

Judicial Redistricting Commission

Analysis of Proposal 3

Proposed by Judge Greg Todd

Description:

- Move Broadwater County from the 1st Judicial District to the 14th Judicial District.
 - Lewis & Clark County would comprise the revised 1st Judicial District with four judges.
 - The 14th Judicial District would remain a single-judge district.

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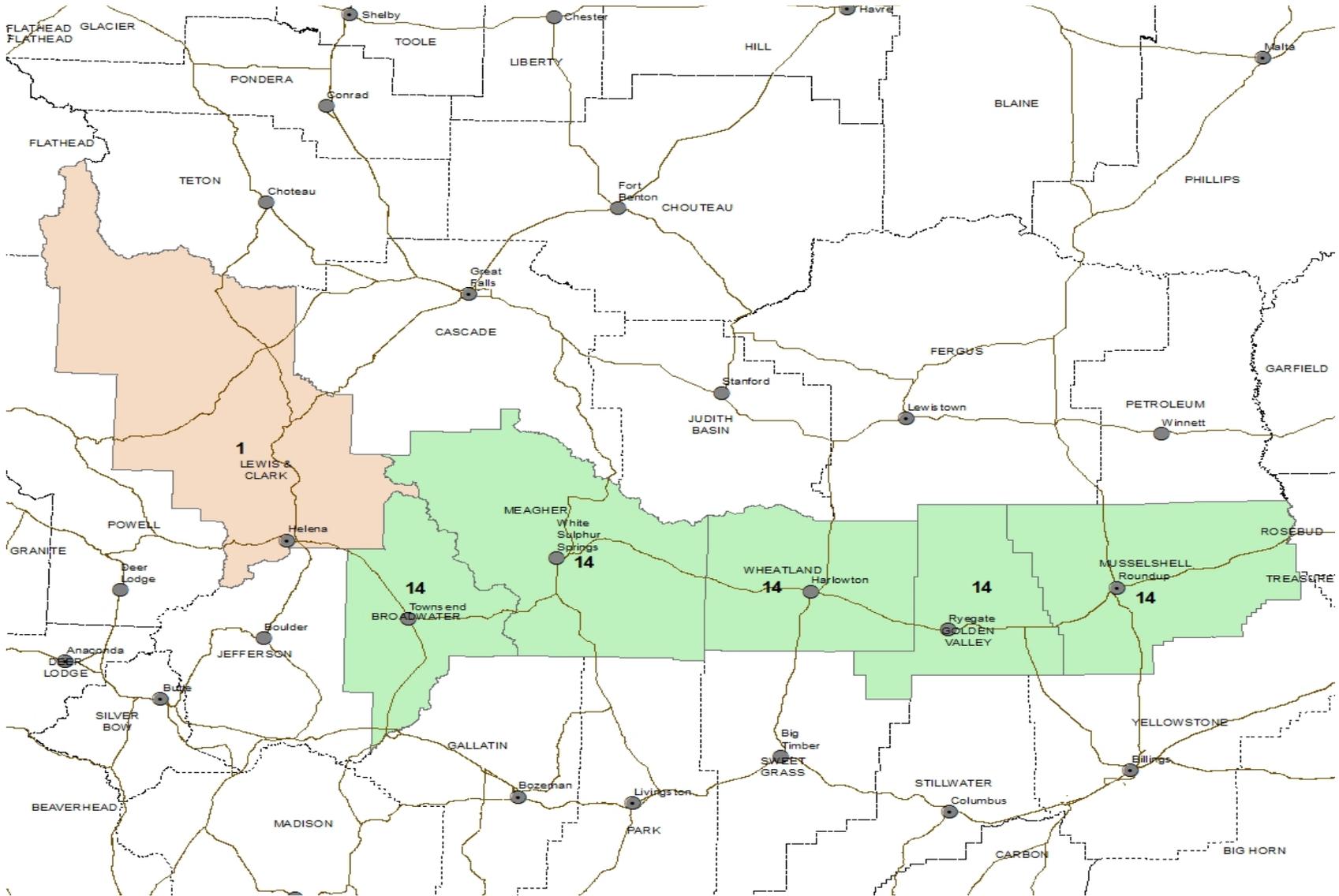
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Map of Proposal 3



Comparison of Existing Districts to Proposed Districts: Judges and District Workload Data

	1 st District – Existing	1 st District – Proposed	14 th District – Existing	14 th District – Proposed
Counties	2	1	4	5
Judges	4	4	1	1
Judge Locations	Helena	Helena	Roundup	Roundup until 2018 election; TBD after election
Expiration of Judge Terms	2018 for 3; 2020 for 1	Same	2018	Same
Distance from furthest county seats	32 miles (Helena to Townsend)	N/A	126 miles (Roundup to White Sulphur Springs)	168 miles (Roundup to Townsend)
2015 District Judicial Demand (includes travel)*	6.66	6.38	0.62	0.90
2015 District Judicial Need*	2.66	2.38	-0.38	-0.10

* The travel factors remain as calculated in the 2015 data for the 1st and 14th Judicial Districts. Either way, changes in travel due to reallocation of counties could not be calculated, but will affect the reliability of the judicial need calculation.

Comparison of Existing Districts to Proposed Districts: County Judge Needs and Populations

	1 st District – Existing	1 st District – Proposed	14 th District – Existing	14 th District – Proposed
2014 County Population Estimates				
Broadwater	5,667	-	-	5,667
Lewis and Clark	65,856	65,856	-	
Meagher	-	-	1,853	1,853
Wheatland	-	-	2,102	2,102
Golden Valley	-	-	852	852
Musselshell	-	-	4,589	4,589
Total	71,523 (6 th of 22)	65,856 (6 th of 22)	9,396 (22 nd of 22)	15,063 (21 st of 22)

2015 Judge Need by County (no travel or treatment court time included)				
Broadwater	0.28	-	-	0.28
Lewis and Clark	6.06	6.06	-	-
Meagher	-	-	.08	.08
Wheatland	-	-	.13	.13
Golden Valley	-	-	.03	.03
Musselshell	-	-	.33	.33
Total	6.34	6.06	.57	.85

Other Information

Other notes

- Because the travel factors for the 1st and 14th Judicial Districts are not altered from the 2015 data, it is possible that the 1st District judges would travel less and the 14th District judge would travel more as a result of the proposed change. Either way, changes in travel due to reallocation of counties could not be calculated, but will affect the reliability of the judicial need calculation.
- The two counties with the largest caseloads would be on opposite sides of the 14th Judicial District, which might affect the judge's travel factor.
- The 1st Judicial District operates a drug treatment court; the 14th Judicial District does not.

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