

Public Comments

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 5:55 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Mary Carlson

From: Mary Carlson mlb.chem@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

I am writing to ask that you adopt the 2022 Redistricting MAP MDP8 (adopted tentatively on December 5th) or any amended MAP that will be recommended to the 2023 MT Legislature that keeps communities together, best meets Redistricting Commission fairness criteria with competitive Districts and has Party representation proportionate to population. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 2:31 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: John F. Childs

From: John F. Childs jfchildsgeo@msn.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I thank the commission for the effort they have put into the redistricting process. Map HDP8 appears to be a balanced compromise that meets the criteria of the redistricting effort. However, the recent changes that have been proposed to Map HDP8 appear to be a one-sided power play by the Republicans that must be considered in the context of their systematic efforts to weaken the courts, support those who would overthrow our democracy, and deny people the vote,

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 8:47 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Vicki Davies

From: Vicki Davies 409Harrisonorange@gmail.com
Residence: Big Sky

Message:

I am against splitting Big Sky's district. Splitting the district makes no sense. Moonlight is part of the Big Sky community their kids go to Ophir, they are on the BS power grid and use BS water sewer services. Big Sky's issues are different than Madison county residents – Big Sky locals living in Moonlight have no way to even access Ennis, there is no road open to the public !

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 2:08 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Jerry Gossel

From: Jerry Gossel asjgoss@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in regards to the proposed redistricting map that would split Big Sky. I've been an appraiser in Gallatin and Madison County for more years than I care to count. During that time, I've appraised hundreds of properties in the Big Sky Meadow and Mountain areas. As part of the appraisal process, I had to be aware of the economic and social trends of the area. With the exception of the Yellowstone Club and the Spanish Peaks Development, the economic and social trends of the Meadow and the Mountain were usually alike. Splitting Big Sky into two legislative districts, in my opinion, will be a disservice to the Big Sky area.

Thank you

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 5:50 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Sharon Patton-Griffin

From: Sharon Patton-Griffin pattongriffin@yahoo.com
Residence: Great Falls, MT

Message:
Thank you! Merry Christmas!

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 7:24 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Edwin Halland

From: Edwin Halland edhalland@reagan.com
Residence: Bridger

Message:

To all Districting Commission Members,

Thank you for leaving Carbon County, Presently HD 58 which would change to HD 55 under Tentative Commission Plan 2, intact and with little change.

I DO have concerns with some of the districts in Lewis and Clark, Gallatin and Missoula Counties. Districting guidelines include compact districts and maintaining communities of common interest. Logical common interests would be Rural and Urban entities. What I am seeing is geographically large rural districts around Helena, Bozeman and Missoula with fingers going into the city core. The districts have odd shapes which are not compact. They also combine distinct communities, rural and urban, contrary to maintaining communities of common interests.

Specific districts are:

HD 81, HD 82 and HD 83 around Helena.

HD 57 and HD 66 around Bozeman.

HD 92 and 93 around Missoula.

Please take another look at these districts with the compactness and communities of common interest in mind.

Respectfully,

Ed Halland

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 8:04 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: JoAnn Hanson

From: JoAnn Hanson jhansonmt@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:
Dear Commissioners:

Please adopt map HDP8. This map meets all of the adopted criteria of the commission. It splits the fewest counties and towns of any map presented to the Commission. It's important to keep communities together so people are best represented.

Districts shouldn't be drawn to unduly favor either party, both for the Montana Senate and House of Representatives.

Thank you for your work so all Montanans have representation.

Sincerely, JoAnn Hanson

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2022 4:10 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Marty Malone

From: Marty Malone dogrockranch@gmail.com
Residence: Pray MT

Message:

What the commission has done to Direct 59 will ensure that a liberal Democrat will certainly win the race and that person will be from Bozeman. They will not give a hoot about the rural folks in Park County because they be from the Hospital District and not even bother to listen to the people of Park County. But it is obvious the Commission has violated the majority of its goals and one mandatory goal by voting for this action.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 6:43 PM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Gary W. Parry

From: Gary W. Parry Gary.Parry@mtleg.gov
Residence: Colstrip

Message:

The proposed district for HD19 has the House Representative traveling approximately 5 hours on secondary roads in order to report to and stay in touch with the constituents. From Lewistown city limits to south of Colstrip is asking quite a bit.

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From: Weiss, Rachel
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Districting
Subject: FW: Ravall EA comments on proposed map HDP-8

From: Regina Plettenberg <rplettenberg@rc.mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 5:17 AM
To: Rachel Weiss <RWeiss@mt.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Ravall EA comments on proposed map HDP-8

Rachel, did you guys receive these comments?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Regina Plettenberg <rplettenberg@rc.mt.gov>
Date: December 13, 2022 at 2:53:17 PM MST
To: districting@legmt.gov
Cc: rachel.weiss@legmt.gov, Kendra Miller <kendra.miller@mtleg.gov>
Subject: Ravall EA comments on proposed map HDP-8

Dear Districting and Apportionment Committee Members,

Attached is the map with my requested changes marked with black dots on areas I would like either changes or cleanup. They are VERY minor. The dot between the red and green districts is just to match up to the Lone Rock/Stevensville school district boundaries and only involves 51 people. The dots at the north of the purple district are just to match up with the Hamilton/Corvallis School boundaries and involves zero population (Just cleanup. Probably unnecessary but I couldn't help myself!☺). The dots at the south of the purple district are just to help in creating a precinct and involve only 7 people.

I would really appreciate the Commissions' consideration of these changes. Thank you for your continued hard work. I so appreciate the job you are all doing.

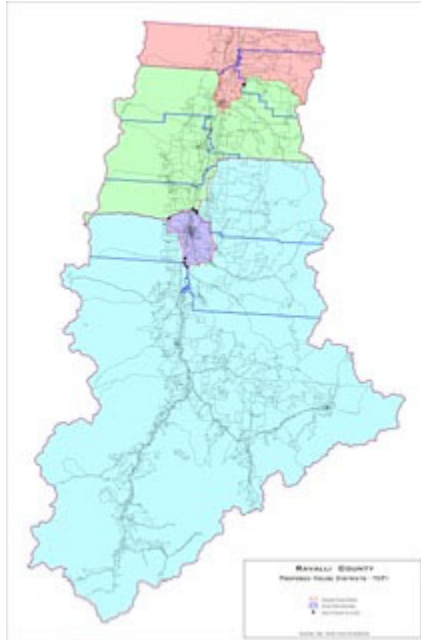
Best regards,

Regina Plettenberg

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**RAVALLI COUNTY
ELECTIONS**



Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 7:32 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Ed Regan

From: Ed Regan reganed33ad@gmail.com
Residence: Townsend

Message:

The redistricting should not be based on political competitiveness. The only guidelines should be compactness and trying to keep towns, counties and communities intact.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Yvonne Rudman

From: Yvonne Rudman ymrudman@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

For MAP MDP8–

I am writing to ask that the 2022 Redistricting MAP MDP8 be adopted for the following reasons, (adopted tentatively on December 5th):

–keeps communities together,

–best meets Redistricting Commission criteria of fairness of competitive Districts –has Party representation proportionate to population, These criteria strengthen Democracy.

Thank you.

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2022 7:17 AM
To: Districting
Subject: MDAC Comment from: Destyne Sweeney

From: Destyne Sweeney desweeney33@hotmail.com
Residence: Emigrant MT

Message:

Do not break up counties. We do not share cultures, schools, local government, or commissioners. This is gerrymandering at it's worse.

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