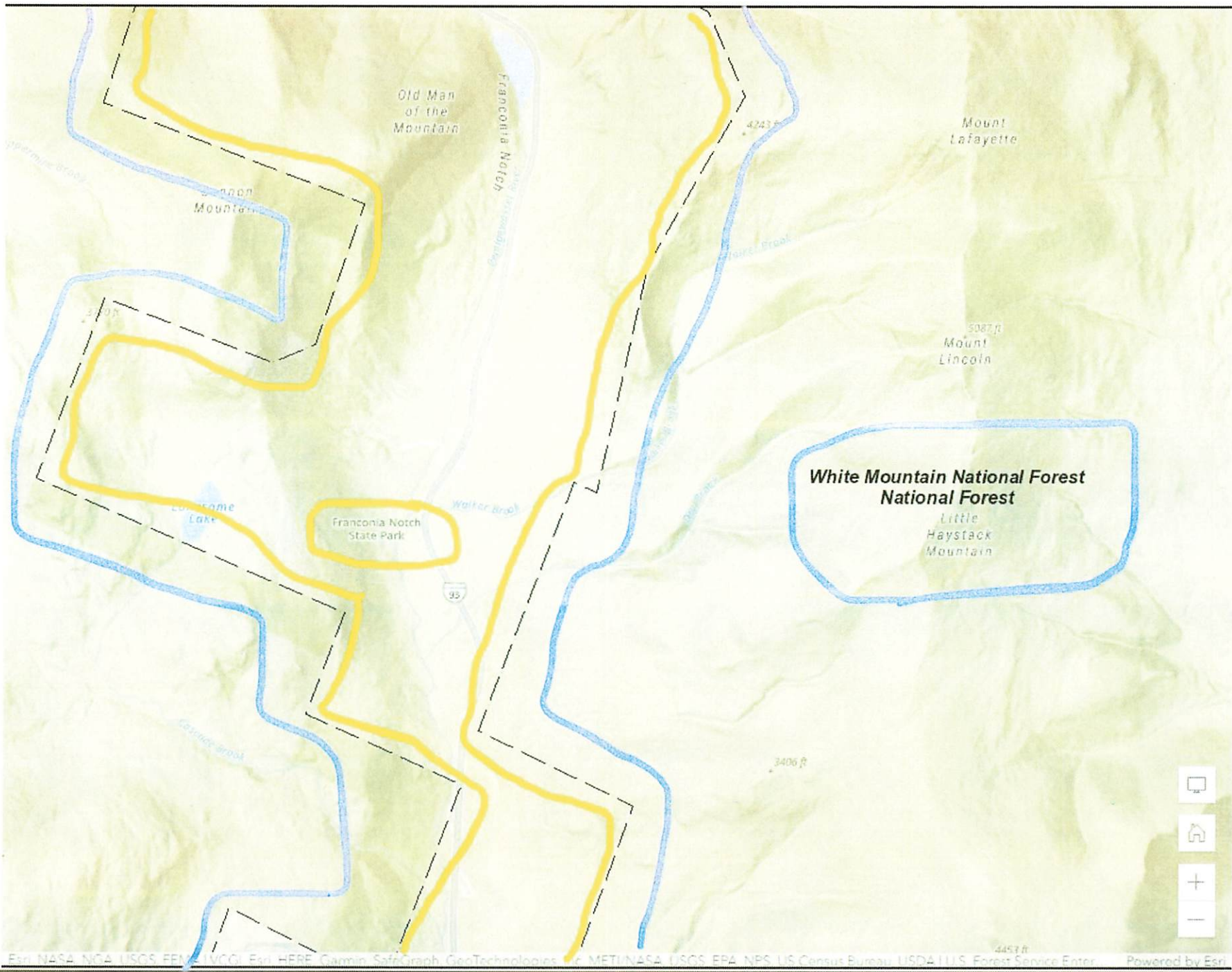
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**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 3:53:05 PM  
**To:** Mark McConkey <[mrkmconkey@gmail.com](mailto:mrkmconkey@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Little Haystack Mountain research

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HB 213 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0302

08/05

HOUSE BILL            **213**

AN ACT                renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Dutzy, Hills. 6; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Ploszaj, Belk. 1

COMMITTEE:          Public Works and Highways

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ANALYSIS

This bill renames Little Haystack Mountain as Mount Kosciuszko.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT                   renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 Renaming Little Haystack Mountain. The mountain in the Franconia Range of the White  
2 Mountains known as Little Haystack Mountain in Grafton County shall be renamed as Mount  
3 Kosciuszko.

4           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.