

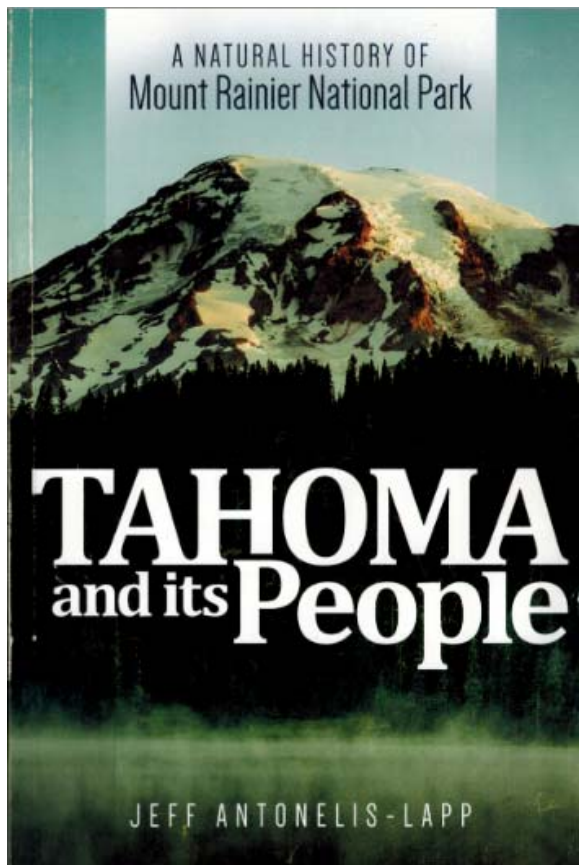
From: Gerald Elfendahl
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Subject: Best book on Mount Rainier!

Dear Friends of Tahoma,

Belay on!

Time to get on Tahoma again!
Not just Little Tahoma, The -- whole magnificent -- *Mountain!*

Here's the cover of the best and most comprehensive book
we've seen in years about Tahoma, -- it's loaded.



We are long overdue to have the National Geographic Name Board
respect the indigenous name of The Mountain much as was done for Denali!

We have called The Mountain here "Rainier" for so long, -- too long --
for a British admiral who fought the U.S. in war,
who never smelled the salt air, seaweed-scented breezes
or heard the waves and seabird cries of the Salish Sea,
or breathed the sweet evergreen forested forests.

Or did *The* Mountain's name descend as overcast skies
upon people thinking we are rainier than most places
when actually it rains less here than most. It is cloudier.
Nature's maritime quilt helps keep us warm in winter.
Of the name "Rainier", some only wonder, "Which came first?
The SE Seattle Avenue, the PNW beer or a baseball team?.

We recently heard environmental educator and author,
Jeff Antonelis-Lapp speak on "Tahoma's Biggest Secrets",
a Zoom broadcast sponsored by Huxley College of the Environment
and WWU Alumni.

The comprehensiveness of Antonelis-Lapp's labor of love
is astounding.

Jeff Antonelis-Lapp, author is an Emeritus Faculty at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. After graduating from Huxley College (B.S. Environmental Education, 1978), Jeff worked two summers at Mount Rainier National Park, igniting a connection to the mountain that endures today. He has summited, hiked all of its mapped trails, and completed the 93-mile Wonderland Trail five times.

Jeff began writing *Tahoma and Its People* after being unable to find a current natural history for a course he planned to teach at TESC in Olympia. He conducted over 250 days of fieldwork for the book, many in the company of park archeologists, biologists, and geologists.

While at Evergreen, he taught Native American Studies, natural history, environmental education and served as Library Dean before retiring in 2015.

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