

Chairman Kerns, Members of the Committee,

My name is Laura O'Neil from Kalispell, and I am here representing myself as a land owner and water user in the state of Montana.

I am gravely concerned about HB 269 and the CSKT Water Compact. The Compact Commission has refused to do the necessary economic and environmental impact studies, and are thus rushing a set of incomplete documents as a 'final Compact' for your approval.

This means that you, and the public, do not have the information needed to make an informed decision.

The Compact Commission calls this a private agreement that they are not a party to. Why are they not protecting irrigator water rights?

I ask just a few of the basic questions that have not been answered in the CSKT Water Rights document:

- How much water is included in the compact, both on **and off** the reservation?
- Will this Compact close basins, and what will that mean to future growth and development throughout western Montana?
- What impact will the compact have on property value
- Why is the state of Montana willing to relinquish control of water in western Montana to the Federal Government?
- **Is this U.N. Agenda 21?**

While researching this issue, and realizing that the United Nations Agenda 21 is behind it, I ran across some rather chilling information. While connected to the U.N. website I found a document entitled ***MEGAREGIONS: Literature Review of Organizational Structures and Finance of Multi-jurisdictional Initiatives and the Implications for Megaregion Transportation Planning in the U.S.***

When studying this 126 page document I found, and have copied for you, two US maps showing the metropolitan planning organization boundaries. As you look at these maps, ask yourself – why is there NO population shown in the region containing Montana? Is this because it is to be taken for use as a natural resource area only?

As I'm sure you are all aware, the Flathead Valley area is one of the richest sources of natural water in the United States. And since our water empties into the Columbia River, many other states will also be affected by this Water Compact.

I must also ask, have each of you read, and do you understand, the over 1100 pages of the CSKT Water Compact? Without access to economic and environmental impact studies, how can you make an informed judgment?

Please consider your oath to the Constitutions of the United States and Montana. Are you willing to vote for legislation that includes unlawful and unconstitutional wording, or documents? And lastly, are you okay with allowing the federal government to control nearly all of the water in western Montana? Can you live with the consequences of such a decision?

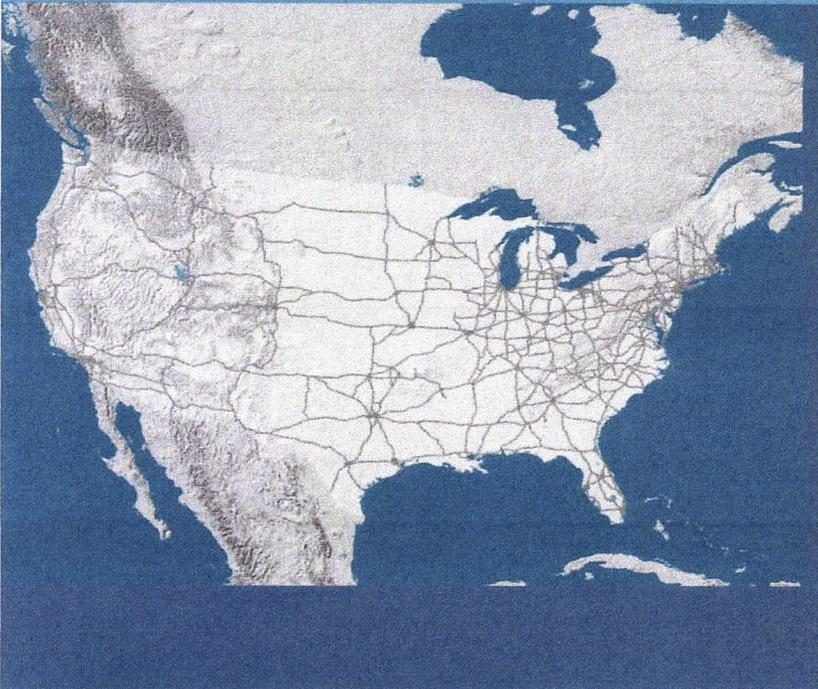
Please vote NO on HB 269.

Thank you.

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## Megaregions:

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**Deliverable 1:** a report summarizing findings of the literature reviews on U.S. and international  
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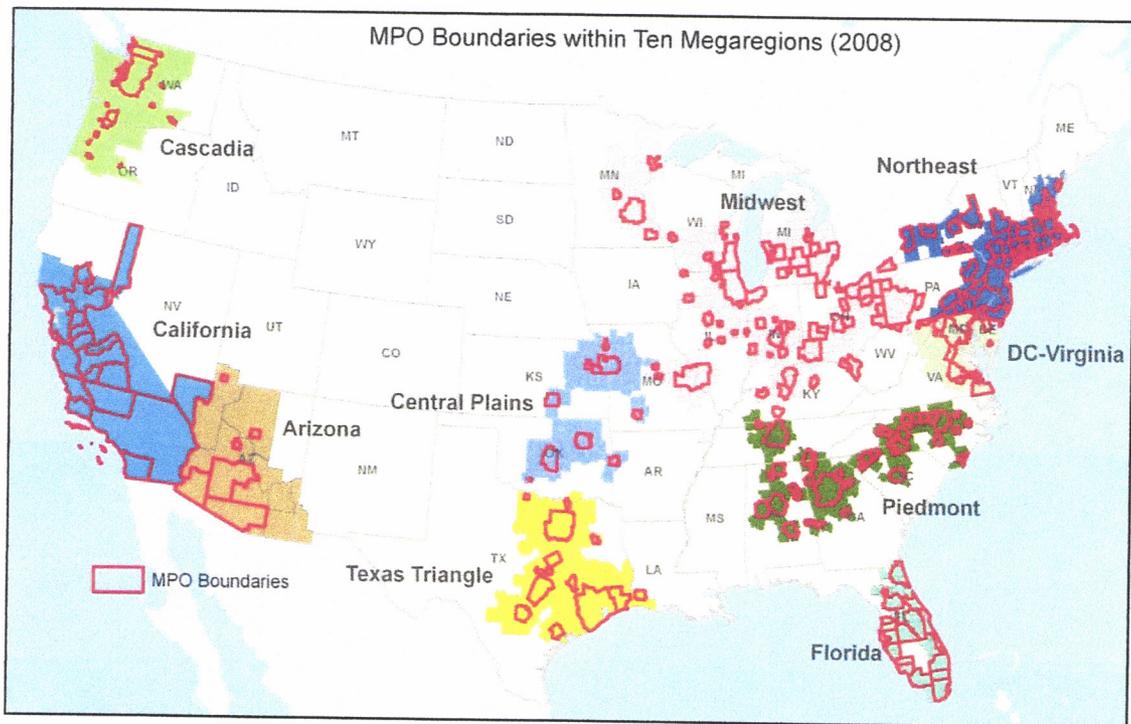


Figure 20. Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundaries within megaregions

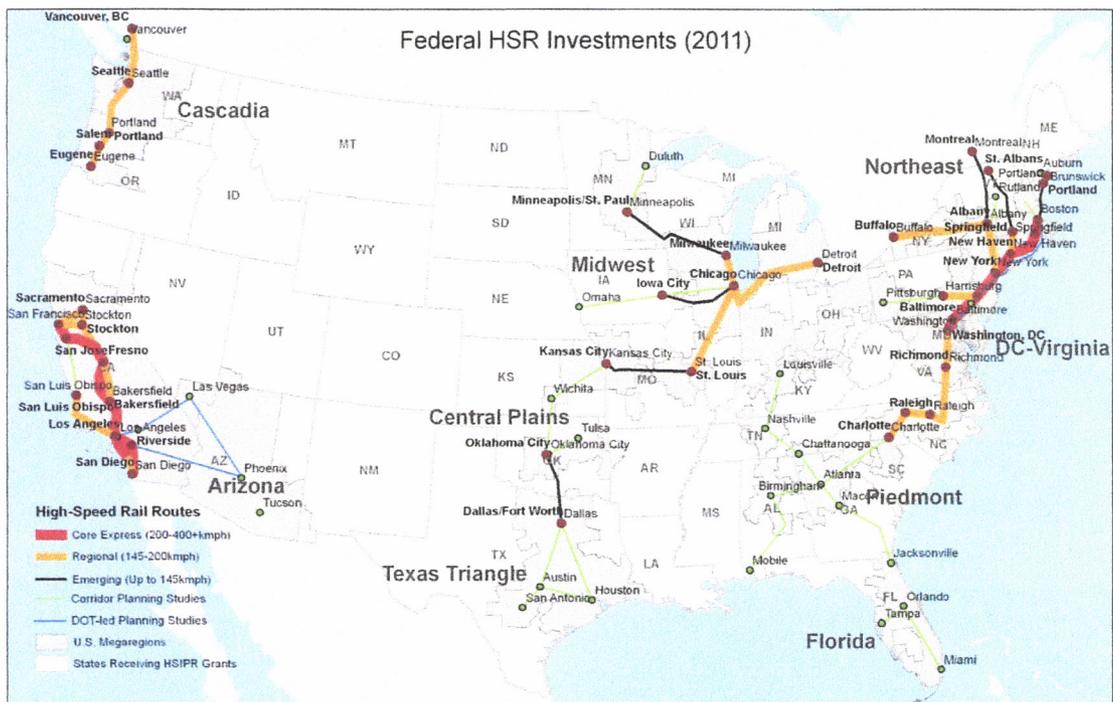


Figure 21. U.S. Megaregions and U.S. DOT HSR plan