

CP #	Opinion	comment	Name	Email	City	State
		CP-1 holds to not only common sense, it also upholds the Montana State Constitution, thereby lessening the possibility of having all this effort overturned in court at a later date. This should not be a complicated process. Plain, simple, fair. That is what Montanans expect in all aspects of the law and their government.				
CP1	Like	Please demonstrate that common sense is still a Montana standard and adopt CP-1.	Douglas F Bohn	bohnc@gmail.com	Victor	Montana
CP1	Like	This is the map that follows the Montana constitution and that follows Montana law. It should be adopted without question or hesitation.	Joseph L ORourke	sephrie@protonmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP1	Like	Map CP-1 as itâ€™s the best map that adheres to the law. It clearly divides into an eastern & western section & is least likely to be held up in courts due to carving out political interests.	Brian Cayko	briancayko@msn.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose Proposal 10	jeff Meide	jmeide@earthlink.net	BILLINGS	MT
CP10	Like	I like Map 10 because it complies with Montana law and the Constitution, as both districts are compact, contiguous, and nearly equal population.	Ashley Shoemaker, MSW, LAC	shoemaker.ashley.r@gmail.com	Saint Ignatius	MT
CP10	Like	I like Map 10 because it keeps the shared medical communities of Logan Health Medical Center (Kalispell and Whitefish) together, which provides medical services for the entire NW Region, including the Blackfeet Reservation.	Ashley Shoemaker, MSW, LAC	shoemaker.ashley.r@gmail.com	Saint Ignatius	MT
CP10	Like	I like Map 10 because it includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district, and it keeps one tribal community from being isolated from all other tribal communities.	Ashley Shoemaker, MSW, LAC	shoemaker.ashley.r@gmail.com	Saint Ignatius	MT

CP10 Like	<p>As one of the state legislators whose district would be split in this map, I don't disagree with the splitting of my district (HD 64) and Gallatin as a whole. As a matter of necessity, there isn't away to draw a state map without dividing at least one county and adhering to the other guiding standards. Even in our current structure, some towns are legislatively split. For example, Big Sky is split about 50/50. 1/2 is HD 71 and SD 36 and the other 1/2 of Big Sky is HD 64 and SD 32. The splitting of Big Sky is a split that honestly hurts constituents as it's not physically possible for the legislators of HD 71 and SD 36 to get to Big Sky without a significant detour drive through Bozeman. So they end up not visiting their constituents in Big Sky. At least with Map 10, the part of Gallatin that is captured in the western side of the map is easily visited by any congressional-person or candidate.</p>	Jane Gillette	jane@DrJaneGillette.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	<p>CORRECTED COMMENT: MAP 10 is the FAIREST map. It is NOT gerrymandering. Leave the political parties/liberals/conservatives out of it. Unlike map 11, MAP 10 gives the Native Americans a better/fairer representation in the West. Unlike Map 11, MAP 10 has a much more equal split of the White population amongst the two districts, unlike map 11 which has more than double the numbers in difference. Go with the population numbers and not whether they are liberals or conservatives as instructed by law.</p>	Tony Loya	TL350H@gmail.com	BOZEMAN MT MT	
CP10 Like	<p>MAP 10 is the fairest map. It IS NOT gerrymandering. Leave the political parties/liberals/conservatives out of it. Unlike map 10, MAP 11 gives the Native Americans a better/fairer representation in the West. Unlike map 10, MAP 11 has a much more equal split of the White population amongst the two districts, unlike map 10 which has more than double the numbers in difference. Go with the population numbers and not liberals or conservatives.</p>	Tony Loya	TL350H@gmail.com	BOZEMAN MT MT	
CP10 Dislike	<p>Reject Map 10 as it is clear gerrymandering. Map 10 puts liberal areas into a very conservative district and a conservative area into a liberal district " which effectively keeps competition out of our elections. It creates an assurance of two republican-winning districts, which clearly favors one political party. This does not follow the guidelines of redistricting.</p>	Cheryl Bourguignon	cheryl.bourguignon@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana

	<p>It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</p> <p>It keeps the communities of interest in the West that are predominantly forest production and tourism together</p> <p>It keeps communities of interests centered on tourism and service industries together which are all shared between Glacier National Park, Kalispell, Whitefish, and Columbia Falls</p> <p>It keeps the growing ski tourism economy united within the Flathead Valley (Whitefish and Lakeside)</p> <p>It keeps the shared medical communities of Logan Health Medical Center (Kalispell and Whitefish) together, which provides medical services for the entire NW Region, including the Blackfeet Reservation</p>				
CP10 Like		Lisa Lench	lenochlisa@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP10 Dislike	I strongly oppose CP 10. This is classic gerrymandering and could not possibly survive a legal challenge if the court is at all fair.	Bruce Schwartz	bruce.schwartz@rocketmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP10 Dislike	This map does not follow the law which is 5-1-115 (MCA). It is based on carving out specific party districts and does not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.	Deborah Wilson	dmwilson@acwei.com	Kila	MT
CP10 Dislike	Commissioners~Thank you so much for doing this important and challenging work. I am from Gardiner and oppose CP-10. I urge you to adopt CP-11. You've heard the arguments supporting and opposing both proposals. I am particularly disturbed by the thought of splitting communities in Gallatin County and not including Gallatin and Park Counties in the same district. I urge you to follow your consciences and approve the map you feel will truly enable all Montanans to have equal and fair representation. Thank you again.	Colette Daigle-Berg	colette@coolworks.com	Gardiner	MT
CP10 Like	This map seems to be the most fair in terms of splitting ethnic groups overall the most evenly. CP11 splits the native american population far to unevenly. As a non political decision, this should keep ethnicity and population splits as close as possible.	Jordan Rader	nadrojrader@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	This is the fairest redistricting map	Ronald A. Gilreath	grizbears@middrivers.com	Roundup	MT
CP10 Like	This map is the fairest redistricting map	Ronald A. Gilreath	gilreath@middrivers.com	Roundup	MT
CP10 Like	This appears to be the fairest redistricting map.	Teresa M Gilreath	gilreath@middrivers.com	Roundup	MT

CP10 Like	This map more true to the districting goals put forward by the Montana Constitution; this map meets the needs of being compact and contiguous while also not unduly favoring one party solely for the sake of competitiveness. Western Montanans should be together, and Eastern Montanans should be together. CP10 does a better job of this than CP11, as CP11 is put forward for the sole purpose of unduly benefiting the Democrat party, regardless of the districting requirements.	Gordon Wallace	gwallace5427@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose Map 10. It is clearly gerrymandered and does not ensure two competitive districts. It makes no sense to divide Gallatin County, as the needs of the County will not be fairly represented. In addition, Park County should be included with Gallatin, as they share common interests, such as economic, healthcare, housing, and the care of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Map 11 better represents the needs of Gallatin and Park Counties.	Wendy Lynn Riley	wriley406@yahoo.com	Emigrant	MT
CP10 Like	The two large universities cities should not be in the same district. It brings too many persons of the same demographic - students, into the same district. Whatever map is chosen should have the big university towns separate.	Kathleen Rakela	k_rakela@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP10 Like	Neither 10 or 11 are perfect, but at least 10 has the Flathead and Blackfeet Nations together as they share a MT House District together. Keeping that shared interest will help both Tribes with stronger representation. A Gallatin split makes more sense than a Flathead County split do to the geographical nature of those Counties. It has the valley split from the hills/mountains. Having aligned agricultural interests makes more sense in CP10. Irrigation, crops, out of state landownership and hobby/retirement ranching issues would be better understood for potential candidates in CP10. A Flathead County split makes no sense... Kalispell, Whitefish and C-Falls are essentially one large city with an airport in between them. All services are shared. Bozeman and Livingston have pass between them. Services are not shared.	Jackson Smith Ranch	jace.bigbend@gmail.com	RONAN	MT
CP10 Dislike	Map 10 unduly favors one political party.	Ann Karp	ann@sidewaysgaze.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Dislike	As a lifelong Montanan I oppose putting Helena in the eastern district. No to CP10	Eric Grove	egrove61@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Like	I/we like Map 10. Both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal in population. It keeps Flathead County intact, and includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District.	Greg Walker/Lynn Walker	seaturtle725@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT

CP10 Like	These last two choices, not the best, seem to be favoring both political parties according to comments. My preferenc would be a map similar to #1, with a more straight line through the state. Also, why did none of the committee members consider splitting the state from north to south instead of east to west? If #1 is no longer a choice, my vote is for #10.	Jerilyn Bieber	biebermaryk@midrivers.com	Brockway	41
CP10 Like	CP10 is the most logical. It keeps Flathead County as one unit. Putting part of it with eastern Montana makes no sense.	jeanne Dodson	jm_dodson@yahoo.com	Bigfork	MT
CP10 Dislike	This proposal appears to have gone to great lengths to reduce the influence of Gallatin county by splitting it in half. CP10 should not be the one chosen as the final redistricting plan.	D Curtis Starr Jr	curtstarr@montana.net	BILLINGS	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map seeks to increase republican control of the state by dividing up Bozeman and Helena. Vote against map #10. We do not need gerrymandering in Montana.	Leslie Millar	sciencewomansociety@msn.com	Arlee	MT
CP10 Dislike	I do not like or support CP10. (My previous comment stands, but it was accidentally placed at the wrong location on the interactive map when I zoomed the map out to look at it)	Tracy Donaldson	spikegrl@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Like	Park County has always been in the Eastern District. Ron Marlenea was our representative and Pat Williams was the Western Montana Representative. Park County is the Montana Headwaters of the Yellowstone River which flows east. We share our Montana Senator John Esp with Sweetgrass County. Park and Sweet Grass Counties need to remain together in the Eastern District. If you need to add more people to The Western District get more people from Gallatin County or some where else along the western boundary of the Eastern District. Park and Sweet Grass Counties share similar agricultural land ownership pattern. We share the same USFS districts in the Absarokee Wilderness Area. This is important regarding Fish Wildlife and Parks on hunting regulations and Montana Department of Livestock relationships. Please do not put Park County area 1 western district.	Edwin Johnson	edwin@montanaguide.com	Gardiner	MT

	Of the two commission-proposed maps, I prefer CP11. I do not like the fact that CP10 puts Lewis & Clark County in the eastern district, and splits up Gallatin County between the 2 districts. The addition of the 2 counties and Blackfoot reservation in the upper section (Glacier Park and parts east) to the western district in CP10				
CP10 Dislike	also does not make sense.	Tracy Donaldson	spikegrl@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose CP 10 since it is blatant gerrymandering.	Shelley Thurmond	thurmond@vikingcable.net	Huntley	MT
CP10 Dislike	I strongly oppose CP10. It would effectively deny representation to the many Montanans who tend to support Democrats for office.	Julie Sirrs	jrsirrs@aol.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Like	We like this map better than cp 11. It is more balanced than cp 11. Native representation is still not as balanced as should be but better than cp 11.	anita brawner/brian fraker	12chickadee31@gmail.com	livingston	mt
CP10 Like	Neither Map 10 or Map 11 is perfect and I still support Map 1 from the original deliberations. It met the redistricting criteria of compact, contiguous and less than 1% population deviation. Some respondents in favor of Map 11 over Map 10 comment that Map 11 is more fair, equitable and competitive. Those are not qualities outlined in the redistricting criteria in Montana Code Annotated 2021; 5-1-115. Of the 2 choices Map 10 meets the redistricting requirements better than Map 11.	Sandra Birrell	mtbirrell@bresnan.net	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	I do not like CP 10. It is unfair and should be discarded	Ruth Weissman	ruth@bythesea.com	Livingston	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I am opposed to CP10. I feel Helena fits better with Western Montana.	Robert Bukantis	bob@bukantis.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	I strongly oppose this map CP10. It's obvious Republican gerrymandering.	Robyn Morrison	coevals_slather.05@icloud.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	I don't like this map it splits up towns that should stay together. Also, that means those split towns (Big Sky, Gallatin Gateway) effectively get twice as much representation in DC than all the other way bigger towns and cities. Thumbs down.	Michele McMullen	m_mcmullen@me.com	Billings	MT
CP10 Dislike	I dislike the map of plan 10 as it is not as fair!	James M. Pappenfus	jpappenfus@mac.com	Sheridan	MT
CP10 Like	Map 10 is preferable. Placing Flathead County in the Eastern district, as Map 11 does, is ridiculous from a geographical standpoint, and a blatantly partisan attempt to influence the election by an obviously biased committee. They should be ashamed, and should resign.	Peter Greenman	petegreenman@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana

CP10 Like	This map is preferable, as it meets the mandatory criteria better than CP11: it is more compact. Further it meets the goals better than CP11: it results in a closer representation of Montana's voters than CP11, it does not attempt to carve out a massive chunk of Flathead county, and it respects the interests of the western communities of interest much better than CP11.	Edward Dickman	edward.dickman@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Neither map is ideal, but even though this map puts at least 2 reservations in each district, it fails to let Native voices be heard as well as map 11. Very disappointing. I cast my vote with Western Native Voice. No to map 10.	Donna Williams	dwilliamshome@charter.net	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Dislike	I do not like CP10.	William J Cardin	wcardin@gmail.com	EAST GLACIER	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map seems like gerrymandering to ensure two republican seats. I prefer the more historical choice CP11	Daniel Volkmann	sandyvolkmann@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Dislike	CP 10 does not create competitive districts. oppose	Laura Cater-Woods	laura@cater-woods.com	Townsend	MT
CP10 Dislike	Our former U.S. Representative and current governor, Greg Gianforte, pleaded guilty to assault and was elected anyway. The next U.S. Representative, Ryan Zinke, became the Secretary of Interior, had to resign, and is under investigation by the U.S. Attorney General's Office. It seems this map would favor another Republican officeholder. I prefer a district that is politically competitive and could potentially elect someone who does not have a criminal record or is not under investigation for illegal activity.	John Bundy	Bundyj@gmail.com	Hamilton	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I oppose CP 10	Brianne Harrington	mistressbrie@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose CP 10. Montana does not need two non-competitive districts. Until recently, Montana had a reputation of being a purple state with ticket-splitting as a standard way of voting. Competitive seats lead to more middle road candidates that are more likely to represent ALL the people, not just those of one particular party. It also brings accountability. In the last few years we have elected a congressman, now governor that does not control his temper and will body-slam reporters for simply asking questions. We have a former congressman, former head of DOI that was under investigation on 18 different charges of misconduct, and our current AG is being investigated for abuse of power. Without competitive seats, there is no accountability creating an invitation to corruption.	Laura Bundy	kijik.design@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT

CP10	Like	How can you have numerous maps submitted, select 9, then throw them ALL OUT and pick two new maps?? Don't manipulate the process to achieve your desired results. Go back to Map CP1 which met all the criteria. Follow the Montana LAW, MCA 5-1-115.	Connie Dale	ConstanceDale@yahoo.com	Bigfork, MT	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose CP10...it is clearly gerrymandering to give the GOP more power over the left-leaning population of my state.	Eve Holthausen	eve_holthausen@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10	Dislike	This splits Galatin. That's not a good or logical idea to fairly represent the people and makes it more difficult for the House Rep to do a good job. I like that this map keeps two tribes on the West and three on the East to ensure voice for this minority, as in the House Reps will more likely need to consider their needs. This is what we want so that the reps don't get polarized and we represent the center. Can we please just have a map where the four big and growing counties are also on each side? Flathead and Missoula on West and Galatin and Yellowstone on East? That seems very rational and you can get your even populations on each side and create a way for the Reps to really be able to know their constituents.	Nicole Schubert	nicolejschubert18@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP10	Dislike	Map 10 does not treat all Montana citizens fairly. It's crazy to put Lewis & Clark County in the eastern district. Montanan's deserve balanced representation and this proposal does not achieve that. Vote no on map 10.	Karen Zackheim	kzackheim@mac.com	Helena	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose Map 10 as it separates several communities of interest and gerrymanders Gallatin County to make two uncompetitive districts for Republicans to easily win both districts where state Democrats have no congressional representative who will listen to their issues/concerns.	Rebecca Johnson	rebeccainmt@gmail.com	Montana City	MT
CP10	Like	I support CP 10 as the clearest representation of Montana common sense using the continental divide as the obvious geographical boundary. CP 10 is absent of the OBVIOUS Gerry Meandering that is present in many of the other submissions.	Douglas F. Bohn	bohnco@gmail.com	Victor	Montana
CP10	Dislike	I oppose option #10. This plan does not represent Montana population and creates a larger political divide in the state.	Amy Spicka	amy_estes@yahoo.com	Belgrade	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose this option. We need at least one competitive district.	Bob Carter	montanarjc@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose CP 10 as it is not as equitable as CP 11.	Diane Rewerts	dcrewerts@gmail.com	Troy	MT
CP10	Like	Please follow MCA 5-1-115	Braxton Mitchell	braxtonmitchell@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT

	CP10 is the more balanced of the 2 finalists. It more closely matches the natural geographical boundaries of the Continental Divide, following the suggestion John Wesley Powell that our political boundaries should be more aligned with watershed boundaries. CP11 is obviously gerry-mandered to create a "competitive" district to allow Democrats the opportunity to gain a seat. Flathead County/Kalispell is not part of eastern Montana. There is no constitutionally or practically valid rationale that any congressional district be				
CP10 Like	"competitive". They should be representative of the people and the landform.	Jeremy Gingerich	corvus25@tutanota.com	Manhattan	MT
CP10 Dislike	Reject CP10 as an example of gerrymandering that clearing favors one party over another. There is no perfect way to do this, and CP 10 is obviously a tortured attempt to imbalance representation in Montana.	Nancy Dunne Byington	dunnebyington@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Like	Map CP10 will allow for the best representation of the people in each district. If the population is equally split, I have confidence that the voters will support good candidates, from either party.	Monty Lesh	montylesh@gmail.com	Miles City	MT
CP10 Like	Like this map - represents Montana better, no splitting of major counties	Art Bennett	acbennett3@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I think neither Flathead nor Gallatin counties should be split. If there is not a way to balance the populations between the two districts without splitting collective communities, then CP11 appears less disruptive than CP10.	David J Jones	djengrg@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Opinion	CP10 is blatant gerrymandering and will result in the disenfranchisement of nearly half of Montana citizens. It is not a good choice and should be rejected.	Earl R Owens	eowens@montana.com	Missoula	Montana
CP10 Dislike	The only good choice left is CP11. If CP10 were a pinball game it would be a tilt	Marcus Golz	00-slot-dint@icloud.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	#10 is a cynical attempt to disallow a fair fight in either district. #11, at least tries for a level playing field in part of the state.	Cathy Weber	cw@cathyweber.net	Dillon	MT
CP10 Like	I prefer map CP10. There is no way the Flathead fits with eastern Montana. Who can represent Kalispell and Alzada and their respective issues fairly. It's time to use commonsense and not play politics.	Andy Zook	Tazook@rangeweb.net	Miles City	MT
CP10 Dislike	this map certainly doesn't contain even a competitive district	Jeff Morrow	morrrowsaddles@hotmail.com	Niarada	Montana

CP10 Dislike	While it looks similar to past districting, it actually makes Montana split amongst economic patterns potentially leaving Montana without good representation in Washington that are looking out for the the best interests at home. This makes no sense. Quit splitting up so many groups of communities and reservations. This is probably the most polarized version of districts.	Sandra Carpenter	sanzmt3@gmail.com	Glasgow	Montana
CP10 Like	Of the two maps under discussion this one best represents the reality of Montana's conservative majority. A better choice would be map #1.	Joseph L O'Rourke	sephrie@protonmail.com	COLUMBIA FA	MT
CP10 Dislike	I do not like CP 10 because it will not give us even ONE competitive district. We need CP 11!	Joanne MacConnachie Morrow	morrowjoanne5@gmail.com	Niarada(Hot Sp)	MT
CP10 Dislike	CP 11 is a fairer division for our state. CP 10 is a gerrymandered map and goes against the principle of a fair democratic process.	Aaron	Pitman76@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP10 Like	Splitting Gallatin county is absurd on its face. It adds divisiveness in what are already trying times.	george livingston	georgemlivingston@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Map 10 appears to be gerrymandered and it is clear that it is designed to avoid competition. It removes the need for candidates to listen to the people. I am against map 10, and favor map 11.	Michael L Miller	mlmiller@sterk.space	Philipsburg	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I am not comfortable with redistricting map CP10. I see to apparent efforts to gerrymander. (1) Breaking up the metropolitan area of Bozeman. There is no reasonable explanation for that split. (2) Breaking up the vote of the Native American tribes. No reason to do that but to weaken their influence & ability to meaningfully participate in electing someone who understands their unique situation to the U.S. House of Representatives.	Nancy Volle	jumpoverpuddles@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Dislike	CP 11 insures no towns are split which will help reduce voter confusion. It also offers the most equitable balance in representation. SP 10 splits Gallatin County and the small towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway and moves Helena to District 2. This is intended to tip the balance in District 1 and gives the impression of gerrymandering. For this reason, I support CP 11 and oppose CP 10. We need fair and equitable districts, regardless of party affiliation.	Weat Mattis	Commerce@Weat.Net	Stevensville	MT

CP10 Like	If the purpose of redistricting is to redistrict, and not rely on politics, why do most commenters rely on politics? If we WERE to rely on politics, we'd be forced to draw lines according to party affiliation. Montana is an overwhelming majority-Republican, majority-conservative state. Neither district -- East-West, nor a hypothetical North-South -- votes for the democratic party as a majority, only pockets of people here and there. There is no substantial Democratic majority in any county here. So what do our districts look like if the goal is to draw lines according to party affiliation? Do we want that? Do we REALLY want to bring the politic into this? This map is less political than our friend, Map 11. Although, if this is supposed to be political, BOTH maps offer far too much space for the few areas that DO vote for the Democratic party. That isn't fair to the Republicans, again, I only say this if we're going to be political, as most people are...	Jon Orton	Lindsay3979@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose the CP10 redistricting plan. It splits the Bozeman community in a way that appears to be gerrymandering. It also splits the vote of Montana's first people, our Indian nations so they are less able to vote successfully for people who understand and can advocate for their unique needs. I'm very uncomfortable with this map. It appears to be an effort to gerrymander the vote.	Nancy Volle	jumpoverpuddles@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Like	This Map 10 provides a better distribution of the Canadian border, it provides a better distribution of Native American voices, and it provides a better distribution of university student voices, allowing them access to the Eastern half of the state. MSU was established as an a campus for eastern Montana, offering studies in agriculture, etc. Additionally, it's largest satellite campus, MSU-Billings, is a short drive away. In Map 10, the actual MSU campus would reside in the Western District, but this map would allow a good chunk of students in northern Gallatin county to have a voice in the East. Thank you.	Nellie Smith	Lindsay3979@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP10 Dislike	I am opposed to CP10.	Carolyn Pitman	Koppelpitman@yahoo.com	Whitefish	MT
CP10 Dislike	I am against this districting. It is not a fair division of the state	Bridget Morse	a10841z@gmail.com	Whithall	MT
CP10 Dislike	Option CP10 does not best represent everyone in Montana. We all have a right to be represented and have a voice in Montana.	Christina Thelen	cthelen@q.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map does not lead to truly competitive districts in any sense of the word. I will be disenfranchised, once again.	Jean Woessner	jwoessner@bigsky.net	Missoula	MT
CP10 Dislike	CP 10 is not a fair division of the state.	John Simms	truenorthsailing@gmail.com	Helena	MT

CP10 Dislike	I do not support CP10 as it obviously supports one party and would not result in fair elections.	Marlene Simms	jmsimms4@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	CP-10 essentially disenfranchises me. That is not right.	Andrew W. Lenssen	Andy.lenssen@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I oppose map 10. I believe it creates two uneven districts politically which will prevent competition to elect our representatives.	Catherine Ockey	cwockey@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose this map...it is not fair and unfairly sets districts to not represent like interest. Like interest that best represent the electorate should remain intact.	Paula Darko-Hensler	pdhensler@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose CP-10 as it unfairly advantages one party over another. It is not reflective of the true "purple" nature of our state of the last several decades. One election doesn't change that forever.	Edward Cooney	cooney.ned@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP10 Like	It doesn't make much sense to split a county the size of Flathead. CP10 is the best route to go.	Mike Hagfeldt	2packers@nemont.net	Glasgow	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose this CP-10. It is a blatant example of gerrymandering that has no place in Montana voting decisions. Thank you!	MArshall Bloom	drtrout@mtbloom.net	Hamilton	Montana
CP10 Dislike	This spilts Gallatin county and does not keep communities with common interest together.	Wendy Pierce	wendy.piercemt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	Flathead County is Western Montana. It is ridiculous to group it into Eastern Montana. I don't love this map, but of the two options is it much preferable.	Kay Stone	kaystone@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map is gerrymandering at its finest. CP11 facilitates more opportunities for competitive races, which is always better for the people of Montana. Please reject CP10!	Amy Darling	amy.l.darling@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose CP-10 as it unfairly advantages one party over another and is not reflective of the true purple nature of our state over the last several decades.	Edward Cooney	cooney.ned@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP10 Like	I prefer Map CP-10. It doesn't split the Flathead like CP-11 does. So please chose Map CP-10 so that the population in the Eastern District are not split in the Flathead Region. It's not a choice with this process, but I would prefer no districts such as "our two Representatives represent the whole state of Montana." Maybe in the future if we get more than two representatives we could split the state, but it is not a good idea now. So Please chose Map CP-10 that doesn't split the Flathead. Thanks, Douglas Newton	Douglas L Newton	dooogles@hotmail.com	Roundup	Montana

CP10 Dislike	<p>I believe I may have made my supporting comment on the wrong map. I STRONGLY support the map that divides Flathead County instead of Gallatin County for the reasons I gave before.</p>	Donna Martin	donnalee6259@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP10 Like	<p>I agree that no map is going to be perfect or make everyone happy. Both maps divide counties and areas of interest. However, splitting Whitefish off from Flathead County make more sense than splitting at least 2 small communities in Gallatin County and separating Park County from Gallatin Co. The same is true for separating Jefferson County from Helena. I have lived in Bozeman, Helena, Kalispell, and currently live in Libby. We do some business in Kalispell, but I only know of a few people who actually commute daily to Kalispell for work. What's more Whitefish and Kalispell are completely separate communities even though they are close. And, north Lincoln County is closer to Whitefish than Kalispell. No evenly populated map is not going to split between some neighboring communities. But, a fair map does not need to split small communities, some with less than 500 residents. I have also lived on both the Blackfeet and Flathead Reservations pastoring churches in Babb, Browning, Heart Butte, and St. Ignatius. Although it is not ideal to have the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes isolated from the rest of the Tribal Nations, it is better for all Tribes to have at least one competitive district. And, having the other six Tribes in the other district, gives Native people a stronger voice than if there were only 5 in a non-competitive district. What's more, when it comes to gerrymandering in terms of favoring one party over the other, map 10 is more "guilty" than map 11 because it creates two non-competitive districts that both favor the Republican Party. Map 10 is barely competitive and certainly does not guarantee a Democratic sweep in elections. It just means non-Republicans would have some hope of being listened to. I STRONGLY support Map 10.</p>	Donna Martin	donnalee6259@gmail.com	Libby	MT

CP10 Like	<p>MT Law HB 506 which became law 5/14/2021 says: (3) A district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. The following data or information may not be considered in the development of a plan: (a) addresses of incumbent legislators or members of congress; (b) political affiliations of registered voters; (c) partisan political voter lists; or (d) previous election results, unless required as a remedy by a court. There are 8 Native American communities in Montana. Map# 11 has only 1 in the west and 7 in the east. Map #10 has 2 in the west and 6 in the east. One analysis argues that since most of them are in the east, Map 10 allows the greatest opportunity to increase the Native American voice in that western district. For this reason alone, if we have to choose between these 2 maps and stay within the law, map 10 is better than map 11.</p>	Tashina Smith	smitht2507@gmail.com	West Yellowst MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>This map suppresses all tribe voices and does not split the population as evenly as Map 11. Both of these factors are much more important than something as rudimentary as east and west. The people are what's important, not the location.</p>	Kramer Wilson	kramerwilson@gmail.com	Kalispell MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>This map unfairly disenfranchises native Montana voters and creates NO competitive districts. Gerrymandering at its very worst.</p>	Erin Vang	erin.vang@me.com	Helena MT
CP10 Like	<p>This map makes the most sense as splitting Flathead county or putting it in the Eastern part of the state is ludicrous. The population of the two districts created is roughly equivalent and it creates a definite eastern and western split.</p>	Mrs. Lynn Sundelius	sundelius@centurytel.net	Kalispell MT

I think the commission should chose CP11, the map that divides the Flathead, not the map that divides Gallatin.

The reason I support this map is because it makes both representatives have a connection to the Western Montana, which is a very special place. The map that divides Gallatin is much more of an East/West map and we need representatives that are invested in representing all Montana. For that reason, I think the map that gives some of the eastern district land that goes beyond the continental divide.

Also, the map that divides Gallatin is a much clearer example of gerrymandering because it divides up the fastest growing, and soon to be most liberal county. While the other map divides up the Flathead, I think this will produce a benefit to the people in that county because two representatives will have their district in that area.

Another advantage of the map that divides the fFlathead is that the Salish are in one district, and the Blackfeet are in another. This advantage is that both representatives will have an interest in representing those Native interests.

CP10	Dislike	For the above reason, I dislike map 10, and hope the commission will select map 11.	Benjamin M. Darrow	bendarrow@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP10	Dislike	Severing both Glacier and Pondera Counties from the eastern district unnecessarily divides these agriculturally driven communities from the rest of eastern Montana. The economic interests of these counties are much more aligned with the Eastern District. This is a poor map.	Ross T Johnson	rtjohnso@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10	Dislike	I do not think this map should be adopted. The split of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway makes no sense given how connected the two communities are. In addition West Yellowstone and Gardiner should be in the same district given their connection as the main gateways to Yellowstone park.	Domenic A Cossi	coss0010@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Like	Map 10 is my choice of the two. Personally I think that the we should have both representatives should cover the entire state until we warrant more representatives.	Rick C Burrell	rickbslc@bresnan.net	Columbia Falls	MT

I object to Map 10 for the following reasons:

Most importantly, Map 10 splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway even though there is no clear reason to do so since Gallatin County could have been split in such a way to keep them together. Interestingly, these two towns are growing closer economically as the needs of the Big Sky area for affordable housing and employee resources have required investment by Big Sky businesses in the Gallatin Gateway community. The only rationale for this division is to create a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes and split two small towns for no reason. This division violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns.

Map 10 creates two Republican districts, which unduly favors one party. With two congressional districts now instead of one, a fair map includes one competitive district that either party can win.

Map 10 also dilutes the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by breaking up the Golden Triangle and critical grain and cattle producing regions in Montana. This is cracking the farm and ranch vote pure and simple.

Map 10 also separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with vital economic connections and shared interests. As these areas grow in population, joint representation in Congress by one representative would result in recognition of the identical problems those communities will face in the future. Map 11 better acknowledges this community of interest.

CP10 Dislike

Ruth Kopec

rkopec@bridgeband.com

Bozeman

MT

CP10 Like

No map will be perfect, but Western Montana must include Flathead County. Tourism, medical facilities, industry and other major components of our community are kept together by map 10. This is the best option.

David Mercer

David@calvaryflathead.org

Whitefish

MT

CP10 Like

Map 10 is significantly better than Map 11 as it represents more of an East/West divide of the state creating districts of similar interests. Map 11 is a non starter for me as it splits Flathead County and it places most of the County in the East where Flathead County has limited ties.

Dennis Nelson

dennisnelsonmt@gmail.com

Bigfork

Montana

CP10 Dislike	I believe the alternate, CP11, is far better. This map has greater deviation, splits the Golden Triangle, and represents far more political "fiddling". It splits Helena and Butte for no apparent reason. I am not a proponent of this version of the redistricting.	Charles W Wheeler	sagebrushgoldens@earthlink.net	Ronan	MT
CP10 Dislike	Map CP-10 is a poor map that is based on trying to carve out specific party districts and it does not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Select a map that actually adheres to law.	Brian Cayko	briancayko@msn.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Dislike	This plan dilutes the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by breaking up the Golden Triangle and critical grain and cattle producing regions in Montana. This is cracking the farm and ranch vote pure and simple. This plan breaks with the Historical precedent in Montana by separating the towns of Helena and Butte, diluting union strength and breaking apart a community of interest thatâ€™s existed for over a century. This plan splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway even though there is no clear reason to do so since Gallatin county could have been split in such a way to keep them together. This is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes and splitting two small towns for no reason violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns. This plan separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with vital economic connections and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges this community of interest.	Zehra Osman	dazeler@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map does not appear to comply with the mandatory criteria for compactness since Gallatin County is split between the two districts in several locations, including Bozeman, Gallatin Gateway, and Big Sky. These separations are counter to the mandatory consideration of functional compactness in terms of travel and transportation, communication, and geography. Having lived in Gallatin Gateway and now in Bozeman, I know that multiple daily interactions occur throughout these areas. The population increases occurring in the county will only broaden these interactions and an irregular line dividing the two districts would be extremely confusing to voters. Although Gallatin County and Park County share travel, transportation, and communication interests, map 10 separates the core business areas of Bozeman and Livingston into two different districts. Also, this map separates Pondera County from the other agricultural interest of the Golden Triangle which limits the voice common to these constituents.	Patti Steinmuller	psteinmul@msn.com	Bozeman	Gallatin

CP10	Opinion	This map is better. Flathead needs to be in the Eastern District. It also provides an even population split.	Dianne P Ostermiller	kostermiller@bresnan.net	Bozeman	mt
CP10	Opinion	CP1 is still the best map.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP10	Like	This map makes more sense than the other one. If your doing an east / west split, Flathead needs to be west. Western Montana is not western Montana without Flathead and Glacier.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP10	Dislike	CP10 would divide many key areas of common interest into separate districts to the detriment of those areas. It would be terrible for the Greater Yellowstone area.	Sarah G Hughes	sghughes@acm.org	Livingston	MT
CP10	Dislike	Plan 11 better acknowledges communities of common interest. CP 10 should be rejected.	TERRI L NELSON	tlynn_49@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10	Dislike	The fact that this map has made it this far is bizarre, it clearly divides areas up to give a particular party an advantage. This map splits up ranching and farming districts to allow democratic areas to be divided and moved into the eastern district to deny those communities the voice they deserve. This map is blatantly unconstitutional.	Damion Shaye Lynn	lynn.damions@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Like	This map is better than #11, though, #1 was the most fair to both parties.	Michelle Dorrence	dorrence@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Like	I prefer this map. Having some populations split within our MT metro areas is not an issue for me. We are not tightly bound communities and we do have dissimilar POV on many topics.	Destyne Sweeney	desweeney33@hotmail.com	Emigrant	MT
CP10	Like	I like map 10 for many reasons. Both maps divide one county, but this one has less gerrymandering. I still prefer map 1 but this one will work.	Maryrose Beasley	mrosebeasley@gmail.com	Roundup	MT
CP11	Like	I support Proposal 11	jeff Meide	jmeide@earthlink.net	BILLINGS	MT
CP11	Dislike	I dislike Map 11. We are not Eastern Montana.	Joyce Huff	fmhuff@fidalgo.net	Kalispell	MT
CP11	Like	please keep map 11- I live in Gallatin County right on the Bozeman city line- being in the Eastern Montana district would not represent my needs or priorities.	Wendy Pierce	wendy.piercemt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Dislike	I dislike Map 11 because it creates a District with communities that share no interest between Western Montana and Eastern Montana.	Ashley Shoemaker, MSW, LAC	shoemaker.ashley.r@gmail.com	Saint Ignatius	MT
CP11	Dislike	I dislike Map 11 because it is a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines!	Ashley Shoemaker, MSW, LAC	shoemaker.ashley.r@gmail.com	Saint Ignatius	MT
CP11	Dislike	I dislike Map 11 because it isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities.	Ashley Shoemaker, MSW, LAC	shoemaker.ashley.r@gmail.com	Saint Ignatius	MT

CP11 Dislike	I dislike Map 11 because, for the first time EVER, in Montana history, this map splits a county West of the Continental Divide (Flathead) and puts it in an Eastern District. Flathead County has ZERO political, economic, or cultural ties with the vast number of counties in the Eastern District.	Ashley Shoemaker, MSW, LAC	shoemaker.ashley.r@gmail.com	Saint Ignatius	MT
CP11 Like	The stated objectives are keeping district populations as equal as possible, ensuring districts are compact and contiguous, and protecting minority voter rights through compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act. In short, maintaining balance and fostering fair representation. On the whole, map 11 seems best suited to support said goals with well-balanced populations and like-for-like communities together.	Jim Phillips	jim.phillips.uw@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I believe that map CP11 offers the most fair and representative division of our state. We are diverse and a;; deserve to have multiple views honored. Map CP11 offers the best chance of doing that plus it meets more of the established criteria.	Rebecca Cox	BeckyMizoo@aol.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 does the best job of providing a competitive electoral framework, with even population numbers, while keeping communities together.	Laurel Rhodes	drlmrhodes@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP11 Dislike	REJECT map 11. It is gerrymandering at its best. Comments mention liberals and conservatives. Go without this and political parties. Stick with the fairer split in numbers. Map 11 gives a much less representation of Native Americans in the West. It gives a much bigger difference in the White population between the two districts. It is double the difference from Map 10. Reject 11. GO WITH 10 make it a fair distribution.	Tony Loya	TL350H@gmail.com	BOZEMAN	MT MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 is the most competitive choice, and does the best job at keeping communities, counties, and economic interest areas intact. From ranching and agriculture to tourism to developing cities, this map ensures that many interest groups are not split between the two districts, therefore ensuring that they have a voice.	VIRGINIA MILLER	sailawaypromise@yahoo.com	Heart Butte	Montana
CP11 Like	Map 11 is the best option as both political parties have an opportunity to win. Thus this map is a better choice for fair representation.	Cheryl Bourguignon	cheryl.bourguignon@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP11 Like	CP 11 seems like the more equitable distribution of population and does not split major communities.	Bruce Schwartz	bruce.schwartz@rocketmail.com	Helena	Montana

		<p>This map carves out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana Statutes and constitutional requirements.</p> <p>You must follow the law in this regard which is 5-1-115 (MCA).</p> <p>Allow no split counties.</p> <p>Deborah M. Wilson P O Box 399 Kila, Montana 59920</p>				
CP11	Dislike	dmwilson@acwei.com	Deborah Wilson	dmwilson@acwei.com	Kila	MT
CP11	Like	<p>Commissioners~Thank you so much for doing this important and challenging work. I am from Gardiner. I urge you to adopt CP-11. You’ve heard the arguments supporting and opposing both proposals. I am particularly disturbed by the thought of splitting communities in Gallatin County and not including Gallatin and Park Counties in the same district. I urge you to follow your consciences and approve the map you feel will truly enable all Montanans to have equal and fair representation. Thank you again.</p>	Colette Daigle-Berg	colette@coolworks.com	Gardiner	MT
CP11	Dislike	<p>In terms of population divide among ethnicities, this does not seem fair to the Native AM population by a staggering percentage compared to the rest of them. Neither of these maps are good, but it the law states that it can't be a political decision, so it terms of population/ethnicity division, this map unfairly targets one groups representation</p>	George Dawson	nadrojrader@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Dislike	<p>This map does not serve to keep communities of interest intact. It intentionally splits off Kalispell into the east with Gallatin and Whitefish in the west with the only reason being competitiveness. While this would obviously be more likely to create one competitive district, and competitiveness is a goal that the commission is authorized to consider, competitiveness, and all other enumerated goals, are necessarily secondary to the required criteria. Setting up a district for the sole purpose of unduly benefiting the Democratic party, while splitting up communities of interest and making the map less contiguous is improper.</p> <p>As such, CP10 should be adopted instead of CP11.</p>	Gordon Wallace	gwallace5427@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP11 Like	I support Map 11. While not perfect, it keeps Gallatin County whole, plus includes Park County, which makes sense as there are numerous connections between Gallatin & Park Counties. I live in Park County but do much of my shopping, health, and other business in Gallatin County. Also, the deviation is less dramatic as compared with Map 10 (-1 vs 7). Map 11 is preferred by Western Native Voice, which is important to me that our Native Tribes feel they have a fairer voice than Map 10. This map provides the best chance for fair representation.	Wendy Lynn Riley	wriley406@yahoo.com	Emigrant	MT
CP11 Dislike	Seems like it's drawn to give each party one seat. Not going to be a competitive race for either seat. Agriculture is essentially only important in District 2 and District 1 is for non-agricultural politics. Flathead County farming has nothing in common with Eastern MT agriculture. This CP isolates the Flathead Nation from the other 7 tribes in Montana and weakens the Native Vote for District 1.	Jackson Smith Ranch	jace.bigbend@gmail.com	RONAN	MT
CP11 Dislike	MAp 13 keeps the two large university towns together in one district. The towns of Bozeman and Missoula should not be in the same district due to the demographic of having most of the college students (including Butte) in the same district. The college towns need to be in separate districts.	Kathleen RAKela	k_rakela@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11 as the best map for two districts in Montana. It does not divide Gallatin county into urban and rural areas. It is the better choice for fair representation.	Bruce Bell	Yellowstone.mz@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	I support CP11 as the most equitable choice for Montana. It does not split Gallatin county and keeps Lewis and Clark county in the west.	Lori Yurga	Yellowstone.my@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	I believe CP11 provides the most equitable opportunity for representation in the state and is preferable because of this.	Karen L Morris	busterm@midrivers.com	Miles City	MT
CP11 Like	This map best represents a fair and just breakdown of voting districts. Clean lines that do not split counties and voting centers up unfairly. Allowing neighbors and communities to have a more balanced say in politics.	Moffatt Prescott	missiongravity@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	While this was not one of my preferred choices, it's the best map left. I support this map because it does not unduly favor one political party and is the most competitive.	Ann Karp	ann@sidewaysgaze.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I think CP11 gives the best chance for equal representation within the state and does not divide the large Galatine County	James C Frey	jffrey@3rivers.net	Ennis	MT
CP11 Like	I support adopting cp11 as it is a more fair representation of the current and historical differences between western and eastern Montana.	Eric Grove	egrove61@gmail.com	Helena	MT

CP11 Dislike	CP11 seems to me the worst choice. CP 10 is a better representation of MT population, and doesn't split large communities. CP11 would be worse in keeping populations of relatively like minded thinking together and is more divisive in collection of ballots. Please do not choose CP11.	Alan B Leech	alkaleech@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I believe that CP11 is the better map since it keeps large communities intact and allows for more fair assessment of relatively like populations.	Alan B Leech	alkaleech@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer Map #11 for the following reasons: --It comes the closest to providing competitive redistricting --It allows communities of interest to participate together, i.e. The Golden Triangle and the Highline retain their joint agricultural interests/needs. Likewise Bozeman and Missoula are communities of similar interests in large student populations, extreme rapid growth and related housing crisis. They should share their interests/needs in one specific district. --While neither map allows all of Montana's Native Tribes to participate in representation with one voice, Map #11 is thought to give Montana's recognized tribes a more fair voice (as per Western Native Voice published post). I urge you to adopt Map #11.	Ann Haggett	annhmontana@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	CP11 gives the State an equal chance for representation and does the least dividing of areas with like interests	James C Frey	jffrey@3rivers.net	Ennis	MT
CP11 Like	Please select redistricting proposal CP11. Best division of population. No splitting of towns. Best balance of political parties.	Charles Davis	chipdavis1915@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP11 Like	CP11 is the fairest division of Montana of the two finalists. Please choose CP11 for redistricting.	D Curtis Starr Jr	curtstarr@montana.net	BILLINGS	MT
CP11 Like	I favor this map because it is fairer than the other map, which favors republican control of the state by gerrymandering. Please vote for #11.	Leslie Millar	sciencewomansociety@msn.com	Arlee	MT
CP11 Like	Kudos to those who worked so hard to solve the redistricting of Montana's new voting map. I personally favor CP11. I simply find it the most "FAIR."	Marcie Roe	troe@bresnan.net	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	Of the two commission-proposed maps, I prefer CP11. Mainly due to the fact that it includes both Helena and Bozeman in the western district while keeping all counties but Flathead intact (included in a single district).	Tracy Donaldson	spikegrl@hotmail.com	Helena	MT

CP11 Like	I opt for Proposal 11 as the most fair configuration for 2 U. S. Congressional districts for Montana. It appears to do the best job of making each proposed district consistently competitive and reflective of the State's natural historic voting patterns.	Teddy Roe	troe@bresnan.net	Billings	MT
CP11 Dislike	I oppose CP 10 since it is blatant gerrymandering.	Shelley Thurmond	thurmond@vikingcable.net	Huntley	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP 11 because it is the more fair of the two remaining options.	Shelley Thurmond	thurmond@vikingcable.net	Huntley	MT
CP11 Opinion	Looking at the proposal, it is clear number 11 is the best as it provides cohesive boundaries for towns and counties. It is important to keep our local communities together. Our elections should be about providing as fair a playing field as possible.	Candace Dyer	cldyer65@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11 Like	I strongly favor CP11. It's fair to both Republicans and Democrats in Montana, allowing for a competitive election for at least one of the seats.	Julie Sirrs	jrsirrs@aol.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	The goal is as close to fair as possible even knowing that none of these is perfect. CP11 is clearly the fairest.	Walt K Weissman	waldo@bythesea.com	Livingston	Mt.
CP11 Dislike	This map is not good because it places republican areas in the east district and democrat areas in the west district. Clear gerrymandering. Also almost no native influence in west district. Possible lawsuit?	anita brawner/ brian fraker	12chickadee31@gmail.com	livingston	mt
CP11 Like	I strongly support CP11. Derek Skees complained about the gerrymandering that one of the proposals included, but including L&C County in the eastern district is clearly another form of gerrymandering. Placing L&C Co in the eastern district would put a lock on full Republican control of the State. The currently Republican party does not resemble the party of 25 years ago and cannot be relied upon to rule fairly as demonstrated by the recent legislative session and subsequent alarming behavior. I believe that many voters were deceived in 2020 by deceptive late campaign ads and by the silly "Defund the Police" movement that was very poorly named and was never popular by any voters in MT. Now that we can see clearly what the Montana Republican party is about, it would make no sense whatsoever to go with CP10. Progressive and Independent voters would be locked out for another 10 years. I am a 69-year old life-long Independent voter raised in a conservative Republican family in SD. The current Republican party represents only the worst aspects of the same party of 25-30 years ago. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!	James Melstad	jvmelstad@bresnan.net	HELENA, MT	MT
CP11 Like	Democracy means one person one vote with an across the State opportunity to have it be weighed equally, so I favor #11.	William Hanson	bozebill@gmail.com	Bozeman	Mt

CP11 Like	Option 11 is the only option that will give Democrats a chance to be represented. The other option favors the Republicans so much that nearly half of the state's population will have no representation in congress.	Fred L Longhart	flonghart@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer CP11	Ruth Weissman	ruth@bythesea.com	Livingston	Montana
CP11 Like	Of the two #10 and #11, #11 is a much fairer choice. I live in a gerrymandered district outside of East Helena but I have to vote in a gerrymandered district that slices through Republican areas and always elects Republicans. It will be nice to have my votes matter. Also, I respect the opinions of our Native American leaders. We need to make sure their votes matter.	Robyn Morrison	coevals_slather.05@icloud.com	Helena	Montana
CP11 Like	I prefer this as it splits up less communities than option #10	Michele McMullen	m_mcmullen@me.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	I like districting as on plan 11. It is much more fair	James M Pappenfus	jpappenfus@mac.com	Sheridan	MT
CP11 Like	I support map 11 as the best of the 2 remaining options. I think it is best to leave Helena in with Western MT. I like that this map, at least for the most part, does not split communities.	Robert Bukantis	bob@bukantis.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Opinion	I'm in favor of CP11. It represents the people of Montana more fairly and gives everyone a better chance of being heard, including our Tribal communities. It isn't a good plan to further divide our communities and have unbalanced representation. Please settle on CP11 for the benefit of all Montanans.	Christine McKay	cimckay.4@gmail.com	CASCADE	MT
CP11 Dislike	The districts in this map are less compact than CP10, and thus it fails the Constitutional criteria. Further, this map was clearly drawn to favor the Democrat party by removing as many Republican voters as possible from the western district. Further, this map violates the goal of keeping communities of interest intact by carving much of Flathead county out of the western district. Kalispell has more interests in common with Whitefish than it does with the eastern district. This map's only goal is blindingly obvious: to give Democrats as much advantage as possible and thus it fails the goals for districting.	Edward Dickman	edward.dickman@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP11 Like	Neither map is ideal. Even though map 11 puts only one reservation in district 1, it still provides more voice to Native voters than the other map. (I almost wish we could turn the map drawing over to Artificial Intelligence instead of partisan human ignorance. Oh well.) I agree with the advice of Western Native Voice. CP11 is the better choice.	Donna Williams	dwilliamshome@charter.net	Great Falls	MT

	<p>I think Map 11 comes closest to my concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that our two party system works and people benefit from having a fair fight between ideas. 2. Honor existing jurisdictional lines. 3. Recognize the Tribes as sovereign nations and that they provide a unique voice that deserves to be heard and fairly represented. 4. The district shares common economies so that the Representative can advocate for those industries fairly and not pit one against the other. 5. Don't draw lines where we end up pitting rural issues against urban issues. Issues common to each demographic should have an opportunity for fair representation. 				
CP11 Like		Margaret Gorski	mgorski@bitterroot.com	Stevensville	MT
CP11 Like	I live in Kalispell.... Eastern Montana and Kalispell should vote together. I suppose map 11 which allows that.	Lawrence Maxwell	maxneva@montanasky.net	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I think CP11 will be the fairest choice for voters.	Mildred Whalen	mwhalen729@verizon.net	Great Falls	Montana
CP11 Opinion	Both of the proposals are heavily weighted to the majority party in Montana. CP #11 is a far more equitable division. Gallatin County should not be divided the way it has been on the other map. Please choose CP #11 as the fairer of the two options. It is within the competitive range of the Commission adopted criteria and goals. Thanks.	Vicki Blakeman	vblakeman53@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Dislike	Additional comment if I may. As for Livingston & Bozeman being locked at the hip, do yourself a favor and google Bozeman Real Estate Group website and see what they have to say about that, especially in 2020. They list six (6) reasons that Livingston "ISN'T" like Bozeman. Blows the argument that Livingston is a bedroom community of Bozeman to pieces. Map 11 isn't it.	Eliot A Strommen	eliotrealestate@nemont.net	Vandalia	MT
CP11 Like	I favor Map 11 but I do support keeping all of Flathead county in it. I don't think it is in the best interest of Montana citizens to split a county up in the maps. I feel that will be confusing for voters and also for the staff of the county office affected.	Katheryn S. Bark	barksnmt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support map 11 or CP11 as the most appropriate choice.	William J Cardin	wcardin@gmail.com	EAST GLACIER	MT

	<p>So, Park County borders Meagher, Stillwater, Carbon, and Sweetgrass counties but we are to assume that all the folks in Park have nothing in common with those counties because of, well... Livingston! Do yourself a favor and log on to the "Bozeman Real Estate Group Website" and see what those folks say about Livingston back in 2020. Blows the "Livingston is Bedroom community of Bozeman" argument to pieces. And arguably, as time goes on Livingston will have less and less in common with Bozeman simply because Bozeman is pricing itself out of "Montana".</p> <p>Who needs to drive to Bozeman (especially over the pass in winter) to buy a \$100 dollar hamburger, or whatever? Billings is a nice, (and arguably safer) drive away on I- 90. Just saying. And regarding Bozeman being "split up", take a look at the last 2010 -2022 redistricting map for the MT legislature and you'll see Bozeman has no less than four (4) different districts. Found that interesting. And finally, I suspect many of the folks in Lewis & Clark County (including Helena) would argue that they have more in common with Cascade County (Great Falls) than say.....Deer Lodge, or Anaconda, or Missoula (I-15 & I-90).</p>				
CP11 Dislike	Map #11 really doesn't stand up to honest scrutiny!	Eliot Strommen	eliotrealestate@nemont.net	Vandalia	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 is a more fair and competitive division that will better allow voters to elect representatives who will reflect their views. It is vital that Montana's closely divided constituencies have an even playing field and each person's vote is counted.	Debra Miller	mtmiller.deb@gmail.com	ROSCOE	Montana
CP11 Like	while not perfect, CP 11 comes closest to a fair and competitive redistricting. Support	Laura Cater-Woods	laura@cater-woods.com	Townsend	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer this map because although it divides one county, it appears to keep communities together rather than split them for political advantage.	John Bundy	Bundyj@gmail.com	Hamilton	Montana
CP11 Like	CP 11 makes much more sense for keeping common interests together. Splitting eastern Gallatin County, West Yellowstone and Big Sky from other tourism based areas (as in CP 10)sets up poor representation for residents.	Jim Hamilton	mtsusquehanna@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11 as the most equitable and representative of the interests of western Montana. This part of our state, with the exception of Billings/Yellowstone County, is experiencing, and likely will continue to, the most growth which warrants adoption of this map.	William Michael O'Leary	wmocu87@gmail.com	BUTTE	MT

CP11 Like	I support CP11. CP11 is a better compromise and more fairly represents current community divides, maintains competitiveness, and adheres to historical boundaries. This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.	Daniel Volkmann	sandyvolkmann@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	CP-11 is the more equitable choice.	Brianne Harrington	mistressbrie@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	CP 11 seems to make the most sense historically and for common regional interests.	Jesse Mahugh	jesse.mahugh@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	Do NOT split Flathead County, vote NO re: Map 11. It fails to keep communities of interest intact and it would force our Congressperson to travel vast distances. Follow the Montana Law, MCA 5-1-115! MAP CP1 was the best and most fair.	Connie Dale	ConstanceDale@yahoo.com	Bigfork, MT	MT
CP11 Dislike	This splits Flathead county and has FOUR tribes on one side! This will create a BIG disadvantage for the voices of the tribes. Please split so two are in West and three in East. That way the split is more even and the House Reps have to listen to them because their vote counts more and it will keep us from going to the extremes. The Rep will have to listen. Also, I live in the Flathead and want to be represented as well! The Rep won't need to come up here on the East and same on the West. We'll be ignored! Not fair! Also, you DON'T NEED TO SPLIT THESE COUNTIES to get even populations so why do it unless you're trying to gerrymander? Please put two biggies on each side: Galatin on East with Yellowstone and Flathead contingently nice on West, with Missoula. Also, keep Glacier over on West and the tribe. THIS will allow for better representation by the Rep. The Rep will be able to better represent a district that has similar needs, bringing it to the center, hearing the voices of the minorities, like the tribes. Please consider such a new map if possible.	Nicole Schubert	nicolejschubert18@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana

		Talk about gerrymandering! Map 11 is it. So..Park County borders Sweetgrass, Stillwater, Meagher, and Carbon counties and yet Livingston is too good for them and needs to be with Bozeman? Park County is not just Livingston folks. Arguably, in the coming years Livingston will gradually have less and less in common with Bozeman simply because Bozeman is pricing itself out of Montana! Interstate 90 does runs to Billings which is seasonably safer than fighting the pass to Bozeman to buy a \$400 dollar hamburger! And, pretty sure a large portion of Lewis & Clark folks would say their county blends in more with Cascade (Great Falls) than say....Deer Lodge, or Missoula, especially those East of the divide. Finally, Bozeman folks argue against splitting up the town. Understand the that argument. But, do me a favor and go look at the last Montana legislature redistricting for 2010 to 2022. Bozeman has four (4) different districts. Just found that interesting. Thanks for allowing my comments.	Eliot Strommen	eliotrealestate@nemont.net	Vandalia	MT
CP11	Dislike	CP 11 creates a more balanced population, considers our Native American population and splits fewer counties. Billings and Great Falls share more like values and should be in the same district.	Geraldine M. Jennings	jenningsg92@gmail.com	Great Falls	Montana
CP11	Like	I support proposal 11 because it is fair...	Eve Holthausen	eve_holthausen@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11	Like	The future district map should offer the voters of Montana a balanced set of choices for elected representation that gives the best opportunity for a robust discussion and debate on the issues of the day. Map 11 -- while not perfect -- offers the better solution by honoring existing communities and more carefully addressing the urban-rural diversity of the state -- allowing citizens to feel that their vote will better contribute to economic, social and environmental issues facing their communities. I strongly recommend adoption of Map 11 to move Montana forward.	Chris Pope	cspope@mac.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Opinion	I prefer CP11, our State would benefit from a competitive more balanced redistricting map	Wanda Thomas	2wandathomas@gmail.com	Red Lodge	MT
CP11	Like	I support map CP 11 as the fairest option. It splits fewer counties and cities the CP 10. It puts Great Falls and Billings, cities with the same character, in the same district.	Charles D Jennings	317charlesjennings@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11	Like	Map 11 is the best of the options provided. I urge you to select this plan.	Karen Zackheim	kzackheim@mac.com	Helena	MT
CP11	Like	Map 11 does the best job of providing a competitive electoral framework, with even population numbers, while keeping communities together.	Hugh Zackheim	montanazac@mac.com	Helena	MT

CP11 Like	I support #11, it more evenly distributes the state population wise.	Amy Spicka	amy_estes@yahoo.com	Belgrade	MT
CP11 Like	Ditto what so many others have said about creating one competitive district. This is my choice.	Bob Carter	montanarjc@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 looks like the right way to split the state.	Lincoln Roberts	bigskylincoln@gmail.com	Ennis	MT
CP11 Like	Proposal 11 is the more equitable of the two, splitting one county but no towns. It makes more sense to divide Flathead County rather than Gallatin. Farming is important in Flathead County as well as in the East and deserves representation.	Sandra Koness	koness.sm@gmail.com	Somers	MT
CP11 Like	My preference is to put similar together- all rural together, all cities together, all reservations together, all the "Boots" (as per previous governor description) of Montana together, and then still be contiguous. IMPOSSIBLE, but think Proposal 11 fits better. Do not like split counties, whether Flathead or Gallatin, but Gallatin more drastic so choose Proposal 11. Proposal 11 also gets more reservations in one district.	Bruce Peterson	34petewp@nemont.net	Fort Peck, Mo	Montana
CP11 Like	Map 11 clearly is the most equitable for the state based on population and historical practice.	Diane Rewerts	dcrewerts@gmail.com	Troy	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 offers a competitive district. Considering the size of Montana and its counties, creating equitable maps that follow all boundaries, geographical and political, is just not possible.	Logan Jackson	zang345@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	CP11 is obviously gerry-mandered to create a "competitive" district to allow Democrats the opportunity to gain a seat. Flathead County/Kalispell is not part of eastern Montana. There is no constitutionally or practically valid rationale that any congressional district be "competitive". CP10 is the more balanced of the 2 finalists. It more closely matches the natural geographical boundaries of the Continental Divide, following the suggestion John Wesley Powell that our political boundaries should be more aligned with watershed boundaries. They should be representative of the people and the landform.	Jeremy Gingerich	corvus25@tutanota.com	Manhattan	Montana
CP11 Like	I support Map CP 11 as the most equitable option.	Mary Hall	mary.hall380@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I'm in favor of map 11. This seems like the most fair and competitive map proposed.	Walter Mallard	swaltersrg@gmail.com	Great falls	MT

CP11 Like	I support CP 11. This map would create two districts that would provide competitive districts for our future elections. This will be Very Important to the future of Montana and the Nation. Thank you for your attention in this matter.	Patrick Vaughan	Patrick Vaughan	pvaughan184@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP11 Like	I support choosing CP11 as the fairest distribution of potential voters.	Nancy Dunne Byington	Nancy Dunne Byington	dunnebyington@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I support this map	Hank McClain	Hank McClain	hank.mcclain@gmail.com	Clinton	MT
CP11 Like	Please support proposal 11 which draws the more competitive map for our state. Proposal 11 allows more equitable representation of all Montanans without restricting any voter's right to have a voice at the table.	Elizabeth A Colantuono	Elizabeth A Colantuono	lizcolantuono@gmail.com	Missoula	Mt
CP11 Like	I support proposal 11 for fair districting!	Colin McWilliams	Colin McWilliams	colinm@rioenvironmental.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	Proposal 11 splits one county but no towns providing equality between districts. It's fair, equitable and avoids gerrymandering obvious in proposal 10 as evidenced by moving Helena to District 2.	Larry M. Dyer	Larry M. Dyer	lmdyer4368@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I believe map 11 is the fair and equitable choice for our new district.	Joni Harman	Joni Harman	Joni.harman@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	Proposal 11 is the correct choice.	Randy L Kellogg	Randy L Kellogg	ohdelphi@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 offers a fair and competitive western congressional district that will allow diverse voters to elect representatives who will reflect their views. Given the hyperpartisan clash of political views in our era, it's vital that Montana's closely divided constituencies have an even playing field.	Daniel Biehl	Daniel Biehl	dsbiehl@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	Flathead County is in the far northwest part of the state so why artificially carve out Whitefish? Do not think this map represents the state properly - Map 10 geo East/West is best	Arthur Bennett	Arthur Bennett	acbennett3@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	Montana
CP11 Like	Map 11 is the only choice, because it is more fair in terms of population	Linda W. Pierce	Linda W. Pierce	kenlindapierce@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	I feel that CP11 is the most fair and will provide the best outcome that will follow the will of the majority of voters regardless of their party ties.	David J Jones	David J Jones	djengrg@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Opinion	CP11 has many positive aspects, the greatest is that it provides a competitive district. Without adopting this Proposal almost half of Montana voters will essentially be disenfranchised.	Earl R Owens	Earl R Owens	eowens@montana.com	Missoula	Montana

CP11 Like	I prefer Map 11. It achieves equal population, and I believe it best preserves community of interest. With Map 11, Flathead County would be divided, with part going to the Eastern District. This makes sense because farming is an important industry to both areas. There is still a substantial amount of farming in Flathead County, and lately, small, thriving, organic micro-farms have been booming. It makes more sense to divide Flathead County rather than Gallatin (as Map 10 does).	Karen Savage	ksavagewas@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11 because it offers the most equitable balance in representation and ensures that no towns are split. This will help reduce voter confusion and allow all of our voices a chance to be heard.	Moira Linam	mckinnonmoira@hotmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Opinion	CP #11 seems to allow for the fullest representation of more of the citizens of Montana. This is NOT about representation of one party over another. It's about each of us getting a fair equal say in our government.	Dennis James Semprini	semprinidennis@gmail.com	Boeman	MT
CP11 Like	I definitely think version CP 11 provides the best opportunity for representation for the people of Montana.	Robert Skaggs	morecabintime@gmail.com	Nye	MT
CP11 Like	The only choice that should ever be made in a representative democracy is the one that provides true representation of its citizens.	Marcus Golz	00-slot-dint@icloud.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	# 11 makes one of the districts competitive. #10 allows no real competition anywhere in the state. It seems obvious that #11 is a much more fair option.	Cathy Weber	cw@cathyweber.net	Dillon	MT
CP11 Like	Map CP-11 makes the most sense. Splitting Gallatin County would seem like disenfranchising all its inhabitants. (I am one).	Rebecca Weed	becky@lambandwool.com	Belgrade	MT

	<p>I support CP11. This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.</p> <p>As the community of Bozeman continues to face rising housing costs, more and more Montana workers and families find themselves commuting from Belgrade, Gallatin Gateway, and Livingston to Bozeman for work. CP 11 ensures this critical economic connection isn't divided by district lines.</p> <p>This map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most Montana workers are kept in the same district as their workplace.</p> <p>This map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress.</p>				
CP11 Like		Bernadine Gantert	bfgantert@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Please use map 11. This looks like the most fair and competitive map proposed.	Doris Brill	dlbrill03@gmail.com	Roberts	Mt
CP11 Like	I support map CP-11. It creates the most equitable congressional districts for Montanans and also unites communities where people live and work such as Lewis & Clark, Jefferson and Broadwater counties.	JoAnn Hanson	jhansonmt@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map does not represent the true political makeup of the voters of Montana. It does not acknowledge that Montana is a conservative state with a vast republican majority, but attempts to gerrymander the new congressional district so that leftist democrats have a chance to secure a congressional seat that they most certainly have not earned.	Joseph L O'Rourke	sephrie@protonmail.com	COLUMBIA FA	MT
CP11 Like	this map seems slightly competitive, whereas the other is not at all	Jeff Morrow	morrowssaddles@hotmail.com	Niarada	Montana
CP11 Like	I support map 11. It seems to provide the most bipartisan representation and appears much better than map 10 or the other maps. Please use map 11 for the re-districting plan.	Cheryl Brill	Cyobrill@gmail.com	Roberts	Mt
CP11 Like	Even though it looks a little goofy, our big state will have 2 districts and this one makes the most sense in keeping it competitive.	Sandra Carpenter	sanzmt3@gmail.com	Glasgow	Montana

CP11 Like	I am in favor of CP 11 because it is the only option of these two that has any hope of having one competitive district! We need a competitive district. Flathead County seems to have more in common (politically) with Eastern Montana, and it's good that Gallatin County is not divided in CP 11.	Joanne MacConnachie Morrow	morrowjoanne5@gmail.com	Niarada(Hot Springs) MT
CP11 Opinion	Keep Kalispell in west and Helena in east. Exact equal population is less important than geographic cohesiveness and similar interests.	Ron Cox	Ronandelva@yahoo.com	Seeley Lake Montana
CP11 Like	CP 11 is a fairer division for our state. CP 10 is a gerrymandered map and goes against the principle of a fair democratic process.	Aaron	Pitman76@gmail.com	Whitefish MT
CP11 Like	Plan 11 results in a competitive district and is the more logical demographic grouping, compared to the other finalist. Please approve plan 11, which will require a competition for voters approval, and is a more fair grouping of our states population.	Michael L Miller	mlmiller@sterk.space	Philipsburg Montana
CP11 Like	It's important to keep all of Gallatin County in one district. It's important to keep Bozeman and Livingston together in one district. It's important to keep Broadwater and Jefferson Counties connected to Helena, a community where many of these county residents are employed. It's also important to have a significant Native American presence in District 2 so that candidates serve their needs. It's important to keep mountain recreation together in District 1 and cultural areas together in District 2. Neither of these maps are perfect, but 11 is preferable to 10.	Karen Knudsen	karen@clarkfork.org	Missoula MT
CP11 Like	This plan appears to make the most sense. Lewis and Clark County has more in common with the population centers in the western part of the state than the largely agricultural eastern part of the state. If the goal of redistricting is to ensure fair and equitable elections, please choose this option.	Cynthia Parry	Cfparry@msn.com	Helena MT
CP11 Like	I want at least one congressional district to be competitive so that the candidates are forced to listen to the entire range of constituent concerns. Otherwise, the candidates end up in safe districts/silos. Safe districts tend to the political extremes and do not produce or encourage a wide range of debate and policy making suffers.	Mark Mackin	markmackin@juno.com	Helena MT

CP11 Like	CP 11 insures no towns are split which will help reduce voter confusion. It also offers the most equitable balance in representation. SP 10 splits Gallatin County and the small towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway and moves Helena to District 2. This is intended to tip the balance in District 1 and gives the impression of gerrymandering. For this reason, I support CP 11 and oppose CP 10. We need fair and equitable districts, regardless of party affiliation.	Weat Mattis	Commerce@Weat.Net	Stevensville	MT
CP11 Like	I am still unclear why the commission had to add these two options after the initial ones which worked to keep communities of interest together as well as to make competitive districts. While this is slightly different than the option I preferred, I support map #11.	Samsara Duffey	mtnlace@gmail.com	WEST YELLOW	MT
CP11 Dislike	If the purpose of redistricting is to redistrict, and not rely on politics, why do most commenters rely on politics? If we WERE to rely on politics, we'd be forced to draw lines according to party affiliation. Montana is an overwhelming majority-Republican, majority-conservative state. Neither district -- East-West, nor a hypothetical North-South -- votes for the democratic party as a majority, only pockets of people here and there. There is no substantial Democratic majority in any county here. So what do our districts look like if the goal is to draw lines according to party affiliation? Do we want that? Do we REALLY want to bring the politics into this? This map is more political than our friend, Map 10. Although, if this is supposed to be political, BOTH maps offer far too much space for the few areas that DO vote for the Democratic party. That isn't fair to the Republicans, again, I only say this if we're going to be political, as most people are...	Jon Orton	Lindsay3979@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	I'm writing in favor of Map 11, which keeps communities together. The alternative-- Map 10 -- seems to divide Gallatin County for no apparent reason. Given how fast Gallatin County is growing, dividing it up for elections will cause endless unnecessary problems. Thank you all for your service on the redistricting commission. May you choose wisely and well!	Julie Wester	juliewester@icloud.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	#11 is much better than #10 for Montana	Steve Harper	sharper@carroll.edu	HELENA	Montana

CP11 Like	I think Map 11 allows the more urban part of the state and the more rural part of the state to elect people who can advocate for the unique needs of urban and rural communities. I realize our largest city, Billings, is in eastern Montana. However when the rest of our bigger cities elect candidates that can advocate for urban needs, Billings will also benefit. Same for people in the more agriculturally oriented parts of western Montana. They will benefit from candidates elected by eastern Montanans. Also, I think Map 11 allows our original people, our Indian population, to better unite for their common interests.	Nancy Volle	jumpoverpuddles@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I am advocating for CP11. It is the most fair representation of the population split and making a historical effort to fairly balance the districts. It appears Montana's population is growing and this would appear to be the most accurate measure of equal growth in both districts into the future.	Brad L Arndorfer	brad@arndorferlaw.com	Boyd	MT
CP11 Like	I support this districting over the alternative.	Bridget Morse	a10841z@gmail.com	Whithall	MT
CP11 Like	All Montanans deserve a voice and this #11 is most apt to create the fairest representation.	Linda Hanson	montanahanson@gmail.com	Red Lodge	Montana
CP11 Opinion	I read recently that people like George Soros actually PAY -- yes, PAY -- people to act as influencers online and bombard comment sections to prop up his prized Left. Just thought I'd share that. Sad, I must say, that his sleazy and smelly fingers are touching out beautiful state. But cheating is all his people have. No one in their right mind wants a socialized country. We stand in the way, and so he's pushing. Two words: GULAG ARCHIPELAGO	Nellie Smith	Lindsay3979@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	Option #11 best represents all Montanan's, not just one political agenda. We all have the right to have a voice in our state.	Chris Thelen	cthelen@q.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Map #11 adheres to all of the criteria that the bipartisan commission voted for unanimously at the outset of this process. Map #10 is brazenly uncompetitive.	Thomas John Schmidt	tom.schmidt@bsd7.org	Bozeman	Montana

display than I am right now. Most of you are completely clueless as to what this process is about. What's more, you don't want to understand it.

We are NOT supposed to look at how redistricting one certain way will "better serve" the new districts, via "competition," while you also propose to care about "shared values"! What kind of education have you all had that gives you these ideas? How have you been brought up? Where does this sense of entitlement come from? You want the Democrats to have a better chance to win in the Western district because that will be "better"? Better for whom? The Blackfeet? In your new and final map here, you've tossed the importance of "shared values" that you held near and dear a couple short weeks ago. Why? The Blackfeet is a very important and influential tribe "one of the largest IN THE COUNTRY" who likely has "shared values" with Western Montana. Yeah? Will the Blackfeet be "better" in the East? I'm sure they will be fine and the sun will still rise, but the optics are quite poor for the Democrats. One may wonder if you don't just use the Montana tribes when it benefits you politically! one may wonder! but History SHOWS the truth.

I always thought people communicated what was in their "best interest" at the ballot box. Since when do we have a system manipulated to try and tell everyone what their "best interest" is, to determine the OUTCOME? It seems the Dems want to have the best chance for a pre-determined outcome; this was communicated in neon at a recent hearing! granted, democrat numbers are down and dwindling, thanks to your man installed as "President." How is that working out for you?

But let's take a step back here. I'll try and play along with the Left's way of thinking, trying to "fix" vote outcomes. Let's do what we're NOT supposed to do: let's look at the 2020 presidential vote and crunch numbers as we decide how to draw two congressional districts in Montana, for the "betterment" of the West.

CP11	Dislike	I favor this map because it is a fairer distribution, and leads to a more competitive district. It groups areas with similarly aligned economic interests together. It does not split cities.	Nellie Smith	Lindsay3979@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP11	Like	Tribal interests are represented in both sections of this map, CP11.	Jean Woessner	jwoessner@bigsky.net	Missoula	MT

CP11 Like	We have to have one of the districts competitive. I don't like Kalispell being in the east, but it appears that is our choices. Helena being alone in the east then we might as well burn our vote, as it will not mean anything.	Ken and Peggy Cook	captaincook6767@gmail.com	HELENA	MT
CP11 Like	Map #11 creates a more competitive solution that will allow all voices to have a chance to be heard.	Dennis Heizing	dheizing@gmail.com	Whitefish	Montana
CP11 Like	CP 11 is the fairest map of the two options available. It makes absolutely no sense to move Helena to district two. This option splits the population of Montana evenly and best represents its constituents.	Jacey Anderson	jaceycanderson@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Yes on CP11. NO on CP10.	Rebecca Bain Patchell	rbainp@yahoo.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Like	CP 11 represents a fair and balanced division of the state.	Nancy Winslow	watertower58@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	CP-11 IS THE ONLY REASONABLE CHOICE	JACK R GROVER	jrg59801@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MONTANA
CP11 Like	CP11 is the more equitable choice.	John Simms	truenorthsailing@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	CP 11 is the only suitable construction of the two districts in Montana. This configuration is not gerrymandered for political gain.	Andrew W. Lenssen	Andy.lenssen@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	CP-11 is my choice as I believe it is the fairest map for all of Montana. It keeps like minded communities together and minimizes splitting of communities as well as gives Montana a competitive district so all voices can be heard and not drowned out by partisan gerrymandering.	Valerie Watson	unityjones@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map best represents like constituencies and is the ideal way to make sure fair representation takes place	Paula Darko-Hensler	pdhensler@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP11 Like	I support map CP11. It is a more fair and would represent the wishes of the people more closely.	Beth Perry	tobymaggymay@yahoo.com	Shawmut	MT
CP11 Like	I support map 11, which I believe creates two competitive districts, creating a more fair election of state representatives.	Catherine Ockey	cwockey@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	CP11 is the more fair of the two choices. It more closely follows historic precedent and will provide more competitive races for our two Congressional seats	Marlene Simms	jmsimms4@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11. My family has lived in Northern Gallatin County for 35 years. We do not want to see Gallatin County divided and with CP11 we will be in the district aligned with our interests.	David Tyler	dave.tyler@lambandwool.com	Belgrade	MT

CP11 Like	I support CP 11, which creates a more fair map than CP10. Please do not create a partisan gerrymandered line to favor only republicans, as CP10 does.	Greg Hayes	gregrowehayes@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11 as being the fairest split for both parties, and makes geographic sense. Its the fairest way to split the state while maintaining a logical east/west districts.	David Wilson	k.w.83@hotmail.com	Helena	MT 5960
CP11 Like	Map 11 makes the most sense as it keeps those towns and cities in the Western side of the state with common issues (housing, exponential growth etc.) together and does the same for towns and cities East of the divide (depopulation, ailing main streets etc). Also does not split Gallatin county which makes zero sense besides an effort to gerrymander.	Jessica Glebke	jglebke@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	This keeps areas such as Bozeman, Missoula, Helena, Butte and Whitefish that depend on recreation and tech together and allows a representative to work with our interest.	Wendy Pierce	wendy.piercemt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support map CP11 because I want my voice to be heard. In the past, our state has been known to have had folks splitting their votes between candidates on both sides of the aisle and not just voting the party line. (Jon Tester, Steve Bullock) However, it seems that partisan voting is become more common and I fear that the wishes of people like me will not be represented in Congress if the map is gerrymandered to advantage Republicans candidates.	Pam Lemelin	creative@mt.net	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	After due consideration, I support CP-11. This option is the fairest and will give the best representation for all of the voters in Montana. Thank you	MArshall Bloom	drtrout@mtbloom.net	Hamilton	Montana
CP11 Like	CP-11 is the fairest proposal. We need to have fairness and balance in our districts. Please choose CP-11.	Lisa Robertson	lisa292@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	CP 11 provides fairness to the division of congressional Districts.	David R.Paoli	davidpaoli@paoli-law.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11 Like	Map #11 previously with (2) congressional districts the economic connection of Livingston and Bozeman would be maintained. This follows a historic precedent set in the 1980's. Also Native voters are empowered with this plan.	VICKI M WALBRUCH	vicki.marie52@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	CP11 facilitates more competitive races, which is always better for the people of Montana. Please reject CP10!	Amy Darling	amy.l.darling@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP11 Like	I favor CP-11 as it divides the population more evenly and creates a competitive district. We have been a purple state for decades and need to reflect that fairly, not one-party rule.	Edward Cooney	cooney.ned@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT

CP11 Like	Proposal #11 comes closer to giving a fair chance to the minority party to have their voices heard in the public sphere than other proposals currently under consideration. This proposal also makes an honest attempt to keep communities whole.	jasmine krotkov	jasminekrotkov4mt@gmail.com	Neihart	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer map 11, it is more fair. I would prefer a map that keeps Gallatin County whole.	Brian Globerman	bgloberman@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Unfortunately, I wrote a lengthy comment supporting Map 11, on Map 10. I do Strongly Support Map 11. No map is going to please everyone and adjacent cities are bound to be separated. I have lived in Bozeman, Helena, Kalispell, Browning and St. Ignatius. I currently live in Libby. Dividing Flathead County, even though separating Whitefish from the rest of the county, makes more sense than actually dividing small communities, some under 500 people, in Gallatin County. Also, it actually benefits all 7 reservations to have at least one competitive district even though the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is the only reservation in this map. Having the other 6 in another district gives Native peoples a stronger aggregate voice in the non-competitive district as well, even though they may have different local concerns. Gerrymandering relates maps that unduly favor one party over another, map 10 does that for both districts. Since competitive means that either party has a chance of winning elections, map 11 gives non-Republicans some hope of being heard. Therefore, I STRONGLY urge you to make Map 11 the final choice.	Donna Martin	donnalee6259@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer Map CP-10. It doesn't split the Flathead like CP-11 does. So please chose Map CP-10 so that the population in the Eastern District are not split in the Flathead Region. It's not a choice with this process, but I would prefer no districts such as "our two Representatives represent the whole state of Montana." Maybe in the future if we get more than two representatives we could split the state, but it is not a good idea now. So Please chose Map CP-10 that doesn't split the Flathead. Thanks, Douglas Newton	Douglas Newton	dooogles@hotmail.com	Roundup	MT
CP11 Opinion	CP-10 is BEST. The Entire Flathead needs to stay in the Western District. Conservative State Senator Blasdele is very up on these things and recommends we go with CP-10	Gordy Lister	gordylister@gmail.com	evergreen	mt
CP11 Dislike	This map is the least favorable of the two maps proposed as it creates awkward division of the state. CP10 is the better option.	Tashina Smith	smitht2507@gmail.com	West Yellowst	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11. It is a much more equitable split. Please choose CP11 for redistricting.	Irene Erdie	irene.erdie@yahoo.com	Helena	Montana
CP11 Dislike	CP 11 is too convoluted -Flathead County has nothing in common with the counties in District 2. It should be rejected	William F Heinecke	mtbill64gm@gmail.com	Helena	MT

CP11 Like	This map gives tribes a voice and splits the population evenly. Both of these factors are much more important than something as rudimentary as east and west. The people are what's important, not the location.	Kramer Wilson	kramerwilson@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11. It places my community in the district where interests are more aligned.	Laurie Ekanger	ekanger@outlook.com	Clancy	Montana
CP11 Like	I support CP11, which gives both parties a fair chance to win representation for our state and above all which protects the voting rights of native Montanans.	Erin Vang	erin.vang@me.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	<p>Dear Commission,</p> <p>As a 30+ year resident of Montana, I am emailing you today to speak IN FAVOR of Proposal 11 and in opposition to Proposal 10.</p> <p>Proposal 11`is a much more equitable and fair map to use then Proposal 10 which favors one party over the other in a non balanced re-districting.</p> <p>Please select the fairest of the remaining two maps which is Proposal 11.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Jim Parker	westridgecreative@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11. It seem to be the most equitable and fair both from a historic perspective as well as ensuring native votes and keeping the districts competitive. Please choose Map 11 for redistricting. Thank you.	Lance Brill	ljbrill@gmail.com	Roberts	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I prefer this map, CP11. I grew up in Whitefish, about where I put my dot, and I believe that Flathead would benefit from having both representative districts have a piece of it.</p> <p>I much prefer this to the splitting of Gallatin, which seems blatantly designed to help one party. Also, this map results in both districts having an interest in constituencies that are west of the divide.</p>	Benjamin M. Darrow	bendarrow@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana

CP11 Like	I support Map CP 11. Under CP-11, population split is equal, county split is minimized, and city/town split is avoided. More importantly, CP-11 creates as competitive districts as possible, while additionally empowering the native vote, providing engagement to both Canadian and WY corridors, and keeping communities of similar industry connected for purposes of representation at the Federal level.	Brandon Prior	brandon.m.prior@gmail.com	Alberton	MT
CP11 Like	As somebody who grew up in Conrad, and now lives in Great Falls, this map better reflects the geography and local economies within each district. Pondera County is an eastern front county, and should remain in the eastern district. Critically, if the intent is truly to create at least one competitive district, this map is the better choice.	Ross Johnson	rtjohnso@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map CP-11. This map does not separate cities right down the middle. It is not perfect, but the far better option of the two.	Cindy L. Johnson	cindy.johnson@evusa.com	Polson	mt.
CP11 Like	I support Map CP11, "This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality. Areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth. As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities. This map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace. This map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done. This map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress. Native voters are still empowered under this plan, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way. Thank you for your engagement and effort to provide a democratic foundation for Montana's redistricting responsibility.	Craig K Menteer	manmenteer@gmail.COM	Missoula	MT

Please select this map. It is historically consistent and does not break up Gallatin County, where I live. I would hate to see our county divided. I also would hate to see two uncompetitive districts, which hurts democracy. This one has at least one competitive district.

CP11 Like

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Bozeman

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I support Map CP11, âThis plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality. âAreas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth. âAs has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines donât divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities. âThis map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace. âThis map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done. âThis map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress. âNative voters are still empowered under this plan, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way. Thank you for your engagement and effort to provide a democratic foundation for Montanaâs redistricting responsibility.

CP11 Like

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Montana and request that the commission adopt this map.

Map CP 11 closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s congressional districts, moving only two counties to achieve population equality, an important factor in congressional representation.

Map CP 11 also allows for the economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman, which was historically been the case when Montana had two congressional districts. This ensures that the flow of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities will have support from the congressional representative.

As a skier, Map CP 11 is important to me because it unifies areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support local economies by keeping them in one district, thereby requiring the representative for that district to keep the needs of those economic communities in mind when voting on key issues such as climate and infrastructure.

I also appreciate that Map CP 11 keeps the area of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress. While tourism and technology are growing sectors of our state economy, agriculture is still the largest factor and needs protection through a single representation in Congress.

Finally, Map CP 11 empowers Native voters under this plan, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate must rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts would not elevate minority voices or ensure accountability in the same way.

CP11 Like		Ruth Kopec	rkopec@bridgeband.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This is the the more reasonable map.	Fredrica H van Berkum	fhvb55@gmail.com	Huson	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map #11 as it is the most fair.	Audrey Hall	photo@audreyhall.com	Livingston	MT

CP11 Like	CP-11 is not perfect but is close to what we need. Not sure why Flathead County is carved up that way. Seems odd.	Nels Broste	snbroste@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Dislike	Map CP-11 is a poor map that is based on trying to carve out specific party districts and it does not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Select a map that actually adheres to law.	Brian Cayko	briancayko@msn.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	This is the better map. It had less deviation (D1 and D2), maintains rational groupings, and better reflects an equitable division of the state.	Charles W Wheeler	sagebrushgoldens@earthlink.net	Ronan	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11. This is a competitive map, and is fairest map to all parties involves.	Rebecca M Riedl	rebeccariedl@hotmail.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Opinion	<p>Thank you to the commission for the good-faith work they have put into the redistricting process. With so many special and regional interests in the state, our redistricting committee has been tasked with a herculean challenge. This map has the major downside of splitting up Flathead county, and also separates Kalispell from the western district. On the other side, CP10 suffers from a divided Gallatin county and separates the union-invested cities of Helena and Butte. Both maps keep the university towns of Bozeman and Missoula together, and largely keep the ranching/farming interests of eastern MT together.</p> <p>One extremely important consideration where I'm unqualified to weigh in is the representation of Native American populations within the districts. Reading through the comments section of this page seems to reveal two orthogonal arguments: that a more even split of Reservations between the two districts ensures better representation overall; and that ensuring a sizeable Native American population within at least one politically competitive district would encourage Native American interests to be addressed as a way of courting votes. It's hard to make the case against either of these arguments at face value, and I strongly encourage the commission to consult Native American community leaders and independent analysts for their perspectives on this crucial element.</p>	Benjamin Dickensheets	mtdistricting@dickensheets.33mail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Like	As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities. This map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress. Native voters are empowered under this plan, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way.	Zehra Osman	dazeler@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 adheres to all mandatory criteria and meets the additional goal of a district that does not unduly favor a political party. This map places in Gallatin County and Park County in the same district which share travel, transportation, economic, and communication interests. Maintaining Bozeman and Missoula in the same district is logical in terms of their shared interest and commonalities of their university populations and innovative research and business sectors. The shared interests of Butte and Helena would be well represented together in the western district. Although map 11 splits Flathead County into eastern and western districts, the community of Whitefish shares common interests with the other communities in the western district. Map 11 keeps the agricultural counties of the Golden Triangle and the Hi-Line intact. Overall, map 11 is the better choice regarding mandatory criteria and the additional goals.	Patti Steinmuller	psteinmul@msn.com	Bozeman	Gallatin
CP11 Like	CP11 is better than CP 10. While it splits Flathead County, it leaves Gallatin County whole and balances out the voting history to give both major parties a shot. That seems more fair to me.	Joe Loos	joeloos7245@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer Map 11 and putting all of Flathead County into the same District. I know that this creates a slight deviation in population, but I feel it is better to keep communities together and slight deviations in populations between Districts is appears to be acceptable. It also makes the Western District more competitive.	Joel A. Shouse	jncshouse@gmail.com	Bozeman	mt
CP11 Dislike	What was wrong with CP1?	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT

CP11 Dislike	Nice attempt at a more concealed gerrymander. How in the world can anyone keep a straight face and say Glacier is Eastern Montana? Really? The point is to make both districts as equal as possible of giving the voice to everyone, not carving out areas to make sure we have a split party state.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
	<p>I like Map 11 because it makes a competitive district on the west side that potentially gives voice to the communities in western and central Montana that have generally more diverse social views and economic interests.</p> <p>Map 11 brings together the following common interests: Bozeman should be grouped with Missoula (Flagship universities towns); Gallatin and Park Counties share many commuters and are gateway communities for Yellowstone NP; Tourism based economies are grouped; Agricultural counties have a strong voice. Tribal nations have a voice.</p> <p>The western district in this map is by no means a sure win for either party. It is however a district that would be competitive. Candidates would need to willingly represent a broader variety of interests and views. Map 10 is aligned to eliminate representation for diverse views and to ensure safe, easy republican seats. It absolutely favors the republican party.</p> <p>In short, Map 11 gives voice to issues different from those represented pretty consistently in the eastern district (Agriculture, mining, rural communities) by creating a District that brings together Helena, Butte, Bozeman, Belgrade, Livingston and Missoula.</p> <p>I urge you to select map 11. Thank you for serving on the committee. I very much appreciate your willingness to serve.</p>				
CP11 Like		Teri Seth	tseth455@gmail.com	Gallatin Gatew	MT
CP11 Dislike	CP11 gerrymanders Flathead Co. into eastern Montana. This is a bad map. CP10 works better as Flathead needs to stay in Western Montana.	Stephane Fort	stefort99@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11 Opinion	The CP 10 map is good as it keeps Flathead in Western MT. Cp11 is a bad map as it is obviously gerrymandering.	Tori Fort	torioline@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT

CP11 Like	CP11 keeps counties and other areas of common interest intact. It also creates a competitive district not unduly favoring one party.	Sarah G Hughes	sghughes@acm.org	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	Plan 11 better acknowledges communities of common interest. CP 10 should be rejected.	TERRI L NELSON	tlynn_49@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	This map manages to divide the state evenly while also keeping like communities together. It is an obvious flaw that CP 10 splits Gallatin County into the Eastern District. CP 11 recognizes that Gallatin county along with the rest of the Western District relies heavily upon tourism. CP 11 also keeps together communities that are heavily tied together via commuters such as Bozeman and Livingston and Jefferson and Broadwater counties. Since each district includes native populations this map ensures that native people continue to be apart of our legislature.	Damion Lynn	lynn.damions@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map seems to allow greater political competition within the state, and does not appear to be gerrymandered for the purpose of squelching competition. Please support this option.	Jennifer R Copley	jcopleygo@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I support map #11. Either map, in order to create a fairly numbered representation for each district, has to split a county. Gallatin County seems more appropriate to keep together, while placing WF in that same West district due to similar economic considerations.....the western counties, for the most part, are considering a wider variety of economic drivers that include tourism, tech, natural recreation & skiing, art & culture, etc....where the eastern part of the state is more ag & industrial oriented. This map splits the Native reservations fairly evenly, which means that both district representatives must take those voices into consideration.....we need competitive districting & this gives us the best opportunity for that....we do NOT need to be districted for the benefit of one party, as in reality, this state is more purple than red & every resident in this state deserves fair & competitive representation no matter what geographical location they reside in.	Michelle Saurey	thedlands5@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11 because it groups like economic interests such as tourism, agriculture and more urban businesses, and best ensures representation of all the socio-economic spectrum in Montana.	Kimberly E. Gresham	kegres63@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11 Dislike	Of the two options, Map 11 is the most fair to both parties. It also keeps Gallatin County united.	Michelle Dorrence	dorrence@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Dislike	This map does more harm than good for the people. It gerrymanders way too much. It divides the Indian Nations. It creates divisions in our state. It is unacceptable.	Maryrose Beasley	mrosebeasley@gmail.com	Roundup	MT
CP11 Like	Drawing these maps is a challenge and will always carry some partisanship. I like the way our commission is set up - it seems a fair way to choose. Leaving it up to the legislature would be a partisan disaster. I believe from looking at the two maps (CP10 & 11) that CP11 seems fairer and would allow the best representation of the diverse political interests that co-exist in Montana.	Robert Gresham	rkgres@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer CP 11 for the reasons others have listed. Keeping the greater Helena area together, keeping Bozeman and Livingston together and not splitting up Gallatin county.	Susan Gobbs	sggobbs@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map splits Pondera County and is not competitive (Cook PVI Score of R+6.5).	Gail Waldby	gwaldby@pat7.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Opinion	The City of Helena has strong economic ties with Jefferson County and this map keeps them intact.	John Wright	jwright68@hotmail.com	Westby, MT	MT
CP12 Opinion	Pondera County is divided correctly and Gallatin County remains whole with this map. Kalispell belongs in western Montana because of its economic importance in the region. I would recommend only using the 2016 Montana Gubernatorial, with the 2018 and 2020 Montana U.S. Senate race results to determine the competitiveness of the proposed districts since they had the strongest Democratic candidates. The southern part of Cascade County has economic ties with Lewis and Clark County and travel to the west of Helena is more difficult because of McDonald Pass, especially in the winter months. There are gates on I-90 near Livingston because of frequent poor road conditions to Bozeman during the winter months.	John Wright	jwright68@hotmail.com	Westby, MT	MT
CP12 Like	I like the Pondera Split map because it keeps Park and Sweetgrass Counties together. We have many of the same issues with Fish, Wildlife and Parks in the management of wildlife and agricultural in the Absaroka Wilderness and adjoining ranching properties. We are in the same state senatorial district. John Esp is our senator. Both Counties are in the Upper Yellowstone Water Rights management area. We attend Yellowstone water user meetings together at State and Federal levels. We share agricultural issues with eastern Montana counties down stream from us.	Edwin Johnson	edwin@montanaguide.com	Gardiner	MT

CP12 Like	<p>I like the Pondera Split Map #3 because it keeps Park and Sweet Grass Counties together. Our counties are the Headwaters of the Yellowstone River. We share the Absaroka Wilderness Area. We share the same Montana State Senatorial District and have for as long as I can remember.</p>	Edwin Johnson	edwin@montanaguide.com	Gardiner	MT
CP13 Like	<p>This map is population equal and competitive (Cook PVI Score of R+4.59).</p>	Gail Waldby	gwaldby@pat7.com	Livingston	MT
CP13 Opinion	<p>I consider myself to be a Helena resident, but live right on the dividing line in rural Lewis and Clark County. Looks like I'll be in the eastern district. Splitting Lewis and Clark and Gallatin Counties, while unfortunate, may be necessary to meet other Commission requirements, like keeping the populations equal. I taught for years on the Blackfeet Reservation, so I support that Map 13 includes this Nation in the Western District. My paramount concern, however, is that at least one district be competitive. I consider Map 13 the best compromise, in spite of the division of my personal community of interest. Montanans, let's all look at the big picture here and move forward with Map 13.</p>	Rudy Strobbe	lindabee7999@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP13 Like	<p>They saved the best for last! I supported Map 11, but I can see that Map 13 is more contiguous, provides for significant representation by tribal nations in BOTH districts, and better preserves Flathead communities. As a Helena resident, I wish Lewis and Clark and Gallatin Counties could be intact. However, rural areas of both counties may be better served by a Representative from the eastern district. Given the constraint to keep populations equal, no one map can make every Montanan happy (thanks for trying!). Most importantly, Map 13 provides one district where BOTH parties have a fighting chance to persuade voters. Without favoring one party over another, Map 13 promotes dialogue and compromise, just as this districting process has done. Map 13 is the best consensus choice.</p>	Linda Beischel	lindabee7999@gmail.com	Helena	MT

	Support CP 13! Logical division of state gives both districts continuity, doesn't split towns, strong rural voice, Native communities in both, border interests in both. Finally got it right.				
CP13 Like		donna maughlin	donnajmontana15@gmail.com	plains	MT
CP13 Like	I support Option 13	Mary Jo O'Rourke	mjor19@gmail.com	Dillon	MT
CP13 Opinion	The City of Helena has strong economic ties with Jefferson County and this map unfortunately has them in separate districts.	John Wright	jwright68@hotmail.com	Westby, MT	MT
CP13 Opinion	Gallatin County is broken up with this map. Kalispell belongs in western Montana because of its economic importance in the region. I would recommend only using the 2016 Montana Gubernatorial, with the 2018 and 2020 Montana U.S. Senate race results to determine the competitiveness of the proposed districts since they had the strongest Democratic candidates. The southern part of Cascade County has economic ties with Lewis and Clark County and travel to the west of Helena is more difficult because of McDonald Pass, especially in the winter months. There are gates on I-90 near Livingston because of frequent poor road conditions to Bozeman during the winter months.	John Wright	jwright68@hotmail.com	Westby, MT	MT
CP13 Like	I prefer District Plan 13	JoEllen Estenson	jo.estenson57@gmail.com	Dayton	MT
CP13 Like	I had supported CP 11 before, but feel CP 13 is better as it puts two reservations in the western district, and the western district is competitive with this plan - very important. Thanks for your work on keeping after this to come up with something viable.	Robert and Catherine Billie	cbicreek@stignatius.net	Saint Ignatius	MT
CP13 Dislike	Bozeman should be in the Eastern part. The fastest growing cities should not be clustered and in the same congressional district.	Eileen Guthrie	montana@wedeliverwellness.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Like	Map 13 looks like a reasonable compromise while at the same time satisfying all the pertinent criteria.	Bill Bronson	bill.bronson@bresnan.net	Great Falls	MT
CP13 Like	The changes to map eleven look to be a good move. There are now two Reservations in district 1 representing four tribal Nations . District one in map 11 has the potential to be competitive. The redistricting commission has worked diligently on this process to insure fair elections.	Trudy Skari	trudyskari@gmail.com	Big Arm	MT

CP13 Like	Map 13 is the best of the four candidate maps, although it still favors the Republican Party to too great a degree. Democrats make up a sizeable 40% of Montana voters and there should be one district that is a true tossup. Only when we have truly competitive districts will we find that Congressional candidates actually listen to all the voters and not just the most extreme elements in their own party.	Eric Stimson	estimson@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP13 Like	I had supported CP 11 before, but feel CP 13 is better as it puts two reservations in the western district, and the western district is competitive with this plan - very important. Thanks for your work on keeping after this to come up with something viable.	Beth Madden	bethmadden64@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Like	There is plenty not to like about this map, esp. how it cuts up L&C and Gallatin County. But if this is what it takes for Montana to have one district where the all the candidates have to listen to the needs of all the residents, so be it. It'll be a lot better than what we have now with a representative who doesn't care about anyone who isn't a conservative.	Debra McNeill	mtnerd@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Dislike	I simply find this map in complete violation of the criteria established for redistricting. It is an obvious intent to split Gallatin County up into both districts, to weaken its voice disenfranchising communities of similar concerns and wishes and desires. I make an earnest plea that this map is not considered.	Clinton Nagel	clint_nagel@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Like	I like either Map 13 or Map 11. Either one is more fair than Map 10, which I totally oppose. My preference is Map 13 since it includes 2 reservations and keeps Flathead County whole. I don't envy your decision as the arguments for keeping Gallatin County whole are also reasonable. In reality, none of the maps is perfect. Thank you for your hard work and willingness to take on this challenging task.	Donna Martin	donnalee6259@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP13 Dislike	Splitting Bozeman from its suburbs is a non-starter and violates the redistricting rules. If keeping the Blackfeet and Flathead reservations in District 1 is important, put Flathead County (except for the small portion in the Flathead Reservation) in District 2.	Noreen Breeding	rog7nor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Like	I previously supported map 11 but with the 2 new options, I support map 13 as even more favorable to keeping the districts competitive and keeping Flathead county in one district.	Bridget McMillion	bridgetmcm44@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP13	Like	It looks like it makes sense geographically. Glad it puts CSKT and Blackfeet into a competitive district so our representatives will need to pay attention to tribal voices. Thanks to the folks who put this together.	Sterling	sterling.laudon@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP13	Dislike	MAp 13 keeps the two large university towns together in one district. The towns of Bozeman and Missoula should not be in the same district due to the demographic of having most of the college students (including Butte) in the same district. The college towns need to be in separate districts.	Kathleen Rakela	k_rakela@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP13	Like	I previously supported Map 11 and still feel it is a good choice, however I think Map 13 best provides the best representation for the most people with common interests. It results in a stronger voice for the entire population of the District	Elizabeth A Story	elizabethastory@frontier.com	Libby	MT
CP13	Dislike	We need to go back to the drawing board one more time. Keep Gallatin County as one cohesive entity in District 1 and I believe we'd have an acceptable solution. If this is not doable, I favor Map 11 over this map.	Yvonne M Rudman	ymrudman@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13	Dislike	Although Map 13 meets some of the criteria well, it fails due to its split of Gallatin County, including a line drawn through the northern part of Bozeman. It does not recognize county lines in Gallatin County, city limits in Bozeman, or communities of interest in Gallatin County. I favor Map 11 over this map.	Patti Steinmuller	psteinmul@msn.com	Bozeman	Gallatin
CP13	Like	This looks the best of all the maps I have seen. It looks fair and balanced.	JOANN COLLINS	montanajodi@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP13	Like	I support map #13. I am a manufacturing business owner in Bozeman and feel this map seems very reasonable. It is crucial to keep these two reservations together in order to consider Native voices. Although this map splits Gallatin through the connected communities of Bozeman and Belgrade, it does include Park and Livingston. This keeps National Park gateway communities together which makes sense. Thank you all for listening and making continued adjustments, Derek Ivester, Bozeman	Derek Douglas Ivester	mountainfreshice@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

	<p>In the previous maps, I supported number 11 because it had the most competitive western district. This map, number 13, maintains that competitive while including Glacier County and the Blackfeet Reservation. This is an improvement as the two reservations will allow for more indigenous representation.</p> <p>Thank you, again, for the hard work.</p>				
CP13 Like		John Brock	John.m.brock@outlook.com	Missoula	MT
CP13 Like	<p>This seems eminently fair; nothing appears to be broken into pieces in odd shapes. This will help ensure that partisan leanings will not interfere with the fair election of our government officials.</p>	Ilene Standen	rodlene2000@yahoo.com	POPLAR	MT
CP13 Opinion	<p>NO. Just NO. As a resident of Lewis and Clark County, I ask what are you thinking? L&C county belongs historically with the western district. We have NOTHING in common with the eastern district. We have a great deal in common with Butte and the rest of the western district. Map 11 is just fine.</p>	Janet L Childress	ocjinmt@aol.com	Helena	MT
CP13 Like	<p>This map is a fair, balanced proposal. It is geographically defined and areas share like interests and constituencies.</p>	Paula Darko-Hensler	pdhensler@gmail.com	Libby	MT

	<p>I am a recently retired adjunct professor of 1st year students teaching critical thinking and communication skills at MSU-Bozeman and also am President of the non-partisan Montana Chapter of the National Organization for Women.</p> <p>I support Map 11 as the best of the remaining options that meets the criteria mentioned earlier. Map 11 is the best option for Montana voters and the representation we deserve. It will keep the integrity of Bozeman's larger cities as well as towns, Indian Reservations as well as incorporate the ecosystems and economic priorities. Most importantly keep the communities of interest intact. This way the representation votes elect can be strong representatives for these interests</p> <p>I do not support Map 10 or any other that splits major cities and counties nor any Map that would favor the Republican Party or vice versa. I want communities of interest - such as Colleges and Universities - and smaller political borders such as Cities to be intact. Map 10 is not acceptable for these reasons.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work on this important process of our Democracy as well as your consideration.</p>	Janis Lynn Strout	janchangethatworks@yahoo.com	BOZEMAN, MT	MT
CP13 Like					
	<p>I was in favor of Map 11 but believe this is a good compromise. Equitable distribution of population and demographics, and a competitive district to ensure candidates of both major parties campaign toward winning the general election, rather than a more partisan primary.</p>	Brian R Globerman	bgloberman@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Like					
	<p>Golly it looks so good, BUT it abuses Gallatin County - the fastest growing area of the state must be cohesive. Make the necessary geographic compromises in a less vital area and you would have the best map yet.</p>	Margarita McLarty	mclarty1@outlook.com	Li	MT
CP13 Dislike					
	<p>I was in favor of CP11 but understand the compromise made to get to this one, CP13. Good demographic split, even populations and a competitive district to ensure candidate engagement. Not perfect, but nothing's going to be. Get 'er done!</p>	Nick Davis	shineheadswede@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13 Like					
	<p>I had supported option 11 but I believe option 13 is equally if not better. It is within 1 person of an equal population, it has two reservations in this district and appears to be as fair as possible. Thank You again for your time.</p>	Krissie Jeresek	Kjeresek@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP13 Like					

CP13 Dislike	This map still splits Gallatin County - ridiculous and against the rules. We are the fastest growing county and as mentioned before splitting our residents causes tons of problems for voters and is not fair. Stick with Map 11. You don't have to have 0% population, just within 1,000.	Patricia Simmons	psimmons100@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Dislike	Please do NOT approve this map. It not only cuts Gallatin County in two, it cleaves Bozeman in two. It literally separates residents on either side of the same street - an example being Story Mill Road in Bozeman - and places them in separate Congressional districts. It would entirely disenfranchise voters on one side of Story Mill Road from the rest of the community. Please reject this map. Thank you.	Betty Stroock	bstroock@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Like	This map seems to fit the commission's criteria the best, and it's the only map that would be in line with the Voting Rights Act. There should be at least two tribal nations in each district, and it's important to me that the chosen map is competitive. Candidates running for elected office should have to earn our vote by listening to the communities in their district and running a campaign (and leading) based on issues that matter to us.	Caitlin Piserchia	caitlin.piserchia424@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP13 Like	CP 13 seems to draw an equitable line. I like that it's population equal, and seems to be competitive in a fair manner among counties as well as with tribal communities. I also like that it doesn't split any cities up.	Stephanie Brancati	stephaniejeannefox@gmail.com	Big Arm	MT
CP13 Like	This plan makes sense and has equal population, keeps economic, community and cultural interests together, does not favor any political party. Best plan yet.	A, Ruth Towe	r.towe@bresnan.net	Billings	MT
CP13 Like	As a native Montanan who has lived both East and West of the divide, including the Hi-Line, this map makes the most sense to me. It groups voters with common issues that will require national representation as Montana changes in years to come.	Jessica Glebke	jglebke@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13 Like	Best compromise yet. Go for it.	Sandra Carpenter	sanzmt3@gmail.com	Glasgow	Montana

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