Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
P.O. Box 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706

Dear Commission Members:

Please find enclosed Powell and Granite Counties’ specific request for redistricting. Both Counties are rural and prefer to be together in the same legislative district, as was the case historically.

Both Counties have been diligent in noticing and soliciting the opinions of our constituents about this issue, as you will find in our attached supporting materials.

We have passed a joint resolution to this effect, and respectfully request your consideration.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Powell County Board of Commissioners at 846-9788 or the Granite County Board of Commissioners at 859-7022.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maureen Connor
for the group
JOINT RESOLUTION 2011-1

BETWEEN POWELL COUNTY AND GRANITE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commission of Powell and Granite Counties are appreciative of our legislative representatives diligent public service on behalf of the people.

WHEREAS, redistricting of legislative districts cause both Powell County and Granite County to be divided into multiple districts.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County are more alike than different in custom and culture.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share rural characteristics. Powell County has 1,488,889 acres and a population of 7,027 people while Granite County has 1,105,548 acres and a population of 3,074 people. This information is from the 2010 census.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share significant agricultural economic factors with 273 ranches in Powell County and 104 ranches in Granite County. (Agricultural Statistical Services USDA)

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share significant timber harvest and wood product economic factors with 25% of the workforce in Powell County employed in this sector and approximately 13% in Granite County.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County both have large percentages of federal forest land with Powell County having 639,018 acres and Granite County having 660,779 acres.

WHEREAS, Powell County has one incorporated town, Deer Lodge, and Granite County has two incorporated towns, Philipsburg and Drummond.

WHEREAS, tourism is a vital part of the economy for both Powell County and Granite County.

WHEREAS, population, boundaries and shared characteristics equal a single legislative district.
WHEREAS, both counties have held hearings and received public support.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Powell County and Granite County should be a single legislative district and both counties respectfully request the Legislative Redistricting Commission

DATED this 28th day of Nov., 2011.

POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

DONNA YOUNG, Member

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

DIANE S. GREY, Clerk & Recorder

GRÁNITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAUREEN CONNOR

CLIFFORD NELSON

SCOTT ADLER

ATTEST:

BLANCHE McLURE, Clerk & Recorder
November 14, 2011

TO: Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

Email: commissioner@co.granite.mt.us

FROM: Granite County Democratic Central Committee

c/o Judith Davis, Treasurer

P. O. Box 194

Hall, Montana 59837

Email: judith@blackfoot.net

RE: Redistricting

The Granite County Democrat Central Committee supports the proposed redistricting plan that would have Granite County and Powell County as a revised legislative district. We would support a slight modification of the proposed boundaries if it is necessary to achieve the goal of Granite and Powell Counties being one district.

Signature: Neil L. Buck, G.O.C.O.C. Chair

Print Name: Neil L. Buck

P.O. Box 87

Hall, MT 59837

11/12/2011
November 14, 2011

TO: Granite County Board of Commissioners
    P. O. Box 925
    Philipsburg, MT 59858
    Email: commissioner@co.granite.mt.us

FROM: Granite County Republican Central Committee
    4 Cattle Drive
    Philipsburg, MT 59858
    Email: potlucklist@gmail.com

RE: Redistricting

The Granite County Republican Central Committee supports the proposed redistricting plan that would have Granite County and Powell County as a legislative district. We would support a slight modification of the proposal if it is necessary to achieve the goal of having nearly all of Granite and Powell Counties being one district.

Constance B. Ford
Granite County Republican Central Committee
Secretary
Maureen Connor

From: Bobby Lanford [blanford@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 3:06 PM
To: mconnor@co.granite.mt.us
Subject: Redistricting - Granite and Powell Counties

County Commissioner Connor,

This is to add my support for putting Granite and Powell Counties into the same congressional and senatorial districts. It has been my observation that the economies and societies of Powell and Granite are much more similar than Granite with Deer Lodge Counties. Deer Lodge County is much more of a manufacturing hub more like Butte due to their history of mining. Granite and Powell are more agricultural including ranching and forestry. As a member and past chairman of the USDA Forest Service TriCounty RAC, I had the opportunity to meet and associate with representatives from all three counties. It was very obvious that Powell and Granite Counties had similar concerns and objectives.

Please use this recommendation in anyway you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

Bob Lanford

Bobby L. Lanford
PO Box 308
Philipsburg, MT 59858
406-531-3541 (c)
bob@lanfordintl.com
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Phillipsburg, MT 59858

I support the proposed redistricting plan that would have Granite County and Powell County as a legislative district. I would support a slight modification of the proposal if it is necessary to achieve the goal of having nearly all Granite and Powell Counties being one district.

Thank you.

[Signature]

Robert Baker
P.O. Box 393
Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

I support the proposed redistricting plan that would have Granite County and Powell County as a legislative district. I would support a slight modification of the proposal if it is necessary to achieve the goal of having nearly all Granite and Powell Counties being one district.

Thank you.

Penny Baker
P.O. Box 393
Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

Karen Dingeldein

P.O. Box 946

PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

STANLEY BOLIN
P.O. Box 944
PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

P.O. Box 102

Philipsburg, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

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P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

P.O. BOX 2012
PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

Jim Davis
542 Frontage Rd W
Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

TO:
Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

FROM:
Granite County Democratic Central Committee
P.O. Box 194
Hall, MT 59837

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Thank you.

Signature
Judith Davis

Print Name
Hall, MT 59837
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

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P. O. Box 672
PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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present district and appreciate your attention to this issue.
Thank you.

Signature    Lawrence E. Fickler
Print Name    LAWRENCE E. FICKLER

P.O. Box 160
Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Signature: [Signature]

Print Name: Todd E. Pickler

P.O. Box 381
Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

TERRY GIESS
20 PACKER GULCH RD
DRUMMOND, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Signature  

Print Name  

687 Rock Creek Rd
Clinton, MT 59825
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

P.O. Box 409
Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

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Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

Print Name: Donna J. Johnson

P.O. Box 795

PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858

[Stamp: RECEIVED NOV 28 2011]
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

Signature Charles R. Johnson
Print Name Charles R. Johnson

P.O. Box 9
Havre, MT 59837
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
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Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

Richard G. Johnson
Print name: Richard G. Johnson
P.O. Box 795
PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Signature Shelley Johnson
Print Name Shelley Johnson
P. O. Box 9
HALL, MT 59837
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Phillipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

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PHILLIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

Edward Lord

EDWARD LORD
4 CATTLE DR.
PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

Loretta E. Mengle
P. O. Box 488

PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]
Esther Q. McDonald
P.O. Box 8
PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

P.O. Box 343

Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

Trudy J. Dett\n
P. O. Box 444

PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Phillipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

P.O. Box 117

PHILLIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

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P.O. Box 723
PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

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Thank you.

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P.O. Box 353

Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

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Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

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P.O. Box 164
Drummond, MT 59832
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

P.O. Box 807

PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858
November 17, 2011

Granite County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 925
Phillipsburg, MT 59858

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Thank you.

[Signature]

Elizabeth A. Young
P.O. Box 343
PHILLIPSBURG, MT 59858
Mike Kahoe

From: Maureen Connor [mconnor@co.granite.mt.us]
Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2011 4:40 PM
To: mike@co.granite.mt.us
Subject: FW: Re-districting House District

Please print for redistricting resolution on agenda Dec 5. MC

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From: Blaine Bradshaw [mailto:bcb Bradshaw@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Maureen Connor
Subject: Re-districting House District

Granite County Commissioner Maureen Connor:

I am in favor of re-districting which splits off Granite County and Powell County from Anaconda Deer Lodge County as Anaconda Deer Lodge will always inequitably control the seat and local politics if it remains as is.

Thank you for looking into this matter.

Please forward this e-mail to Commissioner Adler if you would as I do not have his e-mail address.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Blaine C. Bradshaw
Granite County Resident
P.O. Box 445
Drummond, MT 59832
Phone: 406-531-5846

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Miller has also set up an account at First Interstate Bank under her son's name.

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DEER LODGE - Powell County and Granite County are more alike than different, and they should be in the same legislative district.

That's the meat of a joint resolution by commissioners of the two counties, the first time they've ever gotten together to author such a thing, reports P.J. Wright of the Silver State Post.

Legislative redistricting takes place every 10 years after the U.S. Census. Wright said the resolution will be sent to a state commission charged with redistricting. It says the two counties are almost exactly the same size - about 1.2 million acres - though Powell County has roughly 7,000 people and Granite County 2,100.

They share significant "timber harvest and wood product economic factors," large portions of federal forest land and a vital tourist industry. If the combined legislative district is granted, it'll stretch from Powell County's northern boundary, in the middle of the Bob Marshall Wilderness east of Condon, to the southern toe of Granite County, at the Continental Divide not far east of Sula.

The final legislative redistricting plan will be presented to the 2013 Legislature.

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Superior firehouse likely to be rebid, chief says

SUPERIOR - Twelve bids came in for the general contract to build a new firehouse in Superior. It looks like they'll all be rejected.

Fire Chief John Woodland told the Mineral Independent's Kyle Spurr that with some minor changes in the specifications, the baseline bid could be lower.

"We are pretty comfortable that where we are going is we will reject all bids and then go back and rebid it," said Woodland, who predicted a groundbreaking as early as Jan. 1.

The bids ranged from roughly $733,000 by Patterson Construction to more than $1 million by Dick Anderson Construction. Each included 11 alternate amounts for different items, including paving, extra windows, spray insulation, sprinklers and a fire hydrant. By adjusting the alternate plans, Woodland believes the bids can come in lower.

The firehouse will be built on land behind the old schoolhouse. The fire district received a community block grant for $346,500 in 2009, and voters last May approved a levy worth $498,000. The town of Superior has also set aside $112,000 from its capital improvement budget for the project.

Some of the money went toward buying the land, Spurr said. That purchase closed in August.

Weeklies Reader is compiled by reporters Vince Devlin, Tristan Scott and Kim Briggeman.
New district may emerge

by Michael Stafford

Every 10 years counties have the opportunity to ask the state for changes to their Montana House of Representative district.

And according to Philipsburg local County Lord, it's time for a change in Granite County. "We would like Granite County and Powell County to be one legislative district," she told the Philipsburg Mail, "this would be better for both political parties in Granite County and in Powell County too."

And those were the sentiments that Lord and Ester McDonald told the Granite County Commissioners on Tuesday. The two explained after they spoke with the commissioners that the current pairing of Granite County with part of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County makes it difficult for a representative of the local area to be elected to the State House. They also said that there are more similarities between Granite County and Powell County than between Granite and Deer Lodge Counties, specifically agriculture.

see Commissioners page five

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day evening, Emcee Brad Radtke attracted the audience's attention when he marillo by Morning.” See story page eight.

for Philipsburg kept in growth policy

inal limits of the concerned about the line of zoning being in the growth policy. "It seems to me we're continuing the back-dooring of zoning."
Finishing up the Philippinepug section

Rocky appears to be a happy warm barker or stop would a phillipinepug.

Philippinepug Mail - Thursday, November 24, 2019

New House District May Trace Old Lines

The board of commissioners isn't the only thing that is working to improve the quality of life for residents. The City of Philippinepug has announced that it will be working on a new housing development project in the upcoming months. The project, named "Rocky's Reflection," will feature 1,000 units of housing for low-income families. Rocky, a 5-year-old bulldog, will be among the first tenants to move in.

Philippinepug City Council member, Rocky, was on site to help break ground on the project. "I'm really excited to see this happen," said Rocky. "It's going to be a huge improvement for the community."
Horoscopes push the positive

Aries ***** March 21 - April 19
This is your chance to make a new start. Just make sure you don't oversimplify the terms. Be sure that you know what you want and you will be fully aware of your intentions. Be sure to www.gcsme.org. November 21 - December 21

Libra * September 23 - October 22
You may need to face issues in your personal life. You can't continue to avoid the obvious. Dive right into the heart of the issue and find a way to

Solicitation for Comments on Legislative Redistricting

The Granite County Board of Commissioners is requesting public input on Legislative Boundaries for Montana, specifically on the question of whether Granite County and Powell County should be combined into a single legislative district. Such a district, if adopted by the Montana Legislature, could include all of Granite and Powell Counties.

Comments may be mailed to the Granite County Board of Commissioners, Box 925, Philipsburg, MT 59858 or emailed to commissioner@co.granite.mt.us. Comments must be received on or before the scheduled time of 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011. Verbal public comment will also be accepted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011, at the Commission Office at the Granite County Courthouse in Philipsburg or at any regularly scheduled Commission meeting before that time.

Further information on Montana Legislative Redistricting may be found at http://leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2009_2010/districting.
NOTICE
SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY

The Granite County Commissioners have declared certain property as surplus and offer it to the public by sealed bid. Written sealed bids should be clearly marked "Surplus Property Bid, November 14, 2011" and submitted to the Granite County Commissioners, P O Box 925, Philipsburg, MT 59858 by 12:00 noon on Monday, November 14, 2011.

LOT OF PROPERTY FOR BID
1. 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Car, License #46-164, Behind Granite County Jail
2. 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Car, License #46-141, Behind Granite County Jail
3. 1959 FWD Rotax Snow Plow Truck, VIN #115058, Granite County Road Dept., Philipsburg
4. 1976 Oshkosh Snow Plow Truck, VIN #11549, Granite County Road Dept., Hall

All items can be inspected at location listed.
No minimum bid required. All property is offered on an "as is, where is" basis and Granite County reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. Payment in full must be made within 5 days of notification of a successful bid. Property must be removed within 10 days of payment.

For further information contact Administrative Assistant Mike Kahoe at telephone 436-859-7027 or by email at mike@co.granite.mt.us.
Dated this 18th day of October, 2011.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GRANITE COUNTY
Clifford Nelson, Chairman

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HR Generalist

Granite County Medical Center (GCMC) is seeking a Human Resource Generalist. This person will provide human resources consultation and support. Will use knowledge of various human resources functions, including staffing, compensation, benefits, training and employee relations to provide tactical HR support. Acts as a liaison to other human resources functions when necessary. Must be familiar with
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POWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

10:00 A.M.        PAYROLL
11:00 A.M.        PAYROLL
12:00 P.M.        LUNCH
1:00 P.M.         LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING HEARING
2:00 P.M.         MARY EMERSON - LANDFILL
3:00 P.M.         BRIAN BENDER – MONTHLY PLANNER REPORT
4:00 P.M.         CORRESPONDENCE
4:30 P.M.         PUBLIC COMMENTS
5:00 P.M.         ADJOURN

SUBJECT TO CHANGE
I agree with the proposal to combine Powell and Granite County into a House District. It makes sense to have Powell all in one District and there are common interests with Granite. 

Senator

Dave Lewis
Honored Commission Members,

I am the representative from House District 84. I feel this district is a great example of what not to do this next redistricting cycle. The following are the reasons I believe this, along with suggestions to help more closely meet the redistricting guidelines and requirements:

While the District may be contiguous on the map, I cannot drive from one end to the other, on pavement, without leaving the district. Once I reach Macdonald Pass on the Powell County side there is no way to get to the North Helena Valley without leaving the District. Once I get to Lincoln, to continue on to another 40-50 miles of the District, I have to use gravel roads to stay in the District and to go around Lincoln.

The towns of Ovando (Powell County) and Lincoln (Lewis & Clark County) are divided with only small portions (about 50 voters ea) in HD84 - the remainder are in HD17, along with Augusta. This breaks up those communities into two separate districts.

There are 17 Precincts in HD84. These people do not share the same political concerns and issues with their more distant neighbors. An example would be Pct 16 in Powell County (the town of Racetrack) and the people in Lewis & Clark County Pct 43 (the town of Craig). Nor do they share the same issues with the majority of the northern Helena Valley, Marysville, Canyon Creek, Silver City, or Helmville. The residents of the Helena Valley, which includes portions of several of the Helena districts, do not share the same political concerns and issues as do the people that live in the downtown area of Helena. They certainly are not part of the same community or neighborhood.

The rural population of Lewis & Clark County makes up about 80% of the population in HD84 with most of the rural population in Powell County making up the remainder. I can certainly understand that in rural areas, multiple small communities must be combined with other small communities over a large distance. But breaking those small communities apart does not make sense.

In my opinion, it would be more logical, and more in complying with the requirements to keep like communities and neighborhoods together and to make districts compact and contiguous, to combine all of Powell County with all of Granite County to form one district that would more closely reflect neighborhoods and communities that share similar political concerns and issues. The new district would be large in area at just over 4000 sq. mi. and would contain just over 10,000 people - well within the 3% deviation that you have adopted. It would be possible to drive from one end to the other on pavement.
Dear Connie:

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on the potential for Granite County to be combined with Powell County as a Legislative District. I agree that the two areas have much in common as far as their economies and community histories. I believe joining the two in a new House District would be fair to the citizens of both Granite and Powell Counties in terms of balanced representation.

Best wishes,

Jim Jenner
Former HD86 Representative
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9/20/11

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June 26, 2011

To the Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission:

As long-time residents of the Philipsburg area, we would like to have Granite County combined with Powell County or the Seeley Lake area to create a legislative district. This area was once a district and was changed during the 2000 re-districting cycle. Granite was combined with an urban area of Deer Lodge County. The area does not share the same economic and social interests as rural Granite County.

The district we are proposing shares similar interests; those being agriculture, timber and mining.

We are requesting the Districting Commission to create a legislative district similar to the one that we are proposing.

Thank you.

Ed and Connie Lord

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[Signature]

Submit testimony to the Commission:

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Solicitation for Comments on Legislative Redistricting

The Powell County Board of Commissioners is requesting public input on Legislative Boundaries for Montana, specifically on the question of whether Granite and Powell County should be combined into a single legislative district. Such a district, if adopted by the Montana Legislature, could include all of Granite and Powell Counties.

Comments may be mailed to the Powell County Board of Commissioners, 409 Missouri Avenue, Suite 202, Deer Lodge, MT 59722 or emailed to cr@co.powell.mt.us, on or before the scheduled time of 1:00 p.m. on November 28, 2011. Verbal public comment will also be accepted at that scheduled time or at any regularly scheduled previous commissioner meetings at the Powell County Courthouse in Deer Lodge at the scheduled time.

Further information on Montana Legislative Redistricting may be found at http://leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2009-2010/districting.

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November 28, 2011

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o’clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Cele Pohle and Members, Donna Young and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Commissioner Pohle received notice via email from Patricia Renuvier, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) of the executed copies of Project Agreement #69-0325-12-023, Jens Bridge area flood repair. A copy is on file in the Clerk and Recorder’s office.

Road District Two Foreman, Duane Hoxworth presented a certified letter from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding a gravel pit violation in that district. Commissioner Mannix will contact Great West Engineering and the DEQ.

At 1:10 P.M., Presiding Officer Pohle opened the Public Hearing for a proposal for redistricting and a reading of the Joint Resolution. Citizen Dean Dutton was in attendance. He was in favor of the proposal. A conference call was held with Granite County.

JOINT RESOLUTION

BETWEEN POWELL COUNTY AND GRANITE COUNTY

2011-1

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commission of Powell and Granite Counties are appreciative of our legislative representatives diligent public service on behalf of the people.

WHEREAS, redistricting of legislative districts cause both Powell County and Granite County to be divided into multiple districts.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County are more alike than difference in custom and culture.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share rural characteristics. Powell County has 1.2 million acres and a population of 7027 people while Granite County also has 1.2 million acres and a population of 3074 people. This information is from the 2010 census.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share significant agricultural economic factors with 273 ranches in Powell County and 104 ranches in Granite County. (Agricultural Statistical Services USDA).

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share significant timber harvest and wood product economic factors with 25% of the workforce in Powell County employed in this sector and ____% in Granite County.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County both have large percentages of federal forest land with Powell County having 630,018 acres and Granite County having 660,779 acres.