

ADOPTED AMENDMENTS FOR WESTERN REGION

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WESTERN REGION PLAN AMENDMENTS Flathead, Missoula, and Ravalli Counties

Plan 300, as amended

1. **Sue Haverfield, Flathead County Clerk and Recorder** noted that in proposed district 1 in Flathead County in the Snowslip area there are only 10 persons, two of which are registered voters. An amendment was prepared by staff that moves the boundary south to the West Glacier Elementary School District Line. This amendment improves the American Indian voting percentages and is within the population deviation percentages. There will still be land area in Flathead County but no population in order to assist in the administration of elections and lower costs in Flathead County (see Flathead County map).

5. **Missoula County Clerk and Recorder, Vicki Zeier**, August 27, 2002. Ms. Zeier made 15 suggestions regarding school district boundary substitutions for boundaries. Eleven of the recommendations are illustrated in amendments on enclosed maps and the nine below were adopted. The remaining issues were technical concerns.

2. Use the school district line. This amendment is possible and does not affect the population in either district, although the census block that is used for the amendment differs from the amendment proposed slightly in shape (see Missoula County map). There are additional cleanup amendments not proposed by the Clerk and Recorder but that could be accomplished with no impact on population but using school district lines for clearer boundaries.

4. Between 87 and 85, clean up using school district boundaries that does not affect any population (see Missoula County map).

5. Small portion of proposed district 77 involving 40 persons east of Highway 93 and 2 persons living on Maclay St, can be moved to within the appropriate school district line. The 38 person exchange between proposed districts 77 and 85 is within population deviation limits (see Missoula County map).

6. Move boundary from power line to Highway 93. The power line is also the Evaro census designated place boundary. This involves moving 108 persons from proposed district 86 to 87 splitting Evaro using Highway 93. This is within population deviations and the population north and south of Evaro is split in proposed plan 300. This amendment is within population deviations (see Missoula County map).

7. There is a 12-person census block that can be moved from proposed district 78 into 77. However, it uses as the northeastern boundary the powerline and does not appear to match the school district line as illustrated in the map provided by Missoula County (see Missoula Area map).

8. This amendment affects no population and the boundary can be moved to I-90 (see Missoula Area map).

9. This amendment only affects 19 persons and is within the population deviation. The new boundary would go further south than the proposed illustration due to a single census block, south to Hayes Creek (see Missoula Area map).

13. This amendment is possible moving 4 persons from 86 to 78 (see Missoula Area map). The area directly south of Sawmill Gulch appears as already using the school district boundary to the east on my system.

15. This amendment only involves moving 10 persons from 85 to 84 and is within population deviations. It also assists in resolving water block problems (see Missoula Area map).

7. **Nedra Taylor, Ravalli County Elections**, September 3, 2002. Amendments to the Victor and Lone Rock areas were proposed in order to assist in the administration of elections using school district boundaries in some cases or adjusting small pockets of population. All amendments are within the population deviations (see Ravalli County map).