



PIKE NEWS



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OUR ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2022 10AM

The Pike National Historic Trail Association annual meeting will be held virtually. Please make Linda Balough know that you wish to attend and she will email the phone number and password. Email her to gain entry at: linda.balough@gmail.com. Board members will automatically receive the pass information and entry code.

This we trust will be a year when the Pike National Historic Trail will be moving closer to national designation.

FEASIBILITY STUDY TEAM REPORT-

Jill Jenson, National Park Service [Archaeologist & Lead Planner] & Feasibility Study Team Lead Manager, converses with Linda Balough and Harv Hisgen monthly. Here is where the Pike Feasibility Study is currently.

The NPS FS team's draft report has been prepared and sent to various federal agencies for review and recommendations. The Team, once this has been completed, will act on the recommendations including their final report to Congress.

Nestled in the Team's timeline is a second round of public meetings prior to final completion of the Team's report. This may or may not be a recommendation. At this time it is uncertain whether additional public meetings will be required.

Here is current communication from Jill- "We are still waiting on a date for internal review of Chapters 1-3, the remaining chapters will be completed after we get feedback from the Washington office. We will send the draft out to the public (land managers, other interested parties, etc) all at the same time. Typically we give everyone 30 days to look it over and give us any feedback. Right now, guessing from the workload and response rate from the Washington folks, I would estimate we'd have a draft out to the public late summer/early fall. I'm still holding out a little hope that it will be sooner, keeping things lined up on this end just in case we get bumped to the front of the line."

ASSOCIATION VISION AND MISSIONS-

Our **Vision** is **TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PIKE AND CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

The Association's **Missions** include: To

- A) Gain designation of the Pike National Historic Trail as a National Historic Trail.
- B) Educate the public about General Zebulon Montgomery Pike and his legacy.

Both of these missions consumes most of our time.

We believe that the designation effort will be successful as the NPS Report and recommendations will be presented to Congress and House/Senate companion bills will be introduced at the end of the year.

We are collecting support for designation signatures which will be sent to Senators and Representatives showing the wide spread support for designation and requesting their co-sponsorship.

15,000 emails were sent to Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas **educators** during February announcing our a) Pike Contest, b) making educational resources available and c) requesting support signatures.

ASSOCIATION VISION AND MISSIONS- CONTINUED

Here are some links used:

<https://www.zebulonpike.org/education/educational-resources-for-teachers/>

<https://www.zebulonpike.org/designation-support/>

We think you will be impressed.

SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION

It is crucial for our success that you add your support for designation. How?

Go to: <https://www.zebulonpike.org/designation-support/> and create your e-signature using your mouse. IT IS EASY. This is what the form looks like——

Name *(Required)*

First

Last

Zip Code *(Required)*

Let us know why you support designation... *(Required)*

Educational

Economic

Historical/Heritage

Preservation

Recreational

The Right Thing To Do

SELECT ALL

Your Signature (Use finger or mouse) *(Required)*



**Please support our Effort
Sign the Support Document online.**

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

We created extensive resources for educators AND PARENTS. This effort is meant for everyone- Families, Children, Foreign travelers—— THE PUBLIC.

On Site Resources

- Zebulon Pike Bibliography
- Pike Coloring Book for Kids of All Ages
- Zebulon Pike and the Blue Mountain DVD

Off Site Resources

- 8 Web links for learning about Pike
- Zebulon Pike Bibliography - Compiled is a list of over 40 works.
- Zebulon Pike Curriculum Guide

Any person should Check This Out especially home schoolers.

<https://www.puebloriverwalk.org/about-us/the-pike-guide/>

In 2005 the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo [Colorado] {HARP} produced the Pike Curriculum Guide. Our good friend and Pike Bicentennial Committee member Margo Hatton-Wolf wrote the text, Bob Pratt of Westcliffe [designer of our roadside panels] designed the Guide and Clive Siegle was the consultant.



Social Studies Science Math Reading/Writing Physical Education

Section 1 – Jefferson and The American West in 1806 (historical context)

Section 2 – The Journey Begins (western exploration)

Section 3 – Pike and Family (examines Pike's life and family)

Section 4 - Pike's Colorado (looks at who was present in Colorado when Pike came here)

Section 5 - feel and experience Pike Plaza at the Boettcher Outdoor Education Classroom on the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo

CHANGING NAMES

Reportedly there are some who wish to change the names of the 14ers Longs Peak, Mt. Evans and Pikes Peak.

Regarding Pikes Peak, one person has said, "He really had nothing to do with the mountain. It's not like he discovered it or anything. It's kind of funny it was named after him in the first place," Oh really?

Pike was the first American official to DISCOVER his Grand Mountain from Las Animas on November 15, 1806 at 2pm and attempted to climb it with three others.

It depends on your perspective- doesn't it? And at what time you wish to refer to.

Now? 1806? Pioneer times? Spanish era? indigenous Southern Ute? or their ancestor- the Anaciz?

The Spanish called the mountain El Capitan. Thousands of pioneers headed to "Pikes Peak or bust."

Today's Southern Ute refer to Pikes Peak as Tava Mountain, the Ute name for 'Mountain of the Sun'. It's pronounced TUH-VAH. Their ancestors and the Anasazi [200bc-1500ad] referred to this mountain using other names.

If the point of this suggested change is the honor the language and culture of indigenous people— It would be more appropriate to use the Anasazi name for "Grand Mountain".

We are reminded that: Mount McKinley, the highest mountain in North America in Alaska is officially Denali.

Bandelier National Monument near Los Alamos in Sandoval and Los Alamos counties, New Mexico may be next. President Woodrow Wilson as a national monument on February 11, 1916, and named for Adolph Bandelier, a Swiss-American anthropologist.

KIA STINGER SCORPION EDITION (G2) VEHICLES FOR GENERAL ZEBULON PIKE



On January 09, 2022 KIA introduced their KIA stinger scorpion edition (G2 vehicles). Their advertising features Kia cars are driving fast along Pikes Peak Highway, while the car maker talks about how the mountain was named in honor of General Zebulon Pike, who was actually unable to reach the top. Kia implies that the General would have been able to made his way up to the peak with one of its GT vehicles. The cars are suddenly blocked by sheep and Kia says that the drive is dedicated to Zebulon as they power up and scare the animals off, underway to reach the top.

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***Our Purpose:** To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail*

We are a Charitable nonprofit organization

Our website is www.zebulonpike.org

“Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country.” -Thomas Jefferson

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