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The first public hearings on proposed regional plans for new legislative districts for Northcentral and Central Montana were held November 13 in Great Falls and November 14 in Browning. The Commission will accept written comments on this region until February 7, 2001. Copies of the minutes are available on the website.

The Commission will meet for the next public hearings on January 16 in Havre and January 17 in Glasgow. Havre completes the hearings on the Northcentral Region and Glasgow will provide a public hearing on the Northeast region of Phillips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, and Roosevelt Counties and revisiting Hill and Blaine Counties. A mailing with maps, descriptions, and staff analysis has been sent to the Clerk and Recorders, Central Committees, and Legislators in the affected region. The meeting schedule is as follows:

January 16, 2002

Justice Center Meeting Room

1450 2nd St. West

Havre

3:00 p.m. Executive Session (open to public but no public testimony)

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing, public testimony accepted.

January 17, 2002

Community Room

Valley County Courthouse

Glasgow

1:00 p.m. Public Hearing, public testimony accepted.

The Commission will also meet February 19 in Miles City and February 20 in Lewistown, and in mid-March at which the first two regional plans will be tentatively adopted. The next region to receive staff visits will be the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Reservations and Big Horn and Yellowstone Counties area in January, followed by other counties in Southcentral Montana.

Please send all written testimony and correspondence to the Districting and Apportionment Commission, PO Box 201706, Helena MT 59620. It will be copied and sent to each Commissioner and the originals retained for the Commission's file. Please check the Commission's website for more information at the "Redistricting" link on the

Legislative Branch website at *leg.mt.gov*. The Northcentral Region maps and proposed district descriptions have been posted with the Northeast Region's soon to follow. For more information, contact Susan Byorth Fox, (406) 444-3064 or sfox@mt.gov.

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