

Weiss, Rachel

From: Kolman, Joe
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 3:38 PM
To: 'Steve.White@gallatin.mt.gov'
Cc: Weiss, Rachel
Subject: FW: District Map comment
Attachments: BZN Boundary.pdf

Commissioner White,

Thanks for the note. We will forward your comments and map to the commissioners.

Their next meeting is November 15th.

<http://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2011-2012/Districting/Agenda/2305RWXB-november-15-2012-hearing.pdf>

Hope you are well.

Joe

From: White, Steve [mailto:Steve.White@gallatin.mt.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 3:34 PM
To: Kolman, Joe
Subject: District Map comment

Hi Joe,

I have attached a pdf that relates to a small area SW of Bozeman. The possible district lines actually relate not only to the House district that I reside in, but mostly to the commissioner district that I serve in.

Figure 1 shows the present County Commissioner district line along Cottonwood Road. Figure 2 shows how the House district line being proposed moves to the West to Gooch Hill Road. The current problem is that I live on the East side of Gooch Hill Road, and our House district is presently HD70. When the Clerk & Recorder begins to deal with redesigning the Commission districts, it is usually done along HD boundaries. The current boundary is Cottonwood (to the East of my house). Moving the HD line 1 mile West could become a problem since it would result in a Commission boundary not lining up with a HD boundary.

One other personal point is that the folks in that section of area are typically more connected to the West, rather than Bozeman.

I am writing to ask that you study this small area and consider moving the boundary 1 mile East to Cottonwood Road. This does not relate to many people, thus the population considerations should not be great .

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Steve

Submitted by Steve White, Bozeman

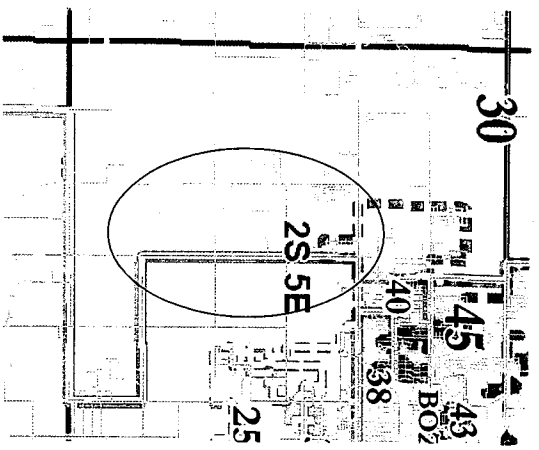


Figure 1
Commissioner Districts

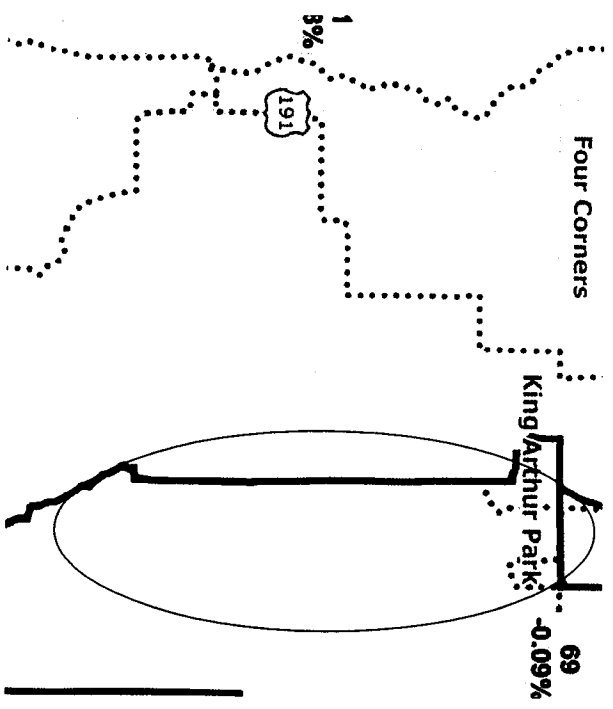


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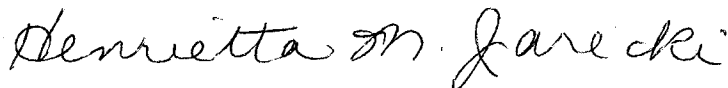
28517 Rocky Point Road
Polson, MT 59860
November 5, 2012

Redistricting Commission
P. O. Box 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706

I am writing in support of creating a Senate district in Lake County that is made up of the two Lake County House Districts. This is the arrangement we have now, and it works well. We have two representatives and one senator representing the people of Lake County. I ask that no changes be made as this provides our Lake County schools, cities, and county to have a unified voice in the state legislature.

Lake County: One House district for north Lake County, one House district for south Lake County, and one Senate district covering both House districts. YES!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henrietta M. Jarecki".

Henrietta M. Jarecki

Weiss, Rachel

From: Kathy Swanson <kswansonhd86@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 9:45 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Comments on districting map

To Chairman Regnier and members of the Commission:

I am sending this e-mail to express my support of retaining the two House Seats, (Deer Lodge and Powell Counties) and also the one Senate Seat that represents the entire district of Deer Lodge, Powell, and Granite Counties.

I have lived, and served in this district, and feel it represents the voters and residents of this area fairly. Your consideration to this will be appreciated. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Commission for all the time, hard work and effort you have put into this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Representative Kathy Swanson
House District #86

PHILLIPS COUNTY

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PO BOX 360, MALTA, MONTANA 59538

November 5, 2012

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
Box 201706
Helena MT 59620

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commission Members,

Enclosed are petitions signed by people who would like to see the town of Malta stay within the present district 35 or moved north in Tentative Plan district 33 to keep the community of interest intact. We would prefer the Criteria Plan that puts Malta in district 29 or the north district.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

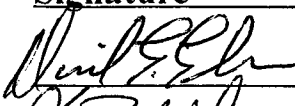
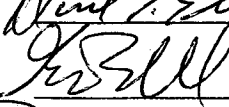
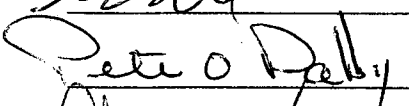
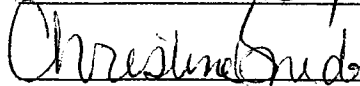
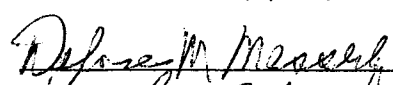
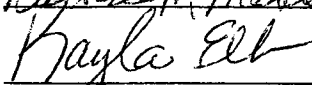
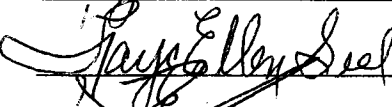

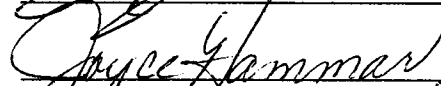
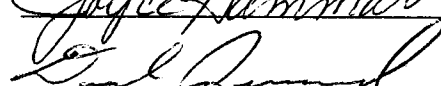
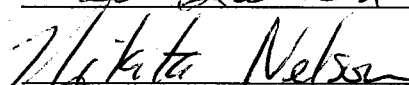
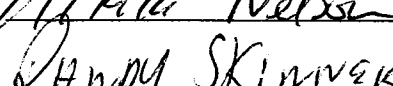
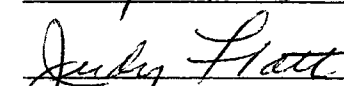
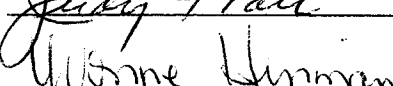
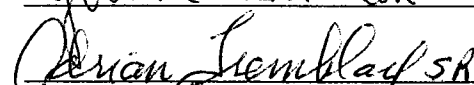
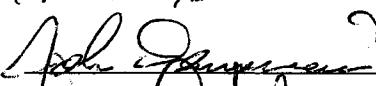


Troy Blunt, Chairman

Richard Dunbar, Member

Lesley Robinson, Member

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission

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	Nikita Nelson	Box 586 Malta Mt. 59538.
	RANDY SKINNER	Box 1395 MALTA MT.
Judy Flatt		
	Judy Flatt	Box 661 - Malta, MT.
	Y. Hinman	PO 220 Malta MT
	Adrian Tremblay SR	PO box 1148 MALTA MT
	John Demarais	P.O. 31 Malta MT
	Crystal Adams	P.O. Box 1518
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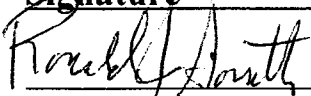
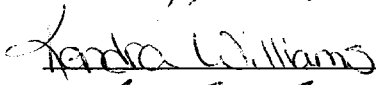

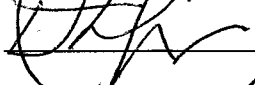

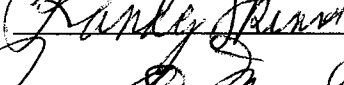

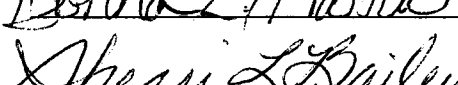
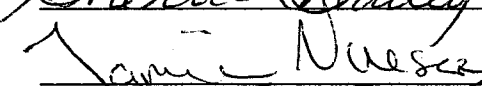
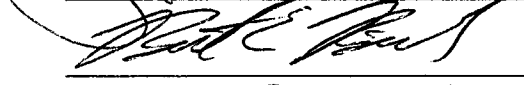

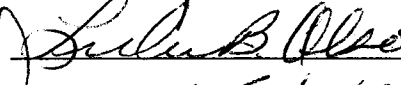
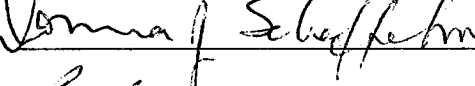
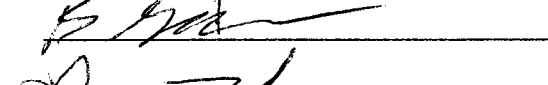


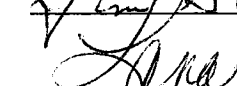
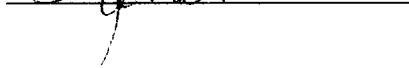

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Paul Hester	Hester	Bx 543, "
Jay Southwick	Southwick	Box 614 MALTA
Gregory Grabofsky	GRABOFSKY	Box 100 MALTA
Janet Williamson	WILLIAMSON	Box 442 MALTA
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Beverly Waters	Waters	PO Box 72 Malta
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Saula Morrison	Morrison	21588 Lovejoy Rd Loving, MT
Richard Dunbar	Dunbar	Wh. Dunbar MT 59544
Beverly Ottinger	OTTINGER	Malta
Tom Watson		Malta
Roger Solberg	SOLBERG	P.O. Box 1093 MALTA



CITY OF BILLINGS

THOMAS W. HANEL, MAYOR

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November 13, 2012

Commissioner Jim Regnier, Presiding Officer
Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
PO Box 201706
Helena, Montana 59620-1706

Dear Chairman Regnier and Commission Members:

The City of Billings is submitting comments on the Commission's tentative House District plan and your upcoming consideration of Senate pairings. This correspondence was approved by the Billings City Council.

The tentative House District plan is not what we hoped to see for Billings and Yellowstone County. As you know, we submitted a plan that was endorsed by several private and public agencies, including Yellowstone County, Billings and Laurel. It focused on the county's and this city's genuine communities of interest, which were explained in correspondence that you received in December, 2011 and in testimony at no less than three public hearings.

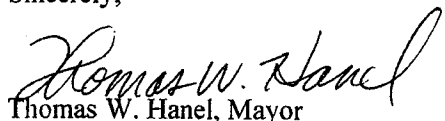
The Senate District plan is almost as important to us as the House District plan. You may remember that it is Senate District 22, which stretches from south Billings to Miles City that catalyzed our participation in the districting process. We hope that you will avoid again creating that type of Senate District. This is especially important to us because we believe, based on your tentative House District plan, that all but House Districts 38 and 46 may be combined to create seven (7) Senate Districts that are wholly within the borders of Yellowstone County. Districts 38 and 46 are almost entirely rural in nature and combining them would make a large Senate District, but no larger than many of the other prospective eastern Montana districts. There is also a small portion of the Crow Reservation in Yellowstone County that is assigned to District 42 and we understand that it will probably be paired with District 41 to create a Senate District. We have examined the House Districts in the remainder of eastern Montana and believe that the Yellowstone County pairings coordinate well with surrounding counties, so there should be no barriers to granting our request. House District pairing could be as follows:

47 + 53	48 + 54
49 + 51	50 + 52
55 + 56	57 + 60
61 + 62	

There may be other preferred pairings, but we request that they result in seven (7) Senate Districts within Yellowstone County.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about the City's request.

Sincerely,


Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

Billings Pride
City-wide

Weiss, Rachel

From: Deborah Hanson <hans_deb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 4:56 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Priority Senate Pairings

Dear Commissioners,

We will not be able to attend the hearing in Helena on Thursday, Nov. 15.

We strongly support pairing Miles City with Forsyth, Colstrip and Huntley (HD 38 & HD 39).

Miles City is a trade and commercial hub for Forsyth and Colstrip and much of the rural community along the Yellowstone River. Our interests are intertwined. And, Huntley, has been included with Forsyth and Colstrip in the present house districts.

We believe that this Senate District would also present a more balanced opportunity to each political party in an area where most of the districts are not competitive.

Sincerely,

Terry and Deborah Hanson
PO Box 578
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406 232 3074

Weiss, Rachel

From: Greg Corr <whledger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2012 1:07 PM
To: Redistricting

Below is a front-page story the Whitehall Ledger ran on Oct. 31, 2012. I'm hopeful it will help redistricting commissioners decide how to pair Jefferson County. Greg Corr, Whitehall Ledger Publisher

During Senate redistricting meeting
Meeting-goers prefer joining with Madison or Broadwater
By GREG CORR
Ledger Publisher

About a dozen local residents attended last Thursday night's Senate redistricting meeting at the Whitehall Community Center, and those in attendance supported pairing the Jefferson County House district with the Madison House district; and if that wasn't possible, with the Broadwater County House district.

The proposed House district, or House District 75, which would replace the current House District 77, encompasses most of Jefferson County, including the town of Whitehall. Cardwell, however, would be in Madison's House district. With the exception of Whitehall, Interstate 90 would serve as the southern boundary of new House District 75.

Since the southern boundary of Jefferson County is the Jefferson River south of Whitehall, a number of audience members Thursday night thought Madison's House district would be the best district to pair with Jefferson's district.

But in all likelihood, Madison will pair with Beaverhead County's House district; so Jefferson and Broadwater may be the most logical choice.

Jefferson County Commission Chair Leonard Wortman presided over Thursday night's gathering and called it a great turnout since the Oct. 23 meeting in Boulder and the Oct. 24 meeting in Clancy had very poor turnouts.

Wortman said the state Districting and Apportionment Commission will conduct a 6 p.m. public meeting at the state Capitol on Nov. 15 to solicit comments from legislators and others regarding Senate redistricting. Wortman said county commissioners from across the state will have an opportunity to offer their own preferences. He said that would be a good meeting for Whitehall area folks to attend if they want to testify in favor of pairing with Madison, or Broadwater.

Wortman said the Apportionment Commission will hold another meeting on Nov. 30 and a final hearing on Dec. 19. The Commission will present the newly aligned House and Senate districts to the state Legislature at the beginning of the 2013 session, and the Legislature will have 30 days to approve the new districts. The state will start utilizing the new districts in 2014.

Wortman said many from Butte-Silver Bow are still intent on taking parts of Jefferson County's population into Silver Bow to prevent the loss of a House district legislator and will likely draft a bill at the next legislative session in an attempt to retain that legislator; but Wortman said chances are very slim the Apportionment Commission will change Jefferson's proposed House District 75.

Wortman said the two Democrats on the Apportionment Commission favored Butte's plan, and the two Republicans favored keeping Jefferson County intact. He said due to the high turnout of Whitehall residents at an Apportionment Commission meeting earlier this year in Butte, the Commission's nonpartisan chair favored Whitehall residents' preference.

Wortman said he spoke with a Broadwater County Commissioner, and the commissioner favored joining with Jefferson to form a Senate district.

Audience member Chuck Wideman said he personally favored pairing with Madison but added that Broadwater has the longest shared boundary with Jefferson.

Tom Harrington said Madison would be his first preference since Madison and Jefferson would have a common representative in the Senate.