

McLane Peak, Pershing County

Alvin R. McLane (1934–2006)

Nevada Peak Named in Commemoration of Alvin R. McLane

On February 11, 2016, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names honored Alvin Ray McLane by approving the name "McLane Peak" for a previously unnamed peak in the Nightingale Mountains, 52 mi. NE of Reno overlooking Winnemucca Lake; Sec 2, T26N, R24E, Mount Diablo Meridian, on the Tohakum Peak NE 7.5-minute quadrangle. The official description of McLane Peak is on the U.S. Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) website. This peak was chosen as the prominence of this unnamed peak seemed suitable for honoring Alvin. The location of the peak is also in close proximity to Winnemucca Lake and many historical sites that Alvin surveyed. Along with all of Nevada, Alvin was fond of the Winnemucca Lake area. Alvin's brother, Don McLane endorsed this name proposal.

(more bio coming soon)



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February 17, 2016

Mr. Jack Hursh
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Dear Mr. Hursh and Ms. Stock:

We are pleased to inform you that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, at its February 11, 2016 meeting, approved your proposal to apply the new commemorative name McLane Peak to a summit in Pershing County.

The name has been entered into the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is available and searchable online at <http://geonames.usgs.gov>. The entry reads as follows:

McLane Peak: summit; elevation 6,474 ft.; located on Bureau of Land Management land in the Nightingale Mountains, 52 mi. NE of Reno overlooking Winnemucca Lake; the name honors Alvin McLane (1934-2006), Nevada outdoorsman and expert on State archaeology and mountain ranges; Pershing County, Nevada; Sec. 2, T26N, R24E, Mount Diablo Meridian; 40°09'13"N, 119°15'34"W; USGS map – Tohakum Peak SE 1:24,000.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Yost".

Lou Yost
Executive Secretary
U.S. Board on Geographic Names

This naming proposal was submitted by Charlotte Stock (Sales Manager, NBMG) and Jack Hursh (Cartographer, NBMG) to the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names and was approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names on February 17, 2016 (letter above). The official listing can be viewed on the USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=136:2:0::NO:RP::>

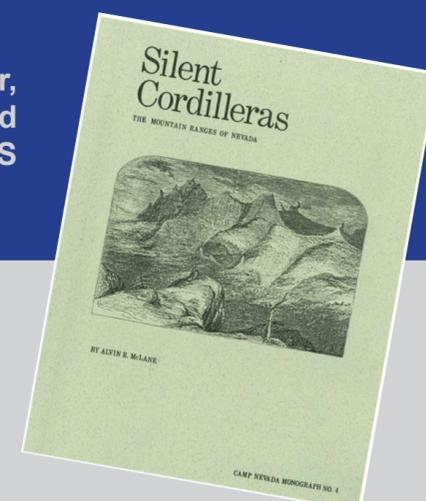
A few publications (among others) authored by Alvin R. McLane:

Silent Cordilleras, The Mountain Ranges of Nevada

Pyramid Lake: A Bibliography

A Bibliography of Nevada Caves

An Annotated Petroglyph and Pictograph Bibliography of Nevada and the Great Basin





View of McLane Peak and the northern Nightingale Mountains from the north end of Winnemucca Lake. *Photo by Jack Hursh, 2013*



View from near the top of McLane Peak. The hiker, Cheryll Glotfelty, is standing on the top of McLane Peak. The north end of Winnemucca Lake is visible with the north end of the Lake Range in the distance. *Photo by Jack Hursh, 2015*