

Public Comments

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Message:

The redistricting of any district in the Yellowstone Valley Trade area will hurt small communities. Our precinct was changed a few years ago and I feel we are left out of any representation. We are now part of Stillwater county and they don't feel the need to represent the few numbers we have. If we get moved to a larger district, it gets even worse. We want to encourage people to vote, not discourage them. Please don't change our district again!

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Maylinn Smith, Presiding Officer
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Dear Commissioner Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a map and written comments during the redistricting process for Montana's state legislative districts. Native American Rights Fund is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that focuses on applying existing laws and treaties to guarantee that national and state governments live up to their legal obligations to Tribal Nations. The Native American Rights Fund is headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, but we have worked with Montana's Tribal Nations to protect their rights many times over the years. Over the last two years, we have engaged in Montana's redistricting and apportionment process for legislative and congressional districts. The Native American Rights Fund believes in fair maps that maximize opportunities for Native American voters to participate in the political process.

The Native American Rights Fund intends on submitting a map to the Commission during the current legislative redistrict process and are in the process of securing support for that map from Montana's Tribal Nations. Accordingly, the Native American Rights Fund requires more time to finalize and submit its map and will do so in the coming days. Thank you again for this opportunity to participate in this critical process.

Sincerely,
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