

CP	Opinion	Comment	Name	Email	City	State
CP1	Like	CP-1 is the best map that adheres to the law. Please select this one.	Cathy Brown	catbob05@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP1	Like	Map CP-1 is the best map in adhering Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. It's similar to what was used before and worked very well. All these proposed changes are just manipulations from biased groups.	Roy Ray Melton	roym51@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP1	Like	To me CP1 is the fairest of the options	Gary Gratz	gratzgary@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP1	Like	you want to be fair and equitable and not have to fight this battle in court, CP1 is the best choice.	GORDON E JACOBS	bsnurse44@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	MT
CP1	Like	Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map Chair Smith and Commissioners. Map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law. Thank you for your consideration.	Robert Brown	1bobcathy@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP1	Like	I think this map is best as it equally divides the state without gerrymandering.	Paul Herbst	paul.herbst406@gmail.com	MANHATTAN	MT
CP1	Like	I Believe this is a fair and reasonable map without any gerrymandering	Rick Franklin	rick@thefranklinhouse.com	Hamilton	Mt
CP1	Like	I support any of the maps that draw a straight-as possible line down the state; this one probably	John Kirtley	johnkirtley0103@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP1	Like	THIS IS THE MAP WE SHOULD USE. STOP THE GERRYMANDERING.	Glenn Wehe	glennwehe@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP1	Like	My second favorite map (I prefer CP3). It splits the state quite well considering the limitations, and preserves an accurate representation of Montanans that does not swing out of the way for either party. It is a shame to see Bozeman be in the east, but considering the population it is either Bozeman or Kalispell and one of them is at least somewhat East Montana-like. It is sad to see counties split, but this appears to be a necessity to maintain population balance and this map does OK at it. The separation of Three Forks in Gallatin County is a good pick as it is a somewhat-distinct community from Bozeman, but it appears to harm the folks in the Vaughn area of Cascade County (I think West Yellowstone is a better replacement, see CP3). However, this map is better than splitting Havre in half (CP5).	Ryan Schaefer	ryanschaefer7777777@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP1	Like	As a non partisan voter, self described Libertarian, I feel proposal 1, CP1 is the fairest divide as it addresses the population and not the Party's who are wishing to control by past voting records. If Republicans or Democrats wish to get more votes in any particular section it is up to them to convince the people why they better represent us.	Johnnie Biluna	johnniegoldfish@gmail.com	Manhattan	Montana
CP1	Like	This map would be great if all of Gallatin and Cascade counties were included in the Eastern District. Changes I might suggest of Maps CP-3 and CP-5 would result in the same map. I think the criteria for competitiveness is transitory and represents a case for gerrymandering to accomplish an immediate political end.	Ray W Brush II	ray.brush@bresnan.net	Butte	MT

CP1	Like	I like this map. It has a clear cut line and each side has a fair representation of the whole of Montana. Each has college towns, border, reservations, cities. Any Montanan would have a voice instead of one group over another.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP10	Like	CP10 seems better than CP 11. Really liked CP 1 best, if it can be resurrected.	Janet Talcott	hereford@nemont.net	Worden	MT
CP10	Dislike	concerned. But this map does not maintain the political balance that has long been the history of the state. Having competitive seats for Congress also requires candidates and those elected to appeal to large parts of the population, instead of appealing to a narrow base. That invites corruption.	Mark Anderlik	manderlik@igc.org	Missoula	MT
CP10	Like	This map is the preferable of the two.	Brian Kerns	bpjkerns@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP10	Dislike	I oppose CP 10 because it is not competitive, as it favors Republicans and would likely mean two Republican districts. It separates Helena and Butte, communities of common interest for more than 100 years. CP 10 splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway in two, for no apparent reason other than partisan gerrymandering. CP 10 separates Park and Gallatin County, a combined area of important economic connections and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges communities of common interest. CP 10 should be rejected.	Bob Hughes	rdhughes@umich.edu	Livingston	MT
CP10	Like	I am a fourth generation Montanan and I like this map because I feel it is the best representation for Flathead County. Keeping this county as one unit will give Montanans a fair voice in elections. If Flathead county was split it would only be a partisan attempt of Democrats to gerrymander the votes. We want choice on candidates!!	Dana K. Fraley	fraley_dana@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10	Like	This is the map, I am recommending.	Ellen Wicklund	ewicklundgop@gmail.com	Ronan	Montana
CP10	Dislike	Map CP-10 is terrible and it is based on trying to carve out specific party districts and does not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Throw this map out and select CP-1 as it actually adheres to the law.	John Kleinert	kleinert@comcast.net	Great Falls	US
CP10	Like	This Map, though not perfect, represents the most reasonable compromise derive from the original 9 maps.	Helen M Sabin	hsabin1@gmail.com	Corvallis	MT
CP10	Like	I am in support of map CP-10 over CP-11. I am a business owner in the Flathead and I serve people in every corner of our county. As a resident of the Flathead County, I strongly feel our interests are more aligned with the Western District in the state. Map CP-10 makes more sense for future candidates traveling and reaching out to potential voters. Remember there are no guarantees for candidates that run that they will win, so let's make it easier for them as they give of their time and finances to run and serve Montana.	Heidi Roedel	roedel@centurylink.net	Kalispell	MT

CP10 Dislike	<p>prefer it over CP-11. Still, I think the best map presented in all 11 of the maps is CP-1 and would like to see the Commission go back to that map. Even though CP-1 splits Gallatin County, it seems like a better and more logical split as following the guidelines of MT law and the Commission.</p>	Donna Eakman	deakman@bresnan.net	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Like	<p>This map is far more fair than CP11. This keeps western Montana communities of similar economic condition in the same district.</p>	Cameo Flood	cflood@bresnan.net	Missoula	MT
<p>respective counties in District 1. Alternatively, Map CP-11 divides the CSKT reservation and Flathead County between the two districts in order to not divide the CSKT reservation. CP-10 is thus a better way to accomplish the goal of not dividing reservations. It also provides more voting power for the statewide Indian community in District 1 and better protects Indian voting rights across the state with two reservations in District 1.</p> <p>b. With CP-10, District 1 unifies the tourism and service industry communities of interest in Northwest MT that are shared between Glacier National Park, Kalispell, Whitefish and Columbia Falls and Flathead Lake</p> <p>c. With CP-10, growth of ski tourism is facilitated within the Flathead Valley; e.g., Whitefish and Lakeside.</p> <p>d. With CP-10, the main watershed regions of the Western Divide counties in MT are tied together for tourism, power generation, and muscle invasive species defense. This will benefit long-term scientific research encompassing culturally connected major bodies of water.</p> <p>e. With CP-10, the inclusion of Flathead, Glacier and Pondera counties in District 1 or, alternatively per CP-11, the inclusion Gallatin and Park Counties probably results in similar apportionments of both population and geographic area. However, CP-11 splits Flathead into three separate pieces, two in District 1 and one in District 2. CP-10 shifts the division of a single country from Flathead to Gallatin (divided into two parts). Both maps have deviations between the two districts within the 1% Mandatory Criteria limit with a population difference of ~ 0%. However, CP-10 also unites the community of interest that is comprised of counties located on the western side of the Continental divide and provides a more equitable split of the economic interface along the border with Canada between the two districts.</p>					
CP10 Like	<p>f. With CP-10, 5 of the 8 largest cities in MT are in District 1 and 3 of them are in District 2.</p>	Marc L Sabin	mlsabin@gmail.com	Corvallis	MT

	I am writing today in support of CP10. As a third generation Flathead Valley resident and businessman, The Flathead is unique in that although we have many small cities, we still view entire Flathead County as a community. Also, the Flathead Valley economy lends itself much better to the Western District in the State as for Natural Resource issues and Tourism related issues. I hope that you will support keeping Flathead County whole in your decision making process and in the geographical district that it resembles most.				
CP10 Like	Thank you for your time and consideration.	Mark Blasdel	Mark.Blasdel@mtleg.gov	Somers	MT
CP10 Like	This is important because it includes CSKT and the Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District giving the tribes a stronger voice. The communities of the west are predominantly forest production and tourism and this keeps them together. This map is better because both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal in population.	Jenette Denson	sdenson@midrivers.com	Miles City	MT
CP10 Like	I prefer this map as it seems to make more sense. We want both districts to be neutral, not heavily favoring one political ideology over the other.	Cheryl Tusken	ctusken@protonmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I feel Map CP-10 is illegal because it's trying to carve out specific districts and does not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out this map and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.	CathyBrown	catbob05@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Like	Neither map seems ideal, but this one seems like the cleaner version despite the weirdness in Gallatin County	Sheldon Ross	sheldonlross@gmail.com	Belgrade	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Map CP-10 is poorly designed. Obviously trying to lay out specific party districts. This does NOT comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw it out.	Roy R Melton	roym51@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Opinion	I preferred Map 1 with previous comments. After viewing these two maps, I still prefer Map 1. I would suggest the commission look again at Map 1.	Nancy Norberg	nnorberg0521@gmail.com	BOZEMAN	MT
CP10 Like	population.	Jane O'Toole Vorsheck	otoolehq@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP10 Like	This map is the most fair, more honestly competitive (what to whom?), and the most logical. Both divide a county, but C11 is gerrymandering. I am a 3rd generation Montanan who grew up in Toole Co. near the Blackfoot Tribe. I know how closely aligned the Blackfoot Nation is to the mountains/Glacier. They belong to the western district. Map C11 would put it in the eastern district, leaving only one tribe in the western, minimizing the Native American voters in the western by 1:3, and denying the western district a diversity of Native American cultural influence and representation. Secondly, the C11 split also creates a western liberal voting block by removing the more conservative areas of the Flathead and leaving the liberal voters around Whitefish. C10 isn't perfect but it is definitely more balanced representation.	Karen Round	roundkk@gmail.com	Florence	MT

CP10 Dislike	It would appear that a pretty straight forward process has been very convoluted. Map 1 made the most sense from the get go.	Kathy Workman	kathyworkman@hotmail.com	Great Falls	Mt
CP10 Like	I prefer this map, because it splits the state evenly, and allows for a more even split for the tribes in a Western District. This map also keeps Flathead County in the West. It makes no sense to put Flathead County in the east.	Jay Russell	jstuartruss1805@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Dislike	We oppose this map.	Katherine and Ronald Bachrach	oreo926@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP10 Opinion	Of the 11 maps proposed by the commission, Map 1 still seems to best map for districting for the 2 house seats. If the issue is 2 counties are split, put Cascade & Gallatin fully in the eastern district. Time & population growth will even out the population between the 2 districts quickly. Both maps 10 & 11 have very strange oddities that make NO sense--other than using political information (which is NOT to be used for districting). In MAP 10, the manner Gallatin county is split makes no sense. Of the 2 new maps, this (#10 is the better of the 2).	Noelle Johnson	noleeefb@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Like	I believe this map is the better of the two because 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. Please DO NOT divide Flathead County.	Jonene Bernhardt	tjbernhardt091@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	CP 10 map best represents the established standards for redistricting of the two choices. CP 1 would've been better. However, I support #10 as the most equitable choice, at this point, in regards to population and geography. We should all come together with equal chance of representation for all groups. That is best done with map #10.	Laura Johnson	laurabrosiusjohnson@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	I support map 10 but would prefer #1. Map 11 makes perfect sense for a gerrymandered district. I understand why people want to be grouped with their neighbors and interests. The districts should be mostly geographic with all opinions represented. Tourism affects our whole state. Any eastern district will have it's fair share of tourism and shouldn't be strictly ruled by the mountain elites. Both districts should represent the whole state! Any fair line will split someone's community. If it happens in a area of higher population it will create a fair variety of opinions. Politicians will have to relate to everyone for the good of the all Montanans.	Bruce Johnson	bzn.mt35@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	This map put Kalispell in the western district were it should be and has been on prior elections.	France K Hagen	fkhagen@outlook.com	Bigfork	Montana
CP10 Dislike	This map is not fair--its clear that certain locations are being split to maximize GOP advantage. Please reject CP10 as being a total gerrymander job.	Nathan L Varley	nathan@wolftracker.com	Gardiner	MT
CP10 Like	This clearly is the fair split of the state and is constitutional. It makes sense on a geographic and economic basis.	Dr. William Nickolas Hagen	wnhagen@outlook.com	Bigfork,MT	MT

	<p>I support map CP1 with the variance including the whole county of Cascade and Gallatin only including HD64 in the west. Republican commissioners are continually being asked to compromise under the this commission and I find this not representing the majority voice in Montana. Very disheartening.</p> <p>Of the two maps proposed this is the better of the two.</p>	Representative LOLA			
CP10 Opinion		Sheldon-Galloway	Lola4Montana@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Like	<p>this map obviously creates more fairness. why would it be seperated differently?</p>	Josh C Turner	turner.c.josh@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	<p>This proposal seems to make the most logical sense in terms of the geographical, political and economical make up of the state.</p>	Daniel Lee	dleemt@gmail.com	kalispell	montana
	<p>Map 11 creates a political and economic divide while exacerbating the tribal communities' challenges. Is it your INTENT to isolate one tribal community from the others, reducing the power of the tribes in their representation? The segregated tribe will end up with NO representation of their interests or by their constituents. 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, and while both districts include the Canada Interface, Map CP-11 separates the Canada Interface which brings Canadian tourists to Flathead and Blackfeet tourism spots.</p> <p>This Map 11 is designed to harm communities of interest, such as forestry and tourism for Flathead Valley. It creates a District with communities that share no interests between Western Montana and Eastern Montana.</p> <p>Map 11 is a blatant partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines evidenced by the vast expanse covered by the Eastern District. How could a representative be in touch or part of a community so far away from their base?</p>				
CP10 Like		Laura Perry	lperry@trustguardant.com	Bigfork	MT

here are my reasons and they still stand, particularly now that I've seen and commented on the sloppy blatant gerrymandering of special interests on CP - 11. I have reviewed map CP - 10 and, while not perfect, it best supports the concept of an east/west split that I believe is the most sensible for all Montanans.

The issues of the largely agricultural east are different from those of the mountainous west, so this keeps issues of like concern bound together vs the way CP - 11 breaks them apart with favoritism in the wrong places for the wrong reasons.

This map also keeps the two larger Tribal Reservations - Blackfoot Tribe and Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes, in one district.

This map achieves a very small population deviation, which is well within the required restrictions and in compliance with Montana constitutional requirements, and it also agrees with the precedent established when we previously had two House of Representatives Districts.

I would anticipate and expect the commission to comply with HR506, the Montana Constitution, and other applicable and binding laws.

There are some who want to create the new Congressional Districts in such a manner as to have a " guaranteed " District for the Republican Party interests and a " guaranteed " District for the interests of the Democratic Party.

As if somehow this concept would be judged as " fair " to all concerned. It's not. Democracy isn't perfect but we don't need or want pre-ordained outcomes on elections. And CP - 11 is

CP10 Like

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Map 10 is a better solution than Map 11. Including the counties adjacent to Glacier Park with the west makes good sense. Also, keeping Gallatin County with Park County together with Yellowstone Park makes sense, but don't split Gallatin County, because that makes no sense, for all the obvious reasons that have been stated.

CP10 Opinion

Tamara Tanberg

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CP10 Like	<p>Montana separated in a way that makes more sense. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. Both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal population. It ties together the main watershed regions of the Western Divide counties in Montana for tourism, power generation and mussel invasive species defense, which includes long scientific research and culturally connected major bodies of water. 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. I would also urge you to make sure you are following the Montana State Code and the rules laid out for redistricting including: (3) A district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. . It is obvious to me that map #11 (which I oppose) is attempting to split Whitefish out of Flathead County is for political reasons and gain. and map #11.</p> <p>While neither map is perfect, I would have huge concerns about the legality of this map: (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; It is obvious to me that Whitefish was split out of Flathead County for political reasons. Please vote no in this map.</p>	Josiah M Baer	josiahb77@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	<p>I support keeping Flathead County intact, it makes absolutely no sense to separate the communities affected. I didn't realize that Whitefish has more in common politically with Lincoln County than Kalispell. I like the idea of having the Blackfeet and Flathead Reservations in the same district. I support CP10.</p>	Lloyd Turnage	gbear_5@msn.com	St Ignatius	Montana
CP10 Like	<p>voting records or if one area votes predominately republican or democrat; that is not in criteria. Again, please follow the law.</p>	Barbara Blum	boblum@bresnan.net	Lakeside	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>comply with HB 506, which is Montana Law. Please throw out this map and select CP1 its the best map and adheres to the Law. redistricting should be about what is equitable, right and fair for all Montana!</p>	GORDON E JACOBS	bsnurse44@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	MT

CP10 Dislike	established. Neither of the proposed final maps would give a guaranteed win to a Democratic candidate, but this map unduly favors the Republican Party because the lack of competition it creates. It also divides Gallatin County, which as a whole is a community of interest dealing with rapid growth, wage issues, and an affordable housing crisis. What happens in Gallatin County impacts the entire county, including Gallatin Gateway and Big Sky. By dividing the county between two districts, the collective needs of Gallatin County could be easily ignored by representatives in both districts. This limits representation for one of the fastest growing communities in Montana. I oppose this map.	Alyson Roberts	alyson.roberts86@gmail.com	Belgrade	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Votes should not be null before votes are even cast because Montana has reorganized our state into two completely one-party dominant districts. Proposal 10 is blatantly partisan and is a disservice to voters in Montana.	Carol Buchheit	2csbuch@nemont.net	Fort Peck	MT
CP10 Dislike	Gallatin County should not be carved up. As a resident of Whitefish, our community has little in common politically with most of the Flathead county. I support CP11.	Jean Weiskotten	jean8675309@gmail.com	Whitefish	Montana
CP10 Like	If possible to get within 1 percent balance, Gallatin could be kept whole in the Eastern district because it's adjacent, not 100 miles away needing a gerrymander. Further, Gallatin in the east is a better growth balancer over the long term, meaning the 2030 redistricting will be comparatively minor. This CP10 is the most rational option remaining.	David A. Skinner	daskinner@centurytel.net	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	I prefer map 10 of the two choices because Flathead County should not be split and it is absurd to include Flathead in the Eastern district.	Amy Bauer	Amydriver8@aol.com	Bigfork	MT
CP10 Like	Ekalaka compared with substantially any town/city in the Western district? Up with 10! Down with 11!	Todd Bernhardt	Todd.bernhardt.fcrc@gmail.com	Kalispell	Mt
CP10 Like	This map I believe to be a fair compromise without pulling a largely populated area from an area that is in a different part of the state geographically as in Map 11.	Ronald James Nason	r_snason@hotmail.com	Clancy	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Map CP-10 is a terrible map that is based on trying to care out specific party districts and it does not comply with the Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out this map and select may CP-1, as it's the best map that is adhering to the law.	David Price	dmjeprice@bresnan.net	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Like	Keeping 'ultra conservative' Flathead County to head up the Western portion of Montana is desirable. I also support Commissioner Abell's comment regarding this map. Without Derek Skees' hard work on this venture, we may not have had a workable outcome at large.	barbara a. austin	austinbarbara97@gmail.com	Kalispell	Mt.
CP10 Like	Map CP-10 is a terrible map that is based on trying to care out specific party districts and it does not comply with the Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out this map and select may CP-1, as it's the best map that is adhering to the law.	Tom Bryant	thomas.bryant271@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Like	I prefer map 10 of the two choices. Flathead County is not in the Eastern Portion of the State.	Raymond Scott Vincent	rsvincent2020@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT

CP10 Like	I support this map as it much more fairly represents true Eastern and Western Districts. As a general rule I do not like splitting counties for political benifit to either party.	Kim Larson	kim@apec-mt.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP10 Like	I believe the historical maps are a valuable resource when considering the current redistricting. That said, I prefer this map because it most closely aligns with the historical maps and it keeps Flathead County in district 1 where I believe it has more economic features in common than if it were in district 2.	Sharon Nason	rsnason3875@gmail.com	Clancy	MT
CP10 Like	10 makes the most sense. Please choose this map.	Woods Mori	moriwoods@me.com	Butte	MT
CP10 Like	probably favor republicans, but unless you do major questionable Gerrymandering, it always will. What's wrong with this since most of the state is republican? It is unfair to split it purposely so that democrats get a rep. Look at our last election- Montanan's want republicans.	Jeffrey Bennett	jeffnstef@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP10 Dislike	Why in the name of everloving democracy would you split Gallatin Co? The only reason to do so is extreme partisan gerrymandering. If we want our representatives to be just that, REPRESENTATIVE, we need districting that will force the Republican candidates to actually campaign and listen to all their constituents, which this map DOES NOT DO since it will chop up blue areas in an effort to make an easier win for themselves. This map is unacceptable, and violently partisan - Montana is better than this.	Bonnie Wolgamot	bnwoutside@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Like	This map does a far better job of fairly dividing the Eastern and Western Districts keeping all areas west of the divide in the Western Distrct. I cannot see how you can consider Bozeman and Livingston as "Western Montana".	Kim Larson	kim@apec-mt.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I dislike CP 10 District 1 based on the fact that it is not competitive. With CP 10, one party is favored heavily in *both* districts, weakening the voices of individual voters, and likely even affecting voter turnout. In addition, CP10 unfortunately splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway in half, violating the criteria to minimize unnecessary divisions of towns. Also, CP 10 would break with precedent by separating Helena and Butte, diluting union strength and separating an important community of interest.	Elizabeth Madden	bethmadden64@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	Proposal 10 is bad for Montana businesses. It unnecessarily separates and dilutes the similar economic interests.	Hillary Carls	hillarycarls@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Like	I am the Flathead Co. Commissioner for district 1 and while I don't believe this map is perfect it at least keeps all of my district in the western congressional district. Please support this map	Bradley W Abell	abell_1959@yahoo.com	Columbia Falls	mt
CP10 Like	Keep Flathead County together	Geri Malberg	ontheriverrv@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	to an eastern district which is on the other side of the divide. This has always been the dividing line.	Robert Malberg	ontheriverrv@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

CP10 Opinion	I'm in favor of #11 which gives a chance for Dems to get a fair chance in elections. #10 is pure gerrymandering!	Tracey Vivar	traceyvivar@gmail.com	East Glacier Park	MT
CP10 Like	Flathead County should stay as part of a district on the west side with other west side counties. It makes no sense to split it and add it into the eastern map, when the Divide has always been used as a geographical barrier.	Robert Malberg	ontheriverrv@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Dislike	I don't like CP10 because it makes no sense to divide Gallatin County.	paul burns	bznpaul@yahoo.com	bozeman	mt
CP10 Like	I support map CP10. This map shows more balance and equity in the districts.	Gary H Eliasson	ccar@midrivers.com	Roundup	MT
CP10 Like	I support map CP10. It's division more fairly represents the state.	Phyllis Eliasson	phylliseliasson@hotmail.com	Roundup	MONTANA
CP10 Dislike	with a balanced population between the two districts. I think that a one or two percent variance in the population targets is preferable than having a large county split. That said, my read of Gallatin County is that it is more homogenous than Flathead County. So if I had to split one of the two, it makes more sense to me to split Flathead. I have never been a fan of geographical districts in a winner-takes-all-election model. Too often this leaves a sizable minority without representation. Map 11 seems to have a better chance of ensuring proportional representation of Montana's population.	Danny Choriki	danny@dacyac.com	Billings	MT
CP10 Dislike	I do not support Map 10. This plan 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.	Jessie Kane	jessiebebb@yahoo.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map #10 will not do. It is gerrymandering. You cannot split our county nor towns. No! 5 generation here.	Daniel Voulkos	k2v@dannyvoulkosart.com	BOZEMAN	MT
CP10 Like	of choice between 10 and 11, 10 seems to best meet the common sense (versus political) test. Actually Map 1, in my opinion was the best choice and, if possible, revival of it for top consideration would be desirable.	Beverly Bilyeu-Carkeek	carkeek@nemont.net	Ballantine	MT
CP10 Like	Between maps 10 & 11, 10 clearly makes the most sense. The Flathead Valley is in WESTERN Montana and should be represented as such.	Tobias Liechti	tobias.liechti@gmail.com	Lakeside	MT
CP10 Dislike	Map #10 is bad and a blatant attempt to gerrymander Dems out of office.	Shane E Noble	shane.e.noble@gmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP10 Dislike	One of the goals of redistricting was competitive districts. Of the two remaining maps, #10 still does not come close to providing this for voters. Having competitive districts provides the opportunity for representatives to truly try and represent us all.	Melinda Ferrell	mferrell_9874@yahoo.com	Trout Creek	- State -

CP10 Dislike	I would vote to reject this map as it splits my immediate community off from the towns and neighboring communities where all our representation should be derived from (i.e., Bozeman/Belgrade). The boundary lines should not split counties through populated zones or use already set boundaries for house congressional districts. That is, the state house congressional district I am in is already so gerrymandered that I have zero representation or even a hope gaining representation and as such I don't want to find myself in that same situation on the national house level.	Robert Schultz	membobmt@gmail.com	BELGRADE	MT
CP10 Like	This map makes more sense because it is more of a natural geographical divide of the east and west districts. It also keeps a couple reservations in the western district.	Steve and Beth Hinebauch	stevhinebauch@midrivers.com	Wibaux	MT
CP10 Like	I support map #10, IF they are our only options. This map keeps Western and Eastern Montana separated in a way that makes most sense. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a strong voice for the tribes in the new western as well as the Eastern district. Both districts are compact, contiguous and of nearly equal population. It keeps communities of interest centered on tourism and service industries together which are all shared between Glacier National Park, Kalispell, Whitefish, and Columbia Falls. I would also urge you to make sure you are following the Montana State Code and the rules laid out for redistricting including: (3) a district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. . It appears to me that map #11 (which I oppose) is attempting to split Whitefish out of Flathead County is for political reasons and gain.	Cindia Ellis	cindia@midrivers.com	Miles City	MT
CP10 Like	straight line. But this would keep most of the western counties on the western "half" of the state.	Nicholas Maltby	nick@auxi.team	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	I feel that CP10 better represents the people of Montana. Even though we are all Montanans, we have different challenges that are greatly created by the divide. Even though this may not be perfect, with the 2 maps on the table, I feel this one will give the people in both districts the best opportunity to address the issues that are most important to their communities.	Michael Gerspach	mjgerspach@gmail.com	KILA	MT
CP10 Like	After evaluating the many aspects and criteria of redistricting, my choice is Map 10.	GEORGE F BEIMEL	RIMSTARRANCH@AOL.COM	Cameron	MT
CP10 Dislike	it splits counties in strange and unfortunate ways. CP 10 is the better, though not perfect, choice.	Rachael Caldwell	Gracie229@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP10 Dislike	CP 10 gerrymanders our state by "cracking" voters of one party and burying their votes in a district where they won't matter. I oppose CP 10.	Grace Hodges	grace.hodges@charter.net	Helena	MT
CP10 Like	This mp keeps Kalispell in the west. Kalispell has different issues than the east side.	Martin Shrock	punkshrock@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Dislike	I think we should use the original 2 district map of 1990. Counties should not be divided. It's against the law to split cities or counties. Doing so is very political. Equal populations don't necessarily reflect equal number of voters.	Patricia Oksness	poksness@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP10 Like	have to support this one over CP11. It is obvious that this map had some give and take to meet direction from the deciding official to make a competitive district when the previous 9 maps were rejected. Although I have some reservations of how this map was drawn it has an advantage over CP11 to serve the interests of ALL Montananâ€™s regardless of political ideology. I hope that the final decision does not come down to making a district more competitive for one party, this is not what the redistricting process is about nor is allowed by law.	Dennis Sandbak	dsandbak@msn.com	Billings	MT
CP10 Dislike	i still believe that cp#1 is still the most logical of all the maps shown including #10 and # 11	frank vetere	veterefrank@yahoo.com	great falls	mt
CP10 Dislike	I dislike this obvious attempt to gerrymander districts for political ends.	Jesse A. Logan	logan.jesse@gmail.com	Emigrant	MT
CP10 Dislike	right at the street in front of our home. Doubles the campaign signs on the street for no good reason.	Jeff Benson	bwanajeff@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	I think CP10 is more reasonable	Volha Taschenko	Volha.taschenko@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP10 Like	Please choose CP10. Thank you.	Stacy Dare	stacydare@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP10 Like	I like map 10. Better balance and is compact. Doe not sneak over the divide into Flathead. Very close in population. Everybody is not going to be happy. This map does best job. There will be neighbors that live across road from each other that will be in different districts.	Bill Jones	twodot08@gmail.com	Harlowton	MT
CP10 Dislike	Keeping the like communities of the greater Flathead Lake area and the greater Bozeman/Gallatin area intact is more important than rigid population equality between the two districts. Each of the two proposed maps splits one or the other communities. If these are the only 2 options CP11 is the better of the two.	Blake Koemans	blake.koemans@umconnect.umt.edu	Missoula	MT
CP10 Opinion	We vote to leave District 2 alone, and leave District 1 alone. Stop trying to divide people in all aspects of Government. There is no way Flathead and the other targeted counties belong in Eastern Montana districting. Purely Political Motivation. Leave us alone.	Cathy and Rodger Osborn	cathyosborn4@gmail.com	Bigfork	montana
CP10 Like	We vote on Map 10. It makes the most sense for all. The numbers are within reason so why change it? Looks like obvious Political motivation. Stop trying to divide people in all aspects. Enough. There is no way Flathead County is in the Eastern part of Montana.	Cathy and Rodger Osborn	cathyosborn4@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT

CP10 Like	I like Map CP 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 is compact, contiguous and nearly equal population. I dislike Map CP 10 because it divides Gallatin County which is the fastest growing county in Montana. You need to look at a new map that does not divide any of large population counties. You need to follow MCA 5-1-115 the Redistricting Criterial.	Bill Ellis	billellis58@aol.com	Miles City	Montana
CP10 Like	This map, CP 10 makes more sense than the other.	Lisa Legan	Lislegan@netscape.net	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Like	Map 10 - I like this map because it presents the most fair split. It keeps Flathead County in the Western District where it belongs. It helps keep the communities supported by forest production and tourism together and gives them voice. It also complies with the Montana Constitution and keeps the communities of interest together better than Map CP-11	Michael Plummer	mhplummer1@msn.com	Great Falls	Montana
CP10 Opinion	I dislike both maps CP 10 and CP 11 because they do not follow the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 5-1-115 Redistricting Criteria. We should take another look at map CP 1 and adopt it because it follows MCA 5-1-115 redistricting criteria as close as possible.	Bill Ellis	billellis58@aol.com	Miles City	Montana
CP10 Like	I prefer map 10 over map 11. We live in Park County. Map 10 would place Park County and most of Gallatin County in the Eastern district. As a Park County business owner and rancher, we conduct most business with locations that would be in the Eastern District (Billings, Bozeman, Big Timber, etc.). Perhaps more importantly, our values are aligned more closely with the rural/agricultural values of the Eastern District.	Mark Knox	sfchpln@hotmail.com	Clyde Park	MT
CP10 Dislike	both of these communities. The same could be said splitting off Springhill, Big Sky, and all of Park County. The Gallatin Valley (and in many ways, Paradise Valley) is tied together culturally, socially, and economically. Dividing this part of the state into two Congressional Districts is not a fair proposal and goes against the original goals and intentions of the Commission. Please support Map 11.	Whitni H Ciofalo	wciofalo@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	Flathead county belongs with the western part of the state. I think this map maps the districts more even and fair. The point of it is not to lump similar beliefs together, but rather to have a fair representation of the areas.	Marisa S	msmith07@live.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	This map makes the most sense to me in fairness.	Sean Ashby	seanpashby@hotmail.com	Hamilton	MT

CP10 Dislike	<p>a county, and both maps have to have a part where one of the districts reaches into the other (map 11 has the eastern district reaching into the western, and map 10 does the reverse). But map 10 also breaks up Gallatin county. Thus map 10 breaks up two communities (one by having the western district reach east, although that does not divide a county, and one by breaking up Gallatin) while map 11 only breaks up one community (by breaking up Lake where the eastern district reaches west). Map 11 also keeps the areas surrounding UM and MSU, which are culturally similar, together.</p>	Craig Cowie	ccowie@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Like	<p>This makes sense from a geographic and political point of view. It allows western counties separated from eastern counties by geography to have a shared voice. Due to the impact of geography on the population of Montana, it is important the 2 distinct regions of Montana have their own voices. This map is the more logical and fair of the two maps being proposed.</p>	Douglas John Nicholson	douglas.nicholson@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	<p>Montana separated in a way that makes more sense. 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. Both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal population. It ties together the main watershed regions of the Western Divide counties in Montana for tourism, power generation and mussel invasive species defense, which includes long scientific research and culturally connected major bodies of water. 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. I would also urge you to make sure you are following the Montana State Code and the rules laid out for redistricting including: (3)â€fA district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress.</p> <p>.</p> <p>It is obvious to me that map #11 (which I oppose) is attempting to split Whitefish out of Flathead County is for political reasons and gain.</p>	Joanna Adams	adamsjoanna89@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	<p>I like this map because both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal population</p>	Wendy Williams	tawewilliams@mt.net	Helena	MT
CP10 Like	<p>Please choose this Map CP-10. Thank you for serving.</p>	Bruce Arthur	butch1@middrivers.com	WINNETT	MT
CP10 Like	<p>This drafting is considerably better than its counterpart, #11, as it unites the constituency of Flathead County in a logical, common-sense manner.</p> <p>Despite outcries from opposition for "ideological divides", the primary reason voting districts are to register voting groups based upon geographic regions, not ideologies. Because we all know, ideologies can shift rapidly, county lines, not so much so...</p>	John Henson	thehenchman007@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

CP10	Like	I am in favor of Map 10. Very clear and well thought out comments in favor of this Map.	Loretta Skees	lskees29@gmail.com	Bigfork	Montana
CP10	Like	I like this split better than the others	Nicole Bond	nicknackmt@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	Montana
<p>someone indicated that a Tonya Dyas proposed map comes close.) Nonetheless both of these maps submitted by the commission, do split a county. However we (my husband and I) submit to you our observations that we believe favor map 10 as the better map. Assuming one goal is to have equal population between the two districts and to have the most equal racial/ethnic diversity then, although both maps deal with total population, there is a greater difference between the 2 maps in a disproportionate number of native and white populations. I believe someone already brought this up but to reiterate: Map10 shows 17,908 more White individuals in District 1 and 17,490 more Native individuals in District 2. Map 11 shows 35,338 more White individuals in District 1 and 36,280 more Native individuals in District 2. So seems to us that Map 10 does the best job of equally dividing the 2 districts based on total population, and in racial and ethnic diversity. Next Map 10 keeps everything more compact and contiguous, which is MT law. It won't be compact if a representative from the eastern district has to travel a long distance to campaign in the eastern side. Nor is it compact when the flathead is separated by the Divide but still in the eastern district. Makes no sense. Map 10 allows the skiing and the tourism within the flathead county to remain connected (whitefish and Lakeside), Map 10 also, keeps the communities of interest in the west together (tourism and forest production). Lastly, this would be the first time EVER in MT history that a congressional map would split a county west of the divide (flathead) and put it in an eastern district, when flathead county has NO political, economic or cultural ties with the majority of counties in the eastern district. Also Map 11 isolates 1 tribe group from all the other tribes. All in all, Map 11 looks to us like it could be a partisan attempt to split flathead county along</p>						
CP10	Like	political lines? I submit therefore to you that Map 10 for these reasons and more, is the better	Russell and Rebecca Kingman	rschaer626@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP10	Like	I think this is the most fair - and constitutionally - correct map.	Meliss Jardstrom	meandwes@aol.com	Bozeman	MT
<p>the Constitution; all other considerations should fall second to this one. Further, this map provides for compact, contiguous, and nearly equal population representation while doing a better job of keeping communities of interest together than Map CP-11 does. Of further importance, this map keeps Flathead County in the Western District, providing for a stronger voice for both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations. Importantly, it keeps communities of interest united, including the tourism and service industries as well as medical communities.</p>						
CP10	Like	Overall, this is the better choice.	Melisa Schelvan	mbschelvan@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10	Like	posts. I am not for this map as much as I was for CP-1, I suggest bring CP-1 back and toss CP-10 and 11.	justin w cleveland	huskers@3rivers.net	Fairfield	MT

CP10 Like	I believe that this map represents a fair representation of the needs of Western Montana and Eastern Montana and best represents what former Western Representative Pat Williams announced that he favored on YouTube.com	Keith Baer	KeithB@Montana.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Like	I am of the mindset that Flathead County should not be divided. Map #10 is the best option for the state of Montana's constituency!	Beverly Williams	williamsinteriors@comcast.net	Whitefish	MT
CP10 Like	Map #10 is clearly split up way better than map 11. Having half of Flathead county in the same district as Miles city makes no sense.	Elliot Adams	elliottadams88@gmail.com	KALISPELL	Montana
CP10 Like	I prefer map number 10	Caitlin E. Teini	Catiejo_69@hotmail.com	Roundup	Montana
CP10 Like	Yes to map #10	Joseph M. Teini	Jmteini@yahoo.com	Roundup	Montana
CP10 Like	<p>experience. In 1971 I worked for the Congressman from the Western District as a staff member, serving both as his personal aide and briefly as his press secretary (Richard Shoup). We worked occasionally with the congressman from the Eastern District since, as Montanans, we had some major issues in common. I will say most pointedly that we also addressed vastly different issues and interests due to economics and geography. At that time, neither of our districts would have been well suited to address the issues of the other district. Timber sales and tourism were hardly the purview of the east side, nor were oil production and farming that of the west side. The districting of that time worked fluidly and all Montanans were well represented; I remember not a single complaint about the way the eastern and western districts were divided. Moving to today, I cannot see that much has changed--at least nothing that should logically move Flathead County into a district with the counties on the east side of the state. As a citizen of the Flathead, I also would feel terribly UNDERrepresented by a congressman whose major constituency was that of the east side of the state. Finally, let Montanans be Montanans. We're an independent lot as our history proves, having had numerous outstanding Republicans AND Democrats as officeholders. Let Montanans be Montanans and decide based on their economics, mutual interests and the individual running for office. The only fair way to do that is with Map 10, and NOT with an artificially contrived districting line that attempts to stack the political deck. Respectfully, Kathleen (Riedel) Burt</p>	Kathleen A. Burt	commakaysie@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	I prefer map 10	Cheryl D Goffena	goffenam@midrivers.com	Roundup	MT

In my opinion, the Redistricting Commission should throw out all previous maps and go with this map proposed by Tonya Dyas that has NO SPLIT Counties or Reservations.

In addition, it ensures "communities of interest" have approximately equal representation in BOTH districts, as well as that BOTH districts have borders with Canada.

As Tonya wrote:

"I don't think more perfect maps could be drawn. These proposed maps are based strictly upon population & contiguous counties. Absolutely no gerrymandering was involved. No counties are divided and none of the Tribal groups are divided. Best yet, the population difference between District 1 & 2 is only +/- 50 people for a population deviation of 0% .

"It complies with all the Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.

"The population of the green district is 542,062 (-50) and the orange district is 542,163 (+51) for a net difference of 101. The big thing is that NOT ONE COUNTY IS SPLIT !"

The important point is that this map is LEGAL.

As I said in my comments last time, we should be focusing on COOPERATION as EQUALS, not on competition between those who accept Reality and their places in it and those who do not.

CP10 Dislike	Thank you.	Theresa Holmes	phoenixladyrising@yahoo.com	Manhattan	MT
	This district is the best way, most fair split				
CP10 Like		Mike Goffena	goffenam@middrivers.com	Roundup	Montana
	significantly better job of equally dividing districts based not only on total population, but also in racial and ethnic diversity. The Native American populations in the Western district will have a stronger voice in CP10 than they would if the other map is chosen. Please consider this fact				
CP10 Like	when choosing	Cydney Henderson	squidneysu@gmail.com	Victor	MT
CP10 Like	I prefer map #10.	Rebecca Ahlgren	rebaahlgren@hotmail.com	Winnett	MT

CP10 Like	community "splits" in both, but one must ask: 1) Is the split of Gallatin county reasonable given the balance of the county placed in the east is rural, and arguably more of a part of the Park county/Billings community, than part of the Bozeman/Belgrade valley? The answer: YES, given the fact that the other larger communities of Flathead County, and the two northwestern Indian reservations remain together as per their expressed wishes. Because Montana is faced with two maps that split one county in each, we must choose the map that is least disruptive to the communities (as the constitution requires). This map 10 clearly is the least disruptive to communities and should be chosen. I support this map 10 (over the alternative (11)).	Mark R Smith	mark@aspen-island-ranch.com	Lavina	montana
CP10 Like	I prefer this map over CP 11. Flathead County is in the West with similar communities of interest. Keeps 2 reservations in each of the district representation, and is a deviation of 0%.	Ronalee Skees	ronaleeskees@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map separates Bozeman in a such a way that it is obviously trying to make certain votes moot. It also does not provide for even one competitive district.	Beth Simpson	phreakslady@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Dislike	Gallatin counties, the homes of the universities and the future of Montana's economy, should be kept together to continue the technological growth of Montana. The biotech hub in Ravalli county can benefit from cohesive policies among the three counties to employ Montana university graduates in world-class biotech research and industry facilities. By breaking the Gallatin county, this map will hinder uniform policymaking between the three counties and, consequently, Montana's future growth. Let's say no to twisted political ploys of Map #10 and yes to the future progress of Montana in Map #11.	Amitava Roy	jry73@hotmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP10 Like	This is much better! It keeps the west together.	Geof Gratny	ggratny@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP10 Like	The one thing I appreciate about this map compared with the alternative choice of map 11, is that this gives more voice to the Native American presence in the western district as has historically not been true.	Jonmichael Weaver	jonmichael.weaver@student.montana.edu	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	I like this map because it complies with Montana law and the Constitution Both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal population 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 It keeps the communities of interest in the West that are predominantly forest production and tourism together Both districts include a Canada Interface, but this map keeps communities of interest together better than Map CP-11	Richard Franklin	rick@thefranklinhouse.com	Hamilton	Montana

CP10 Like	<p>if these are the only 2 maps we have to pick from then I like Map 10 the best because it keeps the communities of interest in the west that are predominantly forest production and tourism together. It keeps our communities of interests centered around tourism and service industries together which are all shared between glacier national park, kalispell, whitefish and columbia falls.</p> <p>Map 10 complies best with the Montana law and the constitution where both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal in population. also, both districts include a canada interface but this map keeps communities of interest together better than Map Cp 11</p>	Stefanie Hanson	hansonstefanie7@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Like	<p>Redistricting must ensure population equality, compactness, contiguity and compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act. There is no Constitutional authority to inject a "competitiveness" component into the process. Competitiveness is subjective, and exists only in the minds of the beholder. I reject Map 11 and I support Map 10.</p>	Joseph D. Coco	joe@coco-ent.com	Whitefish	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>Given that both remaining options require splitting a county, the split should occur between communities with different views instead of separating like minded communities as this map does. For this reason I oppose this map.</p>	Connor McHugh	C.mchugh@hotmail.com	BELGRADE	MT
CP10 Like	<p>Map 10 seems to be a more logical approach than map 11 for how Flathead County, Blackfeet Reservation and Gallatin County is viewed. MSU/UM were put on different sides of Divide for a purpose with different missions at each university. Ag in eastern MT and Ag relation with MSU and Gallatin County should be in the east to coordinate Ag goals with the voting population of eastern Montana.</p>	Jim Bennett	jimb59501@gmail.com	Havre	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>This map does not respect the political subdivisions such as county lines that are supported by the Montana Constitution.</p>	MICHAEL K REDBURN	mredburn26@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

important because:

It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district

It keeps the communities of interest in the West that are predominantly forest production and tourism together

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

It keeps the growing ski tourism economy united within the Flathead Valley (Whitefish and Lakeside)

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 Blackfoot Reservation

It ties together the main watershed regions of the Western Divide counties in Montana for tourism, power generation and mussel invasive species defense, which includes long scientific research and culturally connected major bodies of water

Map 10 also complies with Montana law and the Constitution. Both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal population. Both districts include a Canada Interface, but this map keeps communities of interest together better than Map CP-11

CP10 Like		Cathy B Mitchell	longlakenmf@msn.com	Kalispell, MT	MT
CP10 Like	It's tiering to see Gallatin County keep getting split. Leave it whole. Do not split counties. I like this may better than the others but you should keep counties whole. TEM	Troy Miller	troy@financialeg.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	Map 10 demonstrates what I understand is an excellent example of cracking as part of a giant gerrymandering effort to separate voters from one party and bury them in another party's voting district. Please do not allow this tactic to be part of the political future for Montana.	Mark Beland	mtbeland@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT

CP10 Like	<p>the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations--for a stronger tribal voice; (2) keeps forest production and tourism communities in the West together; (3) keeps communities centered on tourism and service industries together shared between Glacier National Park, Kalispell, Whitefish, and Columbia Falls; (4) keeps the growing ski tourism economy united within the Flathead Valley (Whitefish and Lakeside); (5) keeps the shared medical communities of Logan Health Medical Center (Kalispell and Whitefish) together, providing medical services for the entire NW Region, including the Blackfeet Reservation; and (6) ties the main watershed regions of the Western Divide counties in Montana for tourism, power generation, and mussel invasive-species defense together. Additionally, Map 10 complies with MT Constitution re: compact, contiguous, near-equal population districts.</p>	Elizabeth Newsom	wijim.7@juno.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>I do not support map 10 because it does not provide a reasonable level of competitiveness. It is divisive and partisan.</p>	Laura Langdon	lolangdon@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>Map 10 will turn Congressional races into anointings--not fair and democratic (small "d") elections. Republican party candidates will simply be anointed. They will not have to engage with voters and constituents to earn their elected seats. Races will not be competitive or give both political parties a fair and equal chance.</p> <p>Also, Helena is a union town like Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge. Putting Helena in an Eastern District is union vote-busting and intentionally divides our community of interest from other Western Montana cities. It also divides a community of interest of state workers by separating government employees who live in Lewis and Clark County from Jefferson County.</p>	Mary Ann Dunwell	maryann.dunwell@mtleg.gov	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>I oppose map 10. It is a clearly partisan map that seems to divide Montana in a way that guarantees one party winning both congressional seats, regardless of how Montanans vote. It splits Gallatin County in a clearly partisan way even though this is an area where the county has shared interests with Park County. This map weakens the voice of both urban and rural people as it does not keep communities of interest together.</p>	Kimberly Dudik	kimberly.dudik@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP10 Dislike	<p>Considering what a mess this makes of Gallatin County, you ought to be able to find a house with a family of four living in it and run the Eastern District out around them to balance the populations. It wouldn't look any sillier than it does now.</p>	Bill Freese	iedbf@montana.edu	Belgrade	MT

CP10 Dislike	<p>No to Map 10.</p> <p>Map 10 unfairly represents one party over another and is not competitive. It creates two Republican districts which favor that party. A fair map would include one competitive district that either party can win.</p> <p>Map 10 weakens the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by splitting grain and meat producing areas. It breaks apart regions of similar interests and economic connections. For example, Park and Gallatin counties which depend on one another</p>	Annie Thomas	anniethomas@itstriangle.com	McLeod	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>â 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.</p> <p>â This plan 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.</p> <p>â 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.</p> <p>â This plan separates commuters that live in Jefferson county from the place where so many of them work in Helena. This is clearly breaking apart a community of interest.</p> <p>â 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.</p>	Kristi Chester Vance	kcv406@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>â This plan separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with share little economic, cultural, or social connection., My community of interest is the Bozeman/Livingston area. Many local companies employ people who live in Livingston and around the Gallatin Valley (mine does). This alternative would split us up into differing groups for no reason, as opposed to Map 11. It also divides other communities/economic interests like ski areas, Helena/Jefferson, and people who live on the Rocky Mountain Front. As an alternative it exacerbates divisions within communities rather than respecting them. Please do not choose this configuration.</p>	Michael Scott	mdsbozeman12@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP10 Dislike	Please reject Map #10. After researching the demographics of the two maps, #11 is definitely the most equitable to the voters of Montana.	Pete Talbot	petetalbot@montana.com	Missoula	Montana
CP10 Like	I support this map as the best possible choice for redistricting our congressional districts. It does the best job at splitting up the fastest growing counties in the state so it should hold its even population longer than the other choices.	Sheila Syverson	sheila.syverson@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP10 Like	I support this map as the best possible choice for redistricting our congressional districts. It does the best job at splitting up the fastest growing counties in the state so it should hold its even population longer than the other choices.	Thor Larson	thor.mont97@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP10 Like	two districts, and second, based on the parameters provided, appears to be equal racial/ethnic diversity. Both proposals accommodate total population. Where we see a greater difference between the two proposals is a disproportionate number of White and Native populations. CP10 shows 17,908 more White individuals in District 1 and 17,490 more Native individuals in District 2. CP11 shows 35,338 more White individuals in District 1 and 36,280 more Native individuals in District 2. Thus, CP10 does a significantly better job of equally dividing districts based not only on total population, but also in racial and ethnic diversity. CP10 is the better choice.	Patricia Urie	pattyurie@yahoo.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I oppose CP10. This plan 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.	Emily Rolston	EMILY.A.ROLSTON@GMAIL.COM	Missoula	Mt
CP10 Like	Map 10 " I like this map because it complies with Montana law and the Constitution. Both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal population. Both districts include a Canada Interface, but this map keeps communities of interest together better than Map CP-11.	Patty Franklin	patty@thefranklinhouse.com	Hamilton	MT
CP10 Like	5-1-115 which states the redistricting criteria for state and federal districts...competitive is NOT a legal criterion... Competition comes from QUALITY candidates. This map is better than map 11 (11 violates 2-c,d, and 3 a-d which puts it in violation of the federal Voting Rights Act). Map 10 complies with all sections of Code 5-1-115 making it legal by state and federal standards.	Ruth Wardell	rwardell@rocketmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose CP10. The map does a poor job retaining local community boundaries.	Jason Rappe	jdrappe@gmail.com	Helena	MT

CP10 Like	Neither map is ideal, but this seems to be the better of the two in that it will accommodate the strong growth in Gallatin county by keeping populations relatively equal over time by having some of the county represented in both districts. I find it interesting that in non-partian areas where maps are drawn, such as school sports, Bozeman is always linked in the East with schools in Great Falls and Billings, but here, where politics is involved Bozeman is put in the Western district. At least this avoids some of the more ridiculous groupings of far Eastern and Western Montana proposed in the other map.	Jeremy Carl	jeremycarl@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	Placing the rapidly growing Flathead Valley and Gallatin Valley in the same district is doomed to fail, and grow increasing out of compliance over the next 10 years. Of the 2 remaining maps, #11 is the better option. Perhaps some adjustments in the division of Flathead County are possible to reduce the appearance of favoring one or the other of the self-serving political parties. As an Independent, I would prefer that party considerations not be included in this process.	Dean Center	garbage4me@ymail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose this map, and support CP11.	Gina Himes Boor	ghimesboor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	This is the logical choice which I support. Many counties in eastern Mont. have more in common with No. Dakota than Flathead county.	Barbara Smith	Flatheadtrader@centurytel.net	Polson	Montana
CP10 Like	Of the 2 choices now facing us I like this map the best however Map 1 is still the best in my opinion. These two maps appear to only consider republican vs democrat which is contrary to what is intended when splitting the districts	K. Bradley Lotton	bradlotton@yahoo.com	Havre, Mt. 59501	Montana
CP10 Like	Cp10 is better than CP 11 as it distributes the state more evenly	Kate Butterfield	hikerpawz7@icloud.com	West Glacier	MT
CP10 Dislike	competitive district, to more fairly represent the interests of all Montanans. If both districts are always won by the same party, there would be no incentive for people to vote and no incentive for our representatives to listen to the half of the population that didn't vote for them. We need accountability with our representatives, and this map does not provide it. Shoe-in politicians all in the same party do not do a good job of representing the interests of all people in the state.	Kristi DuBois	kdubois@montana.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Like	This is the better map for keeping communities together and preserving east and west. The logistics of a congressman representing both Kalispell and Broadus would be absurd.				
CP10 Like	Please support this map.	Nicholas Schwaderer	nicholas.schwaderer@gmail.com	Superior	MT
CP10 Like	Map CP-10 complies with the law by equalizing population, drawing contiguous boundaries and keeping the district compact.	Ed Regan	edregan@rytimber.com	Townsend	MT

CP10 Like	<p>keeps the communities of interest together better centered on tourism and service industry between Glacier, Kalispell, Whitefish and Columbia Falls. These areas must be grouped together. The CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations are together in the Western district for a stronger voice. Medical communities of Logan Health are kept together for Kalispell and Whitefish. The main watersheds in the West are united for environmental control of invasive species and for power generation. Helena is an eastern divide city and must remain in the eastern side of the map. It has NO commonalities with Missoula and would be totally and unfairly overwhelmed by the university votes of Missoula and Bozeman. Map 11 puts Helena on the Western side which is totally unfair, as Helena identifies with the East and not with the University towns of Missoula and Bozeman. Splitting Flathead is not rational or wise and the Canadian interface of map11 separates the tourism of Blackfeet and Flathead. One Tribe is isolated by map11 to reduce its voice. That said, it is ILLEGAL to consider competitiveness. This map is obviously gerrymandered to give voting blocks and lobbyists in each district a voice stronger than the rural communities, which is trying to mandate winners and losers. THAT is NOT your job!! Map one was a truer representation of the Constitution and HB506! Your partisanship and disregard for the Rule of Law is duly noted!</p> <p>If you will deny law then agree on a defensible standard used to define competitiveness, use the US House races to measure it, and use races OUTSIDE of 2020 that have been shown to be</p>	Susan and Stephen smith	Susbosmith@gmail.com	helena	montana
CP10 Dislike	<p>Splitting Gallatin County makes no sense. The entirety of Gallatin belongs with western Montana (for the many reasons enumerated in previous public hearings). Attempts to do otherwise smack of partisan gerrymandering. Please reject this map.</p>	Betty Stroock	bstroock@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	<p>I really liked map 5 the best but this will have to do because it keeps the Flathead in the west. It's sad that Gallatin is divided:-(We need a map that considers dividing the reservations close to equal and the fast growing populations close to equally divided. This is not about being partisan but about being fair for everyone.</p>	Joi Gratny	jgratny@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>communities in the Golden Triangle and Highline, commuter communities to Helena, ski communities in western Montana, union communities of Butte and Helena, and even goes so far as to divide one of our largest cities into two: it cuts Bozeman into two districts separate by just a few blocks and excludes Gallatin Gateway (a commuter community to Bozeman) as well as the neighboring Big Sky which is a key recreational draw for Bozeman. This map appears to create a district that divides similar communities, not offer them similar representation. Please reject this proposal.</p>	Jinnifer Mariman	jmariman@mcgarveylaw.com	Kalispell	MT

CP10 Dislike	This is not fair or democratic. Drawing the lines so Democrats have a competitive chance to elect a representative at the national level is fair and democratic. It would disenfranchise the minority of Montana citizens who align with the Democratic Party, possibly for decades. Also, having at least one district be competitive increases the chances that the elected rep will win based on the political and personal merits that person represents rather than solely because of the party they are aligned with.	Carol Van Tuinen	carolvantuinen@gmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP10 Like	These 2 additional maps (10 and 11) seem to be based entirely on trying to gain votes for one or the other parties. Map 1, was a far better map based on what law requires. So, my preference if map 1. But between these 2 maps, 10 is a better map. Map 10 includes 2 Native American communities. This would at least give them more of a voice in the West. With only 1 community represented in the west with map 11, the Native American voice will be completely lost. For this reason alone, if the choice has to be made between these 2 maps, map 10 should be chosen over map 11. Other things of great concern - map 11 provides extremely low exposure for the western district with our Canadian border, and Flathead is clearly not part of eastern Montana. However, once again, map 1 was superior to both of these maps.	Connie Rader	raderconnie@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	Map 10--Freedom of speech is a fundamental right. Voting is a form of speech and should not be repressed. Suppressing votes from Gallatin and Park counties is cracking the Gerrymandering tactic of placing a large number of voters in one party in a district that is predominated by the other party. Candidates would only have to file for office to be selected which means the democratic process is not democratic. Freedom to have voices heard is an essential part of America. Please don't choose this map.	Sue Beland	csbeland@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP10 Like	I support this map because it is a balance division of the state, meets the requirements for districting and gives Montanans an equal voice.	Julie Verellen	reddogmt@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	accomplishes that goal well. It also makes sense to me that the west and the east tend to have opposing interests, so this map offers balance as well. Something had to give in order to hit the 50/50 split, so the carving up of Gallatin county probably served best to accomplish this goal while maintaining balance.	MARK ALAN FRANKLIN	mark@franklin-innovation.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	Of the last two options presented, I like this one best although I am not in favor of splitting Bozeman. One of the criteria is like interests. I don't see that half of Bozeman would have different interests than the other. I like map one best.	John Youngberg	johny@mfbf.org	Belgrade	MT
CP10 Like	This redistricting map makes a whole lot of sense to me. I hope it ends up being selected!	Chris Muhlenfeld	chris@unitytech.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Like	not the best option but better than CP11. Flathead county is obviously not the East.	Oxana Gamba	oxy_dnepr@hotmail.com	Billings	Montana

CP10	Dislike	This makes no sense to put Helena in the Eastern District. Life long residents here would argue the same. Our values/businesses have far more in common with the Western side of the state and does not belong in an Eastern district.	Evan Jones	ejones@protonmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10	Dislike	Please reject map #10 (CP10). It carves up Gallatin County, and splits it from Park County. We have a common economy and values. Many of us in Park County recreate, share families across county lines, do our shopping and healthcare in Gallatin Co. This map is not as compact or competitive as Map #11. Thank you for your service.	Ashea Mills	millsonthemountain@yahoo.com	Gardiner	MT
CP10	Dislike	gerrymandered district in which candidates would not be motivated to represent the whole of western Montana due to lack of political competition. Furthermore, CP10 splits cities like Bozeman that require cohesive representation in order for effective decision-making about urgent issues. Instead, I support CP11, which does not break up Gallatin County and divides Montana more fairly.	Thomas Meinzen	thomasmeinzen@montana.edu	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	I don't support Map #10 because it splits my home and community of Bozeman and Bridger Canyon. It also doesn't keep intact the broader communities of interest in Gallatin and Park counties, and fails to create a competitive new district that lets all Montanans express their political and policy views. Map #11 is a much better choice.	Garth Neuffer	gneuffer@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	This map does a really good job at splitting up communities. It separates Livingston from Bozeman. It separates Bozeman from the east Bridger community. It splits up Big Sky. It splits up Gallatin Gateway. It separates the union towns of Helena and Butte. It's a gerrymandered hack! Furthermore, it ensures that non-republican voices can be ignored by creating two non-competitive districts. Native American voices, Democrats, and Independents will be ignored by whoever wins the primary. With two districts, one needs to be competitive.	Debra McNeill	mtnerd@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	Splitting Gallatin County down the middle like this would be a huge mistake. Bozeman and the surrounding bedroom communities are going to have difficult years ahead as they deal with the complexities of break neck growth. They need to have a single representative that can speak for the whole area. This map will create unnecessary division.	Russell O'Leary	russell.oleary@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP10	Opinion	I think both CP10 and CP11 fail to fairly represent Montanans. Fair representation of the people, and not parties, is the point. Gerrymandered maps only dishonestly favor those who want power. However, this map makes more sense in putting Flathead county in the western district, compared to CP11. However, CP1 is my favorite.	John Kirtley	johnkirtley0103@gmail.com	Butte	MT

CP10 Dislike	<p>This map is ill conceived as it splits Gallatin County into different districts. I live in Gallatin County, but would vote in the Eastern District if this map is accepted. All the children in our neighborhood go to Bozeman schools, all our shopping and economic activities occur in Bozeman city. Thus this map does not keep our community of interest intact. It also does not create competitive districts where each party has a chance to possibly win a seat. Thus candidates would not be motivated to try to truly represent all their constituents.</p>	Anne Christensen	anelchristensen@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Opinion	<p>Billings) in the eastern district. Helena has much more in common with the western district than with the eastern district. During my time in Billings, I felt like I was a stranger in a strange land and moved back to Helena when I found employment here. Also, historically, when MT previously had two districts, Helena and Butte with their similar interests and culture were in the same district. What happened to the stated goal of keeping communities of interest intact???</p> <p>Map 10 has no balance. It unduly favors a specific political party. It is a blatant power grab by one party apparently aiming for one party rule. This is classic gerrymandering-the manipulation of an electoral constituency's boundaries so as to favor one party or class, typically the one in power.</p> <p>Either party has a fair shot in District 1 in Map 11. Only one party counts in district 1 in Map 10. If you are not Republican, you are essentially disenfranchised with Map 10. What happened to the idea of a representative democracy? All votes should count. MT is not a monolith; we are a multi-faceted population.</p>	Janet Childress	ocjinmt@aol.com	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>Chair Smith and Commissioners,</p> <p>The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.</p> <p>Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. Karen Cramer</p>	Karen Cramer	karen@beckmansrealestatemt.com	Kalispell	MT

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CP10 Like		Karen Cramer	karen@beckmansrealestatemt.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Opinion	I'm disgusted we have to ask this commission to be fair and do the job they are tasked to do. This commission needs to make sure all the citizens of Montana are able to participate in elections fairly without any gerrymandering. Leave politics to the people, it is not the commissions job to enable cheating which we are clearly trying to prevent happening. I do not have faith in our commissions our Supreme Court or school boards. Please prove me wrong and do what is right for our state.	Jeri Wright	jeri.wright@sbcglobal.net	Helena	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Montana and divide similar voter interests, for example by splitting Gallatin County. Please vote no on Map 10.	Helena Lovick	helenalovick@gmail.com	Great Falls	Montana
CP10 Dislike	splitting the least amount of counties, with a population deviation that is +/- 50 and CANNOT BE DIVIDED BY PARTY! Both Maps 10 and 11 should be rejected in their entirety. They both carve up Flathead and Gallatin County! These counties are carved up so bad that voting precincts are divided! This is EXACTLY what Democrats in California did in order to gain control. It's called Gerrymandering, which is not allowed. The original Map 1 SUBMITTED IN SEPT, meets all of the criteria for dividing congressional districts, contiguous, compact, does not split any counties, does not split any Native American territories and the population deviation is +/- 50. You have the perfect Map 1 that was submitted in September. Montanans are better than this! Stop the Gerrymandering!	Carol Gruetter	c_gruetter@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT

CP10 Dislike	Map 10 should be rejected. Gallatin County, likely the fastest growing county in Montana, should not be split between two Congressional districts. The two major towns - Bozeman and Livingston - share common challenges - housing affordability, the need for more schools and health facilities. Choosing map 11, which does not divide Gallatin County, would afford its residents at least a fighting chance of electing representatives who will consider the specific needs of the county as well as those of the state.	Leslie A Taylor	lesliehavingfun@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map is obviously gerrymandering. Map 11 is better than Map 10, hands down.	Jaret Kadlec	jtkadlec9@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Separating out Helena and dividing Gallatin and Park Counties adversely affects the critical shared community solidarity needed for fair economic, regulatory and business related issues to SW Montanans. Map 11 is a more fair alternative and avoids this division. Please vote against Map 10 in favor of Map 11.	Joseph Nangle	jpnangle@msn.com	Livingston	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map splits communities like Butte/Helena, Livingston/Bozeman. It does not reflect a competitive chance for a Democrat to win in either district. Please vote NO on CP10.	Amy S Katz	aaskatz@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	into two Congressional districts. The communities within Gallatin County - Bozeman and Livingston - share many common interests and challenges. They are both experiencing rapid growth, pressure on housing affordability, the need to accommodate increased demand for public education, as well as health facilities. This county generates significant revenues for the state, particularly from lodging tax. Dividing this county unfairly dilutes the representation of its residents. Please reject Map 10.	Leslie A. Taylor	lesliehavingfun@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	No map will be perfect but CP10 more evenly splits the state allowing for a better balance of interests and services. Flathead should be in the Western District. All cities and towns are growing with populations with out of state ideas and this map will give rural Montana a voice.	Debbie Ehlert	dannelson620@hotmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Please reject this map.	Sue Kirchmyer	suek@montana.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Dislike	south of Bozeman from the rest of the county, clearly puts this tourism-based area at a disadvantage. Lumping them into a district where the interests are not at all aligned with what is important to the towns, businesses and families along the Gallatin river at a disadvantage. The way the line itself is drawn is a clear example of gerrymandering and will silence the collective voice within the county. Please keep Gallatin County together within the same district.	Callie Pecunies	callie.pecunies@gmail.com	Gallatin Gateway	MT
CP10 Dislike	splits up counties and towns	Jeff D Griffin	jeffreygriffin@live.com	Great Falls	Montana

because:

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â€¢ ties together the main watershed regions of the Western Divide counties in Montana for tourism, power generation and mussel invasive species defense, which includes long scientific research and culturally connected major bodies of water

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This map also complies with Montana law and the Constitution.

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I urge you to reject Map CP-11 because:

â€¢ a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines,

â€¢ For the first time ever in Montana history, this map splits Flathead County and puts it in an Eastern District,

â€¢ Flathead County has zero political, economic, or cultural ties with the vast number of counties in the Eastern District,

â€¢ isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities, and

â€¢ This map clearly was drawn considering â€œcompetitivenessâ€ which is illegal and not included in Montana law or the Constitution.

CP10 Like

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CP10 Dislike

the county would create greater division and would be counterproductive to addressing these problems.

Franki Parson

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BOZEMAN

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CP10 Like	CP10 is my choice for the next decade. It more evenly splits the state east and west allowing the representative compactness. Keeping the Flathead communities whole is beneficial for the Glacier park tourism, Big Mountain Skiing, lumber industries, and the connection with the border that the Flathead enjoys. CP10 combines at least two reservations together in one district which will give them a stronger voice. I urge the committee to choose CP10 for it complies with Montana state law and the constitution.	Terrence Churchill	terry.churchill74@gmail.com	Clancy	Montana
CP10 Dislike	and will result in many people being represented by someone who is not focused on the issues that impact us. The challenges that we face in Gallatin county don't align with the issues that are critical to interests in the eastern district. This is an obvious attempt to dilute the voices of people in the fastest growing county in the state and to lessen the influence of this important area - which is exactly opposite of the goal that the commission claims to be trying to accomplish.	Josie Johnson	josiejohanson@gmail.com	Big Sky	Montana
CP10 Like	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, it keeps the communities of interest in the West that are predominantly forest production and tourism together, 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, it keeps the growing ski tourism economy united within the Flathead Valley (Whitefish and Lakeside), 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.	Debbie Churchill	debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com	CLANCY	MONTANA
CP10 Dislike	I dislike this map because it intentionally splits up Gallatin county and pushes Livingston, which has much more in common with the western district in terms of economy, lifestyle, and culture, into the eastern district.	Linda Kenoyer	lindakenoyer@hotmail.com	Livingston	MT
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CP10 Dislike	Please reject both CP 10 and 11 and go with Map 1 as it represents the constitution the best. Thank you	Stefanie Hanson	shanson@beckmansrealestatemt.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Dislike	Please reject this map. It does not fairly represent Montana's alignments.	Mary Mulcaire-Jones	marymulcaire@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

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CP10	Like		Dan Boychuck	Dboychuck@me.com	Bigfork MT
CP10	Like	Fair split of districts as they are still growing.	Don George Lorenzen	dlorenzen53@gmail.com	STEVENSVILLE MT
CP10	Dislike	Please reject this map. The second largest county in the state (Gallatin) should not be split.	Don George Lorenzen	dlorenzen53@gmail.com	STEVENSVILLE MT
		<p>common with shared cultural, social, political, economic, environmental, and geographical factors. As the housing market continues to skyrocket in Bozeman, it affects Livingston, too. Many people in the workforce who have lived in Bozeman relocate to communities such as Livingston to find more affordable housing. Would it make sense to split those people into two districts? No, it wouldn't. Bozeman serves as a hub to many people who live within the area. Therefore, splitting up Gallatin and Park counties would divide our communities, increase political polarization, and harm the democratic process. Doing that would violate the compactness criteria for redistricting.</p>			
CP10	Dislike		Zach Nell	zachnellphotographer@gmail.com	Bozeman Montana
CP10	Opinion	Not a fan of either maps. This one is better than 11, but not ideal to split Gallatin County.	Natalie Adams	natalieadams1219@gmail.com	Bozeman MT

CP10 Dislike	This map is not compact, which does not meet the criteria for districting. Splitting Gallatin County should not be considered at all. It goes against the compactness rule. Dividing local communities that have shared cultural, social, political, and economic interests harms the democratic process of choosing a representative in Montana.	Zach Nell	zachnellphotographer@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	This map looks odd, with the Helena area pushed to the east and Gallatin/Park split up.	Johanna DeVries	jodevries@hotmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP10 Dislike	Not a fair map. Favors one party over the other.	Lora Wier	lorawier@outlook.com	Choteau	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose this attempt to gerrymander Montana's congressional districts. Pushing Helena to the East ensures two Republican districts. On the other hand, proposal 11 ensures competition.	Robin Pleninger	robin.pleninger@gmail.com	Ronan	Montana
CP10 Dislike	This map causes several redistricting problems. There is no meaningful reason to split Helena and Butte unless the goal is to dilute union strength in this state (unions have helped create a strong Montana), splits Gallatin County along bizarre lines so that my neighbors within 2-3 miles of the Bozeman city limits will be in separate congressional districts and is so blatantly a political attempt to prevent a competitive district by diluting potentially democratic votes and dividing the ranch and agricultural voters. This map defies the intent of the goals and constitutional requirements set forth for the commission.	Stan Downs	desertstan@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	Please reject this map. Do not split up Gallatin and Park.	Christian Black	blackak@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
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CP10 Dislike	This map splits communities like Butte/Helena, Livingston/Bozeman. It does not reflect a competitive chance for a Democrat to win in either district. It does not take into account where most of the new population growth has occurred and reflect the changing views of this new population. Please vote NO on CP10.	Judy Lewis	judylewis809@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP10 Dislike	Please reject this map. The second largest county in the state (Gallatin) should not be split.	DAVID G BALL	balldt@gmail.com	BOZEMAN	MT
CP10 Dislike	Please reject this map. It is clearly designed to favor a single party.	David Rockwell	rockwell@blackfoot.net	Dixon	MT
CP10 Dislike	Reject this map for gerrymandering a large county and attempting to split a large community (Bozeman). Resurrect CP-1.	Thomas Millett	simplytom65@yahoo.com	Marion	MT

CP10 Dislike	I'm a native Montanan and came of age when we had tow Districts, one Western, Urban and Democratic; and one Eastern, rural and Republican. I'm in favor of returning to that form of representation. This map clearly tries to create 2 Republican Districts, and splits Gallatin County in the process. I'm against this map.	Roger Matthew	rmatthew@bresnan.net	BOZEMAN	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Reject this map! It seems like a pretty petty gerrymandering attempt to split the state along political motivations rather than logical geographic boundaries. Please choose a different option!	Atticus C Cummings	attiscuscummings00@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	REJECT THIS MAP . This is a terrible way to represent all Montanans.. REJECT THIS MAP	Glenn Wehe	glennwehe@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP10 Dislike	Please reject this map; its greatest flaw is its failure to represent a reasonable range of ideologies in both districts. Montana used to be a place of civil political discourse marked by bipartisanship, mutual understanding, and fair representation, and the rest of the country held us in high regard. Please support us returning to this. Thank you.	Jacqueline Brazil	jacqueline_brazil@hotmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP10 Dislike	Republican. Many Montana will be silenced by this division. We need a map that gives equal chances to moderates Democrat or Republican this Map does not do that. Map 11 does a much better job. I was surprised to find that after I had commented on 9 different maps, they all went away and now we have 10 and 11?	Kenda Kitchen	kendakitchen@hotmail.com	Plains	MT
CP10 Dislike	ignored? Clearly a gerrymandering effort. Very strange division of a county to move Bozeman into the west district. Could you make gerrymandering more obvious? I think not. Stop using this as a political weapon and consider the rules for division without your hidden agenda.	Allyson Gomolka	realfoodwins-2@yahoo.com	Proctor	MT
CP10 Dislike	Another gerrymandered map for the sole purpose of including all the Democrat strongholds in one district. This ridiculous map divides communities of interest in an absurd way. Go back to the East/West division along the continental divide.	Jim Gomolka	realfoodwins-jim@yahoo.com	Proctor	MT
CP10 Dislike	Separating Kalispell from it's county makes the residents feel disjointed. Disconnection is a bad situation. This map is NOT suitable because of dividing like-minded flathead residents who belong together - who thrive together.	Dianne Hansen	diannedave2@gmail.com	Eureka	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Dividing Gallatin and Park Counties would separate critical joint community interests related to healthcare, affordable housing/bedroom communities, and the management of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Further it divides the solidarity within communities of higher eduction across the state. Dividing our Native communities does not seem just. However, for above reasons Map 11 is more fair than Map 10.	Cynthia Di Francesco	cyndifran@gmail.com	Livingston	MT

	It is down to whether having Helena in the Western District is worth getting the Blackfeet and Salish Reservations in separate districts. Also, should Kalispell be put into the Eastern district even though it is the regional economic hub in western Montana? This should not be a matter of which map was created by the Democrats or Republicans, it should be a matter of which map best serves the citizens of Montana.	John Wright	jwright68@hotmail.com	Westby, MT	MT
CP10 Opinion					
CP10 Dislike	Keep some kind of balance. This one is not it.	Mark P Dobday	dobday@yahoo.com	Polson	MT
CP10 Like	CP10 map is the better map. This is a decent compromise that gives the eastern district at least 2 larger cities (Helena and Billings). The reservation are more equally distributed giving more importance to the tribal input. This map also more fairly divides the college towns.	Susan Buchanan Hess	suzyq.hess@comcast.net	Columbus	MT
	of maps, 1,3,5,7. I was at the public comment hearing, and I literally heard rather important Republicans say that they really didn't care where the dividing line went as long as the population was split equally, and they really didn't care about competitive districts. Well, obviously they do care where the line is drawn, right through an area that they consider blue. This is a non-competitive map according to Fair Maps. It separates a county (Gallatin) and a city(Big Sky) for no reason other than a political one. It puts Helena and Butte in different districts for no good reason, and splits and Gallatin Gateway, . This plan 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. 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 separates commuters that live in Jefferson county from the place where so many of them work in Helena. This is clearly breaking apart a community of interest. Splitting two small towns and a county for no reason violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns and counties. 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				
CP10 Dislike		Linda G Semones	lindasemones@hotmail.com	BOZEMAN	MT
CP10 Dislike	I am opposed to this map as it favors the Republican party and it is not representative of the diversity of the population in this area. No more gerrymandering by the Republican party.	Kari Gunderson	cnd2543@blackfoot.net	Bigfork	Montana

CP10	Opinion	THIS MAP IS BETTER THAN MAP 11 BUT Tonia Dais drew a map that was totally inclusive of Native America territories . It was well thought out and inclusive and didn't have all large cities grouped together. Tonia's map I believe was Map 1. I wish you would review it again since a lot of thought and consideration went into it and it's NOT political.	Hill Mescall	Mescall.hillary04@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	I do not prefer this map. Splitting Gallatin County and cordoning off Park County ignores our historical connections.	Toni Semple	bajazuma@mac.com	Livingston	Montana
CP10	Dislike	Billings are nothing alike and are not communities of interest with each other. They have different populations, different climate and geography, different approaches to government policy, and are not connected by a common road or waterway. They do not belong in the same district.	James Reavis	jamesrichardreavis@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP10	Like	interest(the reason for putting Bozeman in the West with the other University town. It also splits the growth areas and has two tribal nations in the West and shared Canadian Border. As a big state with a small representative delegation(2) it would be nice to have them both, regardless of party, to have many mutual concerns so common ground might be found. This map attempts to do just that.	Ann Ingram	anningram58@yahoo.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP10	Dislike	This map separates the city of Bozeman from neighbors with common interests in Gallatin County. It further divides Bozeman from parts of 4 corners, Big Sky, all of West Yellowstone, and nearby fellow town of Livingston. All these places share historical and economic interest and need a consolidated vote to gain representation.	Julia Shaida	juliashaida1@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	map!	Michele S Carey	michcarey2@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	districts and transfers 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 instead of a fair competition/election between the two parties resulting in elected officials that will more fully represent the desires of their constituents.	Nancy Bussiere	helene6816@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP10	Dislike	This map splits the city of Big Sky; it splits two neighboring cities that share concerns: Bozeman and Livingston; it splits 2 neighboring counties that share concerns and goals: Gallatin and Park counties; lastly, it splits a county, Gallatin county.	Sally Behr Schendel	sbehrschendel@gmail.com	Sheridan	MT
CP10	Dislike	party.	Jeff McNeish	jeff.mcneish@gmail.com	Laurel	MT
CP10	Dislike	Thank you very much for all your hard work in this very tough job. I'm not a political pro, but it seems pretty clear that CP11 is far more fair, balanced and competitive (doesn't split cities or Gallatin County), and would allow representation for similar interests.	Cindy Havens	subscriptions@cindyluwho.com	Victor	MT

CP10 Dislike	roughly equal population splits. Only CP11 has a district that does not unduly favor one party over the other.	Patricia A Hogan	reckless50@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
	<p>in an attempt to get the population deviation where they want it. Map 10 carves up Gallatin county, and Map 11 carves up Flathead county. These counties are carved up so bad that voting precincts are divided ! Something that the district drawing tools provided to "we the people" don't allow us to do - therefore neither of these maps can be recreated in the provided tools.</p> <p>How about y'all stop gerrymandering and go look at the map I drew and submitted back in Sept. It meets ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS : contiguous, compact, DOES NOT SPLIT ANY COUNTIES, does not split any Native American territories, and the population deviation is +/- 50</p> <p>The Democrats should like it because it has Missoula, Great Falls & Helena all in the same district.</p> <p>The Republicans should like it because it separates Gallatin (the fastest growing county) from Missoula. This will hopefully keep the population growth in both districts fairly even over the next 10 years.</p>				
CP10 Opinion		Tonia Dyas	tonia@tbase.biz	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	continuing a pattern of divisive politics. Gallatin/Bozeman is the fastest growing community in Montana, this could take away our voice in our future. It's still a lean R seat, it's just competitive.	Billy McWilliams	billymc@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	This plan gives an unfair advantage to one party by creating two districts that favor the Republican party. This plan divides communities, areas, and groups with common interests in such a way as to give an unfair advantage to one party. A true democratic process is one in which all parties are given a fair chance to win starting with districting.	Maureen O'Mara	mo1_omara@yahoo.com	Sidney	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose this map, because it splits Gallatin County, splits the city of Big Sky between two Congressional districts, and is not competitive (Cook PVI Score of R+7).	Gail Waldby	gwaldby@pat7.com	Livingston	MT

CP10 Like	I like this map as it tries to address the complains about the prior maps. It satisfies the request to Universities in the same district and does not split Bozeman, a high growth area. It gives both districts the need to consider issues with our Canadian border and adds a second tribal nation to the Western district increasing the importance of their concerns. Once again I ask my fellow Montanans how to make a "competitive" district in a state with 67 Republican legislators and 33 Democratic representatives without using illegal criterion?	David Ingram, MD	dli1957@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Dislike	No. Just no. This map does not create a competitive district and for that reason alone should be rejected.	George Havens	george@themtnhiker.com	Victor	MT
CP10 Dislike	Bozeman is carved out of its own county is just face palm inducing. Ditch this map. Now. Please.	Tom Woods	tomwoods4mt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	gerrymandering that the other one is. What is wrong with CP1 or CP3? Oh yeah, they actually split the republican advantage fairly evenly across BOTH of the new House districts. A clearly superior Democrat candidate could win in either district. By that, i mean a candidate that was more like J.F.K. than NANCY PELOSI ! We all know what will happen if you let the "New American Left" carve out a "stacked" district and shoehorn all the Republicans into the east like CP2-4-and 6 do! The Dems are always whining about their perpetual state of disenfranchisement in MT.? Why don't they sell the house, pack your stuff, and move to one of the many "socialist paradises" your party rules with their deep blue fists! Real Montanans don't want another A.O.C. going to the U.S. House on our behalf, but it WILL HAPPEN if you foolishly give them a "stacked" district !!!	Perry Helt	ghelt.1@netzero.com	Columbus	MT.
CP10 Dislike	and and co-workers into the Eastern district. The other proposal seems more natural and less contrived.	Charles Kankelborg	charles@kankelborg.net	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	I oppose this map and its creators' blatant attempts to mute dissenting voices. It does not represent Treasure State values or American ideals.	PJ McNeal	pjmcneal@blackfoot.net	Superior	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Many Montanans will be silenced with this map. We currently have an extreme voice in the house, who does not represent many of us. Please give us a district with the ability to elect a moderate voice regardless of party.	Nancy Metcalf Loeza	nancyloeza@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT

CP10 Dislike	growing county in the state. (CP 11 at least makes an attempt to create a competitive district). This map separates from my neighbors, and separates me from my work colleagues. Bozeman, and the larger Gallatin County community - and even Park County are so intertwined that separating the two is so blatantly politically motivated (and is further evidenced by the fact that no consensus could be reached on the previous NINE maps). The conservative power grab this map - effectively disenfranchising so many Montanans - is heartbreaking. CP11 gives a significant community of Montanans a shot (albeit a long shot) at a congressional representative that hears progressive interests and continues to insure (as every single map has done) one congressional seat will continue to be republican. This map is the visual representation of the all-encompassing effort to silence a significant portion of Montanans and evidence that only subverting nonrepublican voices is at the heart of what republican members of this commission care about. Shameful.	Nancy Cornwell	crestain@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	placed in separate districts. A better attempt should be made to keep interrelated communities together.	Lucy Morell-Gengler	IMPORTANTMAIL@BRESNAN.NET	HELENA	Montana
CP10 Dislike	Too many unnecessary divisions.	Quenemoen Joni	jmquen@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	The Gallatin County split is stupid. It splits Big Sky and the Bozeman area so neither is likely to get appropriate representation. Gallatin and Park Counties are more allied with the western district (tourism, education, mountains, recreation) than they are with the eastern district (agriculture). I lived in a district that split a developing urban area in a similar fashion so that my voice was not only drowned out but ignored entirely because of my address.	Charity Fechter-Shirley	squashflyer@3rivers.net	Ennis	mt
CP10 Dislike	Splitting Gallatin County like this doesn't make sense to me. It divides communities with common interests into different districts. It also seems odd to put Bozeman and Livingston in different districts. Increasingly, people who work in Bozeman are getting priced out of the housing market and living in Livingston or other neighboring towns. This map puts the towns where people work and live in different districts.	Katie Renwick	katie.renwick@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10 Dislike	Competition and choice are essential to a healthy and democratic political system. This map would create two GOP monopoly districts, giving voters in both districts illusory choices at best. Montana must do better.	Marcus H Smith	marcushsmith@yahoo.com	Belgrade	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map will keep competition out of our elections and disenfranchise the urban voters.	Carrie Jones	carrie@cjones.org	Helena	MT
CP10 Dislike	give the new representative to the next state in line in hopes that someone there makes decisions based on common sense instead of gerrymandering guiding a commission which is supposed to protect the people not a political party. Use the mountains for the divider and get on with it.	Liane Johnson	lsjohn58@pm.me	Cut bank	MT

CP10 Dislike	exists within Montana; it puts liberal Gallatin and Lewis and Clark Counties in a very conservative district, and conservative Flathead County in a very liberal district. With this map, the elected congresspersons of each district would less-wholly represent their constituents than that of map CP11.	David Buckingham	david.tw.buckingham@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Dislike	I fully support the redistricting map that keeps Gallatin County whole. Splitting Gallatin County and putting Bozeman in an Eastern District Screams of gerrymandering and is designed to nullify the voice of Gallatin County. Please go with the map that keeps Gallatin County whole.	James Ray	heyheyjray@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	unacceptable.	Roger Breeding	rog7nor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	map YOU are likely to prefer is the one you feel gives the most advantage to the political party of your choosing, and to so say otherwise would be incredibly disingenuous. I think this map is a decent compromise. Having lived in both Gallatin and Flathead counties (two increasingly polar opposite MT counties), I feel that this division is acceptable and a more than fair representation of our state. This map keeps the majority of western Montana intact, and unlike the other map being proposed, it doesn't carve Flathead county out of the western district in an obvious attempt at keeping the Left in play. I see the complaining about cutting Gallatin county in two - but the fact is that Bozeman is still included in the western district, so frankly I don't understand the huge fuss. In regards to placing Helena in the eastern district, what is your alternative? To place every larger city in Montana (except Billings) into the western district?? That's obvious Gerrymandering if I've ever seen it. Here's the breakdown for you folks worried about 'Equity and Inclusion' - Missoula - Heavily Blue, Bozeman - increasingly Blue, Butte - Blue, Whitefish - Blue, Kalispell - Red, and the only major 'red' city in the western district. If anyone should be complaining about this or ANY map that's been proposed, it should be conservatives (i.e. the VAST majority of Montanans). Choosing any map but this one is just an obvious attempt by those on the Left to grasp at their last hopes of having influence in this increasingly red state. As far as I'm concerned, the influence of people moving here from Seattle, and Los Angeles should be kept to a bare minimum - Montana should be spoken for by	Graham Allingham	allingham.graham1@gmail.com	Kila	MT
CP10 Dislike	through the heart of one of Montana's larger cities is unacceptable and unnecessary. Since Bozeman and Gallatin County are responsible for Montana earning a second district the county should be kept whole.	Noreen Breeding	rog7nor@gmail.com	Bozeman	mt
CP10 Dislike	should've never been created. Dividing Bozeman from the rest of Gallatin County and lumping them in with eastern Montana makes absolutely no sense they share no common views or interests.	Jennifer Ray	jenray1979@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	I meant Pondera County, not Teton County, in my previous comment!	Larry Smith	uptownlarry.smith@gmail.com	Butte	MT

		This map suffers from inclusion of Lewis & Clark County being put in the eastern region, while Teton County is in the west?!? The splitting of Gallatin County is a problem as others have noted. In comparison to the other considered map where Flathead is being broken apart, in a sense, these 2 maps are equivalent on that point in trying to equate the populations.				
CP10	Dislike	There is no perfect solution, but I think this map makes somewhat less sense than the other.	Larry Smith	uptownlarry.smith@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP10	Dislike	district 2. Bozeman is the servicing community for a much larger area, the laws and policies that affect Bozeman affect communities that have been placed in district 2. All of Gallatin should be in 1 district, the same district as Missoula and Helena. Park County should also be in the same district as Bozeman.	Richard Haas	r.brian.haas@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP10	Dislike	I don't feel like this map represents Montana as a diverse state with diverse interests. The communities of Missoula, Helena and Bozeman are similar politically and, for this reason, they should remain in the same district.	Jason Printz	j_printz@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP10	Dislike	Splitting the two college towns who have similar growth issues is ridiculous and a blatant move to disregard their voices.	Barbara L Aas	KENNABBD@GMAIL.COM	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	As a lifelong Montanan and someone who grew up in Helena, I don't believe Helena belongs in the eastern district. I'm a huge fan of eastern Montana but there are predominate values and cultural identity that we don't share. In contrast, nobody would argue that Great Falls doesn't belong in the eastern district.	Eric Grove	egrove61@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10	Dislike	This map splits up Gallatin County. Further, it splits a south Bozeman community sharing neighborhoods, common needs, and a school district.	Chris Catlett	ckcatlett@gmail.com	Bozeman	mt
CP10	Dislike	Gallatin and Park counties have very similar interests and Gallatin should not be broken up between the districts.	Clint Whittle-Frazier	clint.whittle@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP10	Like	I can live with this map, as it fairly divides the two college towns. It just shows that republicans are more willing to compromise. Although she is supposed to remain non-partisan, commissioner Maylinn Smith (who was selected, not elected!) needs to do the right thing for all Montanans. I am doubtful though, as she has donated money exclusively in the past to democratic candidates, including to Jon Tester.	Leslie Sill	Leslieannsill@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP10	Dislike	This map splitting Bozeman and Missoula into separate districts ignores the fact that those two cities have extremely similar issues (housing/COL), interests, economies, and institutions. Instead it Gerrymanders by splitting them apart to ensure two Republican districts. I am wholeheartedly against this map. It will not serve the interests of those in Western Montana.	Jason	dptjason@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP10 Dislike	I appreciate that this map keeps Flathead county together, but speaking as a Bozeman resident, this map could be better. Belgrade and the surrounding area is exploding in size as it becomes a bedroom community for Bozeman and Big Sky. Livingston also is increasingly becoming a bedroom community for Bozeman. I can't speak for other areas, but Gallatin and Park counties should stay in the same district to reflect the local community here.	Robert McAbee	robertthemcabee@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	Splitting Bozeman away from the county is still severing a rapidly growing contiguous area. The tongue of District 2 protruding east appears artificial and should be avoided.	Thomas Wells	tomtracingjourneys@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map is completely unacceptable. Why would you split Gallatin County this way unless there is an ulterior motive. This map is in violation of one of the goals that was established. This map is absolutely unacceptable.	Clinton Nagel	clint_nagel@yahoo.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	It doesn't make sense to split Gallatin County this way. I see it as Republicans trying to give themselves an advantage.	Roger Fischer	rfischer94@gmail.com	Bozeman	MONTANA
CP10 Dislike	Splitting the fastest growing and changing county, Gallatin, is not good. Separating Bozeman from the rest of the county along with Park county and all their common interests is not good. Way too much in common to be split.	Karl Neumann	karl@karlneumannphoto.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	This map fails in several ways: -It awkwardly carves up Gallatin County, separating Bozeman from Gallatin Gateway and Big Sky, as well as putting Bozeman in a different district than Livingston. This just doesn't make sense to anyone who knows Bozeman. -It puts Lewis and Clark County in the East. Helena / L&C is a far more natural fit for the western district, with its mining history, strong ties to Butte, and comparatively smaller agriculture sector. Putting Kalispell with Eastern Montana makes more sense. -It divides the Rocky Mountain Front area, separating Glacier County and Great Falls. -Most importantly, it fails to give Montanans the competitive district they deserve. A competitive western district has been a top concern for people who live here, especially to tribes who want to make sure they have a voice. Montana is a 55-45 red state, so having one red district and one "fair fight" district makes sense and would ensure that whoever represents the western district is a moderate that listens to all voices. In conclusion, while this map is a step up from those previously proposed by Republican commissioners, it is still not the right map for Montana.	Thomas Cuezze	tcuezze@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	This map is a great compromise and has my full support.	Andrew R. Brekke	arbrekke@bresnan.net	Havre	MT

CP10	Like	<p>space evenly distributed, somewhat; main university towns equally represented: somewhat -- county divided to make this happen, somewhat; overall population evenly distributed between the districts, yes; gerrymandered, no. I believe Montana has its new congressional map. Good work! Thank you to everyone who submitted maps and commentary, attended hearings, and understands that this process isn't about equity. If you look at the literature, 'equity', as a term of prominent concern, doesn't even appear until 2017, and its been put in use by the Left without the consent and/or approval of everyone else. Equity in theory is reactionary; in practice, for a people brought up on individual rights in a free market economy, it's unreal. Montana isn't going to fold to that. Despite the push to place new buzzwords like 'equity' into the mainstream, the majority in Montana still embraces the premise that how things end up for YOU is up to YOU; it's not up to me. If we have to hike and I have my good boots on but you chose to wear flip-flops, isn't it in YOUR best interest to just run home or to the store and get your own boots? Would you REALLY rather prefer instead that I give you one of my boots, making us BOTH equally miserable? No. You need to take accountability for your choices and mistakes. You're NOT going to bring down people who chose differently. Not here anyway.</p>	Ellen Son	Lindsay3979@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP11	Like	<p>the remaining two. I think both maps do a good job at keeping contiguous areas together. Both maps follow more or less historical district lines as well and minimize splitting counties. Why I think CP 11 is superior is that it also maintains the political balance that has long been a prominent feature of Montana politics. For a very long time Montana has not had a long-term domination by one party over another. And that has ended up serving Montanans well in that candidates and elected officials need to appeal and be responsive to a wide range of voters. CP 11 accomplishes best the goal of â€œeach and every Montanan is entitled to an equal voice in the halls of the U.S. Congress. . .â€œ</p>	Mark Anderlik	manderlik@igc.org	Missoula	MT
CP11	Dislike	<p>Map CP-11 is a terrible map that is based on trying to carve out specific party districts and does not comply with Montana Statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out this map and select map CP-1 as the map is most fair and actually adheres to the law.</p>	John Kleinert	kleinert@comcast.net	Great Falls	US
CP11	Dislike	<p>Of the two maps this one (CP-11) I strongly oppose as it splits our county and adds our community to the eastern side of the state. Travel would be difficult and burdensome for our candidates who run with no guarantees.</p>	Heidi Roedel	Roedel@centurylink.net	Kalispell	MT
CP11	Dislike	<p>SPLITTING AND PUTTING PART OF THE FLATHEAD IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT IS UNACCEPTABLE. CP 10 IS A BETTER CHOICE</p>	MARK ROEDEL	LANDMARK@CENTURYLINK.NET	KALISPELL	MT

CP11 Dislike	This is the least favorable of the two compromise maps. It creates an artificial and awkward division of the state into two districts.	Helen M Sabin	hsabin1@gmail.com	Corvallis	MT
CP11 Like	<p>keeps communities with common economic interests intact: Bozeman, Livingston and Paradise Valley are together as are Billings and Kalispell. These areas have voters of similar interests and culture. Helena and Butte belong together in the same district for these reasons as well. Likewise, CP11 keeps Gallatin County intact and it keeps Gallatin County and Park County together, with the two counties'™ extensive economic interconnections. MSU and U of M would be together. It keeps the Highline intact and the heavily agricultural areas undivided. The parts of the state dependent on tourism and skiing would be undivided. Population split is equal. CP 11 best meets the criteria of competitiveness, economic cohesiveness and fair representation for Montana citizens.</p>	Bob Hughes	rdhughes@umich.edu	Livingston	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>a. The configurations of both districts 1 and 2 are less compact with this map than with CD-10, giving rise to awkward and inconvenient lines of communication between distant areas in the respective districts. This makes interagency coordination and cooperation for emergencies and contingency operations more complex and difficult.</p> <p>b. This map breaks the historical western slope community of interest among Flathead and the other counties on the western side of the continental divide, and also divides Flathead County into three pieces, with two geographically separate pieces in District 1 and one, by far the largest piece, in District 2.</p> <p>c. This map places only 1 Indian reservation in District 1, with all the rest in District 2 and thus is detrimental to Indian voting rights in District 1.</p> <p>d. This map places 3 of the 8 largest cities in District 2 and 5 of the 8 in District 1. This unbalanced distribution places the fastest growing county (Gallatin) and city (Bozeman) into District 1, which will have to bear the economic stress of that growth rather than have that stress shared across both districts and both Representatives. Additionally the deviation in population, is likely to become distorted and significantly out of balance as this growth occurs.</p>	Marc L Sabin	mlsabin@gmail.com	Corvallis	MT

CP11 Like	Of the two options, I feel 11 is the most fair and logical. It keeps Gallatin County united and provides an opportunity to both parties.	Sarah Pennington	delilah_granger@yahoo.com	BELGRADE	MT
CP11 Dislike	(Flathead) and puts it in an Eastern District. Flathead County has little to no political, economic or cultural ties with the vast number counties to the East. It also isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities. It looks like a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines	Jenette Denson	sdenson@middrivers.com	Miles City	Montana
CP11 Dislike	Map -11 is a terrible map because it is based on trying to carve out specific party districts and doesn't comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out this map and select CP-1 as it is the best map that adheres to the law.	Cathy Brown	catbob05@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	CP-11 does not seem competitive with 5 cities that usually vote blue--Whitefish, Missoula, Butte, Bozeman, and Livingston. It pulls Flathead out awkwardly--large area to cover for Eastern district. I prefer to go back to Map CP-1.	Donna Eakman	deakman@bresnan.net	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	Map CP11 puts the Flathead in the East Montana district! I believe that The Flathead IS WESTERN Montana and can not support this map! The Flathead, what comes to mind? Kalispell area. No way does the Flathead or Kalispell or Bigfork belong with our wonderful eastern part of Montana. The Flathead is Western Montana.	Dianne Hansen	diannedave2@gmail.com	Eureka	Montana
CP11 Dislike	This map is gerrymandered. Flathead county needs to be with the rest of western Montana.	Cameo Flood	cflood@bresnan.net	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	Map CP-11 is a terrible map that is based on trying to carve out specific party districts. It does NOT comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw away this map and select map CP-1 as compliant with the law.	Roy Ray Melton	roym51@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	I'm pretty sure a high school government class could read the law and get this done with common sense. This makes no sense from so many aspects.	Kathy Workman	kathyworkman@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	Please reject this map. It makes no sense to divide Flathead, furthermore the Flathead has no economic or cultural ties with most of the Eastern district. This is strictly partisan.	Jane O'Toole Vorsheck	otoolehq@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT

	<p>“ CP 11 is the closest to having one competitive district, and that makes it the most fair proposal of the two. As stated in the state’s redistricting goals: “No plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party.”</p> <p>To me, the reason to ensure at least one competitive district is to avoid a situation in which 45% of Montana’s people are voiceless. It is important to prevent our republic from deteriorating into “two wolves and a lamb voting on what they are going to have for lunch.”</p> <p>To do otherwise “ to ensure that neither district is at all competitive “ would be a cynical act designed to deprive a significant segment of Montana’s people of political representation. This is a hard position to justify.</p> <p>Please adopt the CP 11 proposal.</p>				
CP11 Like		Steve Paulson	hills2prairie@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map fails to split the state evenly. Putting the Flathead in an Eastern District makes no sense. Reservation representation lopsided. Please reject this map.	Jay Russell	jstuartruss1805@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Opinion	putting any part of Flathead in the eastern district is absurd. Map 1 still seems the best-- holding truest to the mandatory criteria set by the commission. If the issue w/map 1 is 2 counties are split, put Cascade & Gallatin fully in the eastern district. Of the 2 new maps, #10 is the better of the 2.	Noelle Johnson	noleeefb@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map would definitely favor a Democratic candidate in CD 1. Tying Bozeman and Missoula into the same district would tip the balance away from rural voters.	Robert M Farnum	latigo41@gmail.com	Big Timber	MT
CP11 Like	We support this map.	Katherine and Ronald Bachrach	oreo926@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Dislike	Please do not divide Flathead County with part of it in Western District and part in Eastern District--that is absurd!	Jonene Bernhardt	tjbernhardt091@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	This is clearly a illegal and unconstitutional map. Thid is based only on creating a Democrat district. This illegally puts tribes in one district and splits Flathead County for political purposes only. This will end up in Federal Court.	Dr. William Nickolas Hagen	wnhagen@outlook.com	Bigfork,MT	MT
CP11 Like	This seems to be the most fair version of a districting map	Nathan L Varley	nathan@wolftracker.com	Gardiner	MT
CP11 Dislike	it does not make any sense to split the county and have it devided like this.	Josh C Turner	turner.c.josh@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

CP11 Dislike	<p>The ill-advised comments of support for this map lead me to the conclusion that #11 map is the result of conscious political gerrymandering. This map was arranged to provide a conclusive D party win. That is gerrymandering. The divisions by established standards should be based on geography and population. Why is there a concern about splitting towns? Population wise, it makes sense and it would encourage candidates to take into account all political perspectives in their district. It dramatically decreases divisive outcomes</p>	Laura Johnson	laurabrosiusjohnson@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>This Map 11 is designed to harm communities of interest, such as forestry and tourism for Flathead Valley. It creates a District with communities that share no interests between Western Montana and Eastern Montana.</p> <p>Map 11 is a blatant partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines evidenced by the vast expanse covered by the Eastern District. How could a representative be in touch or part of a community so far away from their base?</p>	Laura Perry	lperry@trustguardant.com	Bigfork	MT
CP11 Like	<p>Map 11 looks the fairest to me. Montanans have long favored bipartisan representation. This division allows the possibility for bipartisan representation to come once again.</p>	Brooke Flynn	anthen@mcn.net	red lodge	montana
CP11 Dislike	<p>this map is lame and gerrymandered. Kalispell and the Flathead Valley have very little if no political or economical ties to the eastern part of the state. Why'd you lump Kalispell with any town/city east of the Mountains is beyond me unless of course one is trying to gerrymander the state into two distinct factions, one blue and one red.</p>	Daniel Lee	dleemt@gmail.com	kalispell	montana
CP11 Like	<p>I think Map 1 keeps like communities together and is the best option.</p>	Joan Melcher	jmelcher@bresnan.net	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>No part of Flathead County should be considered in the Eastern District. This map is gerrymandered to include both Universities in one district. This map is drawn in an attempt to anoint a Democrat to the Western District.</p>	Raymond Vincent	rsvincent2020@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I like plan 11 because it does not split up Gallatin county, does not split up a town, and keeps ski areas and recreational areas vs. agricultural areas separate.</p>	Janice Belcher	noelcb@montana.com	Victor	Montana
CP11 Like	<p>Of the two final maps, this one makes the most sense for Montana from economic, social, and cultural reasons. It keeps communities of interest, such as resort towns of Big Sky, West Yellowstone, and Whitefish, as well as agricultural communities. Representatives of both districts will need to listen to Native communities, which empowers an important minority. It also creates a competitive district without unduly favoring one political party. It is important to remember that neither district guarantees a Democratic candidate a win, but minority representation is a foundation of our democracy and this proposed maps ensures fairness and the possibility of a competitive district. I support this map.</p>	Alyson Roberts	alyson.roberts86@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT

Montana separated in a way that makes more sense. 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. Both districts are compact, contiguous and nearly equal population. It ties together the main watershed regions of the Western Divide counties in Montana for tourism, power generation, and mussel invasive species defense, which includes long scientific research and culturally connected major bodies of water. 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. I would also urge you to make sure you are following the Montana State Code and the rules laid out for redistricting including: (3) A district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. . It is obvious to me that map #11 (which I oppose) is attempting to split Whitefish out of Flathead County is for political reasons and gain.
and map #11.

While neither map is perfect, I would have huge concerns about the legality of this map: (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; It is obvious to me that Whitefish was split out of Flathead County for political reasons. Please vote no on this map.

CP11 Dislike

Josiah Baer

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Kalispell

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CP11 Dislike	<p>Independants that somehow think a 2nd district ought to guarantee we have 1 democratic representative and 1 republican one - pre-ordained by them because they are tired of not having a democrat in the single district we've had for years. It cuts into the Western Part of the State and splits up counties and jurisdictions & Cities in a sloppy manner that is not reflective of either west or eastern regions of Montana. It puts the heaviest growth cities in the western region that are already trending more democratic with Missoula and Bozeman, and it disproportionately puts the majority of Tribal lands & reservations in the Eastern district - another lopsides sloppy outcome. Knowing where voting trends are headed demographically this map CP 11 will result in 2 democratic districts by the next Census in 2030. The outcome the democrats would love and for all the wrong reasons. Let's not forget this state voted heavily for republican presidential candidates for most of the last several elections, and normally votes republican for decades for the majority of State wide offices and republicans have a slight majority in the Legislature. We have a democratic and republican senator in Washington DC - which proof that we are a bipartisan state with repubilcan leanings in the end. This Map throws all that away & is just a blatant cheap stunt power grab with no logic or fairness to it. And it's why people like me despise politicians & stunts like this and the eventual outcomes. Do the right thing and use CP - 10. It is a lot more reasonable than this excuse for</p>	Douglas Edward Schmitt	schmitt.doug@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>I do not like this map, its obvious this map is drawn to favor one party. It certainly does not meet the requirements of HB 506, which is the Law of Montana. CP1 is the best choice and meets all the requirements of the Law. Redistricting should be about what is equitable, right and fair for all Montana! We are either a Nation and State of Laws or we are not.</p>	GORDON E JACOBS	bsnurse44@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	MT
CP11 Like	<p>CP11 is a much more fair representation of our state. I live in Whitefish and being in district 1 makes more sense to me than having Gallatin county carved up. CP10 seems more like a move to gerrymander into 2 Republican districts.</p>	Jean Weiskotten	jean8675309@gmail.com	Whitefish	Montana
CP11 Dislike	<p>competition with the Missoula/Bozeman progressive axis. Bozeman, on the other hand, is ADJACENT to Park County in the east. This is prima facie garbage. "Fairness" my can. "Competitive," my rosy red.</p>	David A. Skinner	daskinner@centurytel.net	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	<p>closest to the ideal of representative democracy by allowing one of the two districts to be competitive along many parameters: population, contiguous geography, interest groups both culturally and economically. I believe Proposal 11will serve our voters and State government best.</p>	Carol Buchheit	2csbuch@nemont.net	Fort Peck	MT

	Map #11 is the fairest for Montana voters. It will restore balance in the state's electoral politics, which is greatly needed, and give a voice to the disenfranchised.				
CP11 Like		Leah Talbot	leahmtalbot@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map does not fit because the Kalispell area has such a great influence on the western part of Montana and to not let it have representation that effects that part of the state is not equitable. Also the geographical location does not fit with the eastern part of the state.	Ronald James Nason	r_snason@hotmail.com	Clancy	Montana
CP11 Like	(like keeping Broadwater and Jefferson Counties grouped with Helena where many people from those counties work). Similarly it keeps large economic blocks grouped together (ski towns with ski towns, farming communities with farming communities, etc) meaning a representative of either district would be better incentivized to work in favor of local interests and rural voices won't be drowned out.	Indigo Scott	indigo.vesper@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer Map #11 over Map #10. I prefer keeping the northern golden triangle area agriculture sector in the same district; keeping Livingston and Bozeman together and keeping all of Gallatin County together; keeping Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena; and keeping Helena and Butte in the same district. I don't know if there is a perfect way to create two districts, but Map#11 is better than Map#10.	Timothy Bechtold	tim@bechtoldlaw.net	MISSOULA	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map #CP11 because it keeps Gallatin County intact and does not split the town of Big Sky, where I live. It is important to keep towns together in elections to make it more competitive for voters. I also support this map because it elevates indigenous representation. Please do not split up Gallatin County.	John Zirkle	johnzirkle@gmail.com	Big Sky	MT
CP11 Dislike	A clear attempt to gerrymander a specific political outcome rather than keeping people in the same geography and with common economic interests together. Keep the Flathead united and in the West! Terrible map!	Todd Bernhardt	Todd.bernhardt.fcrc@gmail.com	Kalispell	Mt
CP11 Dislike	County in the Eastern District of Montana which is political bunk. Map 10 is far more in line with Montana's Constitutional Requirements. Map 11 is blatant gerrymandering for the Democrats.	Raymond Vincent	rsvincent2020@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP11 Dislike	I do not like this map because it puts Flathead County in the eastern district and I do not see what Flathead County has in common with the eastern part of the state. It seems to me it more closely aligns with the western district economically.	Sharon Nason	rsnason3875@gmail.com	Clancy	MT

CP11 Dislike	I dislike this map. It appears to be an unnatural east vs. west split. There is obvious Gerrymandering in the Flathead area to favor Democrats. The other map probably favors republicans, but unless you do major questionable Gerrymandering, it always will. What's wrong with this since most of the state is republican? It is unfair to split it purposely so that democrats get a rep. Look at our last election- Montanan's want republicans. Don't accept a map that changes the will of the people. Make a simple east/west line.	Jeffrey Bennett	jeffnstef@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP11 Like	I clearly see CP 11 as the better map for defining our two Montana districts - it is the only map that does not excessively favor one party in both of the districts. With CP 11 we will have one district that falls within the competitive range. CP 11 closely follows the former (1980s) congressional districts, shifting only two counties to reach population equality. CP11 is also supported as the map of choice by Western Native Voice (and other indigenous groups) as the only map that will give Native American voters a voice at the polls.	Elizabeth Madden	bethmadden64@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Proposal 11 is a smart decision for Montana's economy. It keeps the recreational economic region together, as well as the agricultural economic region.	Hillary Carls	hillarycarls@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	choosing Map 11, it will make the races for these seats much more competitive, ensuring that the candidates who win them actually paid attention to every voter they represent, rather than being a shoo-in for the Republicans. If we want to keep Montana a democracy, this is the only option left to us to do that.	Bonnie Wolgamot	bnwoutside@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Opinion	I support map CP11 as it keeps the 2 areas competitive--Our candidates would have to campaign and present their views to each district and earn each vote.	Bridget McMillion	bridgetmcm44@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 is a better representation of what the districts were like back in the days when we had the Western and Eastern districts. While I don't believe Flathead county should be in the eastern district, I also think Helena should be in the Western district. I appreciate the hard work you all are doing, but our map should be competitive and not gerrymandered .	Susan R Orr	susieorr56@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	Flathead County is west of the Continental Divide and certainly should be included as part of the West District. I do not like the idea of breaking counties into areas. This map not only puts most of Flathead County in the Eastern District which is ridiculous, but includes areas a couple hundred miles to the east in the Western District. It also cleverly shows Whitefish, only about 13 miles due north of Kalispell included into the western district which is a clearly a political move.	Kim Larson	kim@apec-mt.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP11 Like	CP11 Map empowers Native American voters. I strongly support map CP11.	Tina Begay	tkbegay@gmail.com	Arlee	MT

CP11 Dislike	I do not believe splitting Flathead County and moving it to the east side for representation will accurately represent our area. Our area has a geographical and cultural unity and it should stay as one area for representation.	Geri Malberg	ontheriverrv@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	residence in the eastern congressional district and the majority of the people in my district in the western congressional district. I don't believe this division is legal according to state law because it is obviously being put forth to consider competitiveness which is contrary to state law.	Bradley W Abell	abell_1959@yahoo.com	Columbia Falls	Mt
CP11 Dislike	Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map Chair Smith and Commissioners. The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as itâ€™s the best map that adheres to the law. Thank you for your consideration.	Cathy Brown	1bobcathy@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map Chair Smith and Commissioners. The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as itâ€™s the best map that adheres to the law. Thank you for your consideration.	Robert Brown	1bobcathy@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map does not accurately divide the districts. A better plan would be shown in Map CP10.	Gary Eliasson	ccar@midrivers.com	Roundup	MONTANA
CP11 Dislike	residence in the eastern congressional district and the majority of the people in my district in the western congressional district. I don't believe this division is legal according to state law because it is obviously being put forth to consider competitiveness which is contrary to state law.	Bradley W Abell	abell_1959@yahoo.com	Columbia Falls	Mt
CP11 Dislike	I do not support this map. It's division does not fairly represent the area population.	Phyllis Eliasson	phylliseliasson@hotmail.com	Roundup	MONTANA
CP11 Like	I like CP11 as Gallatin and Park counties need to be united.	paul burns	bzn paul@yahoo.com	bozeman	mt
CP11 Dislike	CP11, in my opinion, seems specifically developed to favor one political party over another, versus CP10. Actually would like CP1 to be revived to consider among top choice(s) if process leads to such an opening.	Beverly Bilyeu-Carkeek	carkeek@nemont.net	Ballantine	MT
CP11 Like	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. This map also keeps 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.	Jessie Kane	jessiebebb@yahoo.com	Columbia Falls	MT

CP11 Like	<p>I am not a fan of splitting any large county for the temporary and artificial target of starting with a balanced population between the two districts. I think that a one or two percent variance in the population targets is preferable than having a large county split.</p> <p>That said, my read of Gallatin County is that it is more homogenous than Flathead County. So if I had to split one of the two, it makes more sense to me to split Flathead.</p> <p>I have never been a fan of geographical districts in a winner-takes-all-election model. Too often this leaves a sizable minority without representation. Map 11 seems to have a better chance of ensuring proportional representation of Montana's population.</p>	Danny Choriki	danny@dacyac.com	Billings	Montana
CP11 Like	<p>I support moving forward with this map. It presents a reasonable representation of for the communities within it.</p>	Robert Schultz	membobmt@gmail.com	BELGRADE	MT
CP11 Like	<p>This map is definitely superior to #10 and makes races more competitive.</p>	Shane E Noble	shane.e.noble@gmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP11 Opinion	<p>While map #11 is preferred, it could be finalized to provide a more competitive district in District 1. Competitive districts was one of the goals of the Commission. Competitive districts produce Representatives who remain more engaged with their constituents which is what our Democratic Republic should be about. If these are the final 2, then I prefer 11 over 10, but a final tweak would be preferred.</p>	Melinda Ferrell	mferrell_9874@yahoo.com	Trout Creek	- State -
CP11 Opinion	<p>Include Meagher and Cascade in the Western District.</p>	Mary McKenna	moe.terri.mckenna@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Dislike	<p>This is a bad map. It is terribly gerrymandered.</p>	Steve and Beth Hinebauch	stevehinebauch@midrivers.com	Wibaux	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I prefer Map 11 over Map 10. It looks more contiguous, more logical, more compact, & less "gerrymandered" than 10. While no map will satisfy everyone and someone will always raise an objection, Map 11, I believe, the better of the two proposed.</p>	DAN A MITCHELL	damreb@msn.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I thank the commission for its work on this difficult task and for soliciting the electorate's opinion about it. Of the final two plans, I favor CP11. In my experience, federal programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, Education, Housing, Food Assistance, Roads and Transportation have the most fiscal and practical impact on citizens of any particular area and population density is the most significant determinant of how those services are delivered. Thus, in my opinion, Montana will be best served by a plan that keeps population centers together while also keeping less populous, rural centers together and CP11 does that best.</p>	Brad Cloud	bradleyscottcloud@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP11 Dislike	I cannot support CP11 alternative map. It appears to split a county over political ideology and isolate one tribal community from all other tribal communities. This map as drawn has the overtone of political gerrymandering to make one political party more competitive over the other. I hope that the final decision does not come down to making a district more competitive for one party, this is not what the redistricting process is about nor is allowed by law.	Cindia Ellis	cindia@midrivers.com	Miles City	MT
CP11 Dislike	Doesn't make any sense to not only pull the majority of Flathead County into the "eastern" part of the state, but to then also split out part of it doesn't really fit with what is going on here. The lines seem very selectively drawn around certain areas of the Flathead County.	Nicholas Maltby	nick@auxi.team	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11 and the opportunity for fair competition for both House Seats	Catherine M Redfern	Catherine.Redfern@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	Flathead county should remain in the western district.	Betsy Mancuso	bbwin@bresnan.net	Manhattan	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP 11. It encourages a competitive western district and follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts. None of these maps are perfect, but this is far better for true democracy than CP 10.	Rachael Caldwell	Gracie229@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I like CP11 because it locates all of Gallatin County in the Western side of the state. It also allows for more competitive voting in the proposed Western district.	Lance Franz	lancefranz@aol.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Dislike	drawn has the overtone of political gerrymandering to make one political party more competitive over the other. I hope that the final decision does not come down to making a district more competitive for one party, this is not what the redistricting process is about nor is allowed by law.	Dennis Sandbak	dsandbak@msn.com	BILLINGS	Montana
CP11 Dislike	compact and contiguous. There has to be some splitting of counties, but CP 11 putting Flathead County in the East except for the Whitefish area is purely partisan gerrymandering. It's proponents talk of competitiveness, but in their doublespeak it is just another word for winning. That is not a guiding principle. Montana has shown time and again to defy prognosticators voting for President Trump by a wide margin during a sixteen year run of Democratic governors.	Jeff Clausen	2xtrablue@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP 11. It keeps together communities of interest, and allows a competitive western district. It also closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, achieving perfect population equality. It's not perfect but it's much better than CP 10.	Grace Hodges	grace.hodges@charter.net	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	Maintains county integrity and fairness to indigenous populations.	Jesse A. Logan	logan.jesse@gmail.com	Emigrant	MT
CP11 Like	This division reflects the historic division for Montana the we had 2 representatives. It should provide competitive districts which should be the goal of elections rather than weighting districts to be non-competitive	Marye Alice Wozniak	awwozniak@hotmail.com	Thompson Falls	MT
CP11 Like	I like this option whereby there are no split counties.	Jeff Benson	bwanajeff@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Dislike	Map 11 does not make sense. Keep Flathead in west. Has nothing in comparison to eastern Montana. Be realistic. Don't accept this map.	Bill Jones	twodot08@gmail.com	HARLOWTON	MT
CP11 Dislike	Please DO NOT pick this division. Thank you.	Stacy Dare	stacydare@gmail.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP11 Dislike	I am not even going to try to be diplomatic about this redistricting plan. It is the most stupid thing I have ever seen. I've always felt pride in Montana for be fair and having integrity. This proposed plan includes neither of those attribute. Shame on you for even proposing it.	Debra L Johnson	Debra548@msn.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	I dislike Map CP 11 because it splits Flathead County, which would create a demarcate districts, and It isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities. I fill that the tribal community need to have equal voice in both districts. You need to follow MCA 5-1-115 the Redistricting Criteria to create equal and fair districts.	Bill Ellis	billellis58@aol.com	Miles City	Montana
CP11 Like	This division reflects the historical division for Montana when we had two representatives. It should provide competitive districts which should be the goal of elections, rather than weighting districts to be non-competitive.	karin connelly	connelly@aboutmontana.net	west glacier	montana
CP11 Opinion	Given the massive growth of Missoula and Gallatin Counties, why not put ALL of Flathead County in the Eastern District? This would keep all the counties undivided, and in a few years the populations of the Eastern and Western districts will balance out anyway, given the growth patterns. We are doing all this for the long term, not just one year!	14065954175	kit_heffner@yahoo.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	I think it is important to have Gallatin and Park Counties together, since they are heavily integrated and need coordinated policy initiatives.	Christopher Heffner	kit_heffner@yahoo.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Opinion	I dislike both maps CP 10 and CP 11 because they do not follow the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 5-1-115 Redistricting Criteria. We should take another look at map CP 1 and adopt it because it follows MCA 5-1-115 redistricting criteria as close as possible.	Bill Ellis	billellis58@aol.com	Miles City	Montana
CP11 Like	I prefer Map 11 since it appears to be most fair and does not divide Gallatin County.	Christine Gandel	Cgandel7@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map seems like obvious gerrymandering. Splitting Flathead county so the majority of the counties votes don't effect the democratic strongholds of Missoula etc yet they still get Whitefish votes is wrong. The point of the districting is not to keep like minded area together. If you want people to feel like their vote counts don't pick this one.	Marisa S	msmith07@live.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	I prefer CP10 over this one.	Sean Ashby	seanpashby@hotmail.com	Hamilton	MT

CP11 Like	both of these communities. The same could be said splitting off Springhill, Big Sky, and all of Park County. The Gallatin Valley (and in many ways, Paradise Valley) is tied together culturally, socially, and economically. Dividing this part of the state into two Congressional Districts is not a fair proposal and goes against the original goals and intentions of the Commission. Please support Map 11.	Whitni H Ciofalo	wciofalo@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	a county, and both maps have to have a part where one of the districts reaches into the other (map 11 has the eastern district reaching into the western, and map 10 does the reverse). But map 10 also breaks up Gallatin county. Thus map 10 breaks up two communities (one by having the western district reach east, although that does not divide a county, and one by breaking up Gallatin) while map 11 only breaks up one community (by breaking up Lake where the eastern district reaches west). Map 11 also keeps the areas surrounding UM and MSU, which are culturally similar, together.	Craig Cowie	ccowie@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>While neither map is perfect, I would have huge concerns about the legality of this map:</p> <p>(3)â€fA 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:</p> <p>(a)â€faddresses of incumbent legislators or members of congress;</p> <p>(b)â€fpolitical affiliations of registered voters;</p> <p>It is obvious to me that Whitefish was split out of Flathead County for political reasons. Please vote no in this map.</p>	Joanna Adams	adamsjoanna89@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	separated wholly from eastern Montana, geographically. All of Flathead County should be contained within the western district, with the other counties that it has direct ties with, geographically and politically.	Douglas John Nicholson	douglas.nicholson@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	I dislike this map 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	Wendy Williams	tawewilliams@mt.net	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	and cultural interest between the two counties. This map keeps the two counties in the same district.	Caitlin M Chiller	caitlin.chiller@gmail.com	Livingston	MT

CP11 Dislike	counties in the Eastern district. Flathead has ALWAYS been a part of western MT, the Whole County! This map (cp 11) separates the flathead and the Canadian interface that brings the Canadian tourists to the Flathead ,and to the Blackfeet, tourism areas. Map 11 makes it so that the districts are not compact; once you split up Flathead co you make a candidate or elected official for the eastern district, to have to travel a lot of miles and to travel across the divide in what would be difficult travel in winter, to campaign or to stay in touch with those in the flathead, therefore it does not meet with the criteria of MT law. This map also isolates the Kootani tribe from all the others. Map 11 thus seriously messes up the presumable goal of more equal representation within district 1 and 2 for the tribal community as noted by the commission's figures on the maps. Additionally, by law you must choose what is the least disruptive to the communities. Gallatin county on the east side is primarily rural, the west side associates more with bozeman so a split there has merit. However Flathead county populace is associated with everything in the west. It has never been "eastern MT." CP 11 appears to be a partisan attempt to split the flathead along political lines. Therefore we urge you for these reasons, to NOT adopt CP 11.	Russell and Rebecca Kingman	rschaer626@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Dislike	reason to overextend the reach of the eastern counties this far, as it disproportionately skews the representation that members of Eastern Montana counties have over their considerably further West counterparts.	John Henson	thehenchman007@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	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. Does it appear that this map may not follow this Law?	Melissa Jardstrom	meandwes@aol.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	only one Indian Reservation in District 1, people from all tribes are living on university campuses in District 1.	Yvonne G Gritzner	jygritzner@yahoo.com	Florence	MT
CP11 Dislike	share no interests between Western Montana and Eastern Montana, while isolating one tribal community from all other tribal communities. This appears to be a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines, which is unacceptable. Further, this map violates the requirement that districts are "compact", forcing candidates to travel vast distances to campaign.	Melisa Schelvan	mbschelvan@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	Wow the flathead is eastern MT???? One Reservation in the west???? The eastern rep has a lot of miles to cover across Hwy 2, this map is not worth considering.	justin w cleveland	huskers@3rivers.net	Fairfield	MT
CP11 Dislike	I'm a hard "NO" on CP-11. It is unfair to split Flathead County in half.	Beverly Williams	williamsinteriors@comcast.net	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Dislike	When I think of Eastern Montana I think of towns like Billings, Miles City, Sidney, and KALISPELL. Can we say gerrymandering at its finest.	Keith Baer	KeithB@Montana.com	Missoula	MT

CP11	Dislike	This map is a partisan train wreck.	Elliot Adams	elliottadams88@gmail.com	KALISPELL	Montana
		The idea of splitting Flathead County is ludicrous. Kalispell has about as much in common with Plentywood as Oz does with New York City. Please, please scrap this idea--it makes no common sense whatever.				
CP11	Dislike		Kathleen Anne Burt	commakaysie@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
		this map proposed by Tonya Dyas that has NO SPLIT Counties or Reservations. In addition, it ensures "communities of interest" have approximately equal representation in BOTH districts, as well as that BOTH districts have borders with Canada. As Tonya wrote: "I don't think more perfect maps could be drawn. These proposed maps are based strictly upon population & contiguous counties. Absolutely no gerrymandering was involved. No counties are divided and none of the Tribal groups are divided. Best yet, the population difference between District 1 & 2 is only +/- 50 people for a population deviation of 0% . It complies with all the Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. The population of the green district is 542,062 (-50) and the orange district is 542,163 (+51) for a net difference of 101. The big thing is that NOT ONE COUNTY IS SPLIT !"				
		The important point is that this map is LEGAL. As I said in my comments last time, we should be focusing on COOPERATION as EQUALS, not on competition between those who accept Reality and their places in it and those who do not. Thank you.				
CP11	Dislike		Theresa Holmes	phoenixladyrising@yahoo.com	Manhattan	MT
		Never before in Montana history has a western county, Flathead, been included in an Eastern District. Flathead County is not at all similar to the Eastern District with regards to its political, economic or cultural makeup.				
CP11	Dislike		Cydney Henderson	squidneysu@gmail.com	Victor	MT
		When evaluating this map 2 questions need to be asked: 1) Do Whitefish and Kalispell have less in common than Gallatin and Park counties. The answer: No.... splitting Flathead county so that Park county must be added to the west to balance the map is really wrong. Also the constitutional requirement of keeping communities intact is violated. I would say that Park county actually identifies with and relies on Billings more than Bozeman. NO on this map The second question: How does grossly favoring republicans in the east make it OK that democrats are therefore not as behind in the west? It doesn't make it OK! NO on this map.				
CP11	Dislike		Mark R Smith	mark@aspen-island-ranch.com	Lavina	montana

CP11 Like	their ideological history. Specifically, CP 11 keeps Gallatin County, the fastest growing county in the state, together in one district. Carving up this county into two districts as proposed in CP 10 makes absolutely no sense and should not be considered. Also, this map keeps ideologically similar counties like Park and Gallatin, along with Lewis and Clark and Silver Bow, in the same district.	Brian McHugh	brian.mchugh@tetrattech.com	Billings	Montana
CP11 Dislike	I urge a do not adopt on this map, it is a partisan attempt to split my community along political lines. Flathead County is in a community of interest with the West. I do not support any split of the county. 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. It isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities.	Ronalee Skees	ronaleeskees@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Opinion	n whatever redistricting options are considered, I STRONGLY endorse maintaining the boundary integrity of each county. Carving up a county impresses me as naked political gerrymandering (which I think is illegal).	Dr Frank C Seitz	frankseitz@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Opinion	In whatever redistricting options are considered, I STRONGLY endorse maintaining the boundary integrity of each county. Carving up a county impresses me as naked political gerrymandering (which I think is illegal).	DR. FRANK C. SEITZ	frankseitz@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	best.	Deb Bond	dcwebster@frontiernet.net	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Like	I like Map #11 because it is good common sense. The districts are relatively equal and there aren't split counties to add to the work load of that county.	Adele Seitz	adelewseitz@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map is much more balanced to create a competitive district. Unfortunately it does still separate a county but it is the best of what is presented.	Beth Sim Simpson	phreakslady@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	interests. For example, Missoula and Gallatin counties, the homes of the universities and the future of Montana economy, are intact and together in this map. If we can get over the urge of hushing down diverse voices by gerrymandering and focus on the actual future of Montana, then this is the map. Keeping the Gallatin and Missoula counties intact and together will help the growth in the Ravalli county, which can become the next biotech hub. The biotech hub in Raqvalli county can benefit from cohesive policies among the three counties to employ Montana university graduates in world-class biotech research and industry facilities. Let's say no to twisted political ploys and yes to the future progress of Montana.	Amitava Roy	jyry73@hotmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map clearly diminishes the Native American voice in the western district by only including one reservation, leaving the seven others in the eastern district. In my opinion, clearly trying to send a message of exclusion and lack of representation by dividing the state this way.	Jonmichael Weaver	jonmichael.weaver@student.montana.edu	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I like Map 11.I believe it sets up at least one competitive district and includes the counties with UM and MSU. This gives students a better chance to be influential.	Andy Shott	behappp@hotmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP11 Like	<p>Map 11 should be adopted because it appropriately keeps Gallatin County in one district. The issues faced by both Bozeman and Livingston include housing affordability, as well as the need for more schools and access to health care. Dividing Gallatin County as is done in Map 10 is a blatant attempt to diminish or erase the votes of thousands of Montanans. While, ideally, no county should be split, at least keeping fast-growing, populous Gallatin County in one district provides at least an opportunity for its needs to be addressed.</p>	Leslie A Taylor	lesliehavingfun@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>It's not right to have Flathead county divided between 2 districts. It is and always will be part of western Montana.</p>	Geof Gratny	ggratny@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>Although it is illegal to consider competitiveness, it is clear that the Commission will ultimately choose a map based on competitiveness. If that is the case, then the Commission should define competitiveness and agree on the standard that will be used to determine competitiveness</p> <p>Since this is a map that will determine two U.S. Congressional Districts, the best way to measure competitiveness is to use the U.S. House Races</p> <p>In determining competitiveness, the Commission should use races outside of 2020</p> <p>I dislike this map because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Even though both districts include the Canada Interface, Map CP-11 separates the Canada Interface which brings Canadian tourists to Flathead and Blackfeet tourism spots It fails to keep communities of interest intact, such as forestry and tourism It creates a District with communities that share no interests between Western Montana and Eastern Montana It isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities It a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines It is not compact when a candidate for the Eastern District would have to travel vast distances to campaign in the Eastern District 	Rick Franklin	rick@thefranklinhouse.com	Hamilton	Montana

CP11 Dislike	I highly dislike Map 11 because it is gerrymandering at its best by splitting flathead county and putting part of flathead county in the eastern district when they have nothing alike with that side of the state. Flathead county has zero political, economic or cultural ties with the vast number of counties in the easter district. It isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities which is unfair. It is designed to attempt to split the flathead along political lines.	Stefanie Hanson	hansonstefanie7@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	Of the final two maps up for consideration (10 vs 11) I am in favor of map 11.	Karen Lannom	karenlannom@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	Map 11 is so poorly designed that someone wants us to believe Flathead County is not in western Montana. Lets get the politics out of redistricting and attempt to use geography along with population. Both districts should benefit from the resources of one of our major universities. Common sense should be that a population center centrally located is the ideal candidate to be split into both districts. The Bozeman area is rapidly growing to the west and should be considered the ideal location for final line adjustments for population. Folks running for office would have to consider all sides of an issue when they campaign. After all we want our representatives to work together for all of Montana not just the East or West. Will Bozeman really mind having two representatives? Put the line along 19th or main!	David Johnson	bzn.mt35@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	Given that both remaining options require splitting a county, I believe that this map does a better job keeping like minded communities together.	Connor McHugh	C.mchugh@hotmail.com	BELGRADE	MT
CP11 Dislike	Redistricting must ensure population equality, compactness, contiguity and compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act. There is no Constitutional authority to inject a "competitiveness" component into the process. Competitiveness is subjective, and exists only in the minds of the beholder. I reject Map 11 and I support Map 10.	Joseph D. Coco	joe@coco-ent.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Like	The adopted map must recognize existing political subdivisions such as county lines. The population variations that might result are of less concern when considering the need to keep communities of interest together and avoid voter confusion and disenfranchisement.	MICHAEL K REDBURN	mredburn26@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	Use Map 10 not 11 for redistricting. Flathead County/Blackfeet reservation should not be handled this way per map 11. Gallatin County population growth is a concern for all but putting it in the west is not right.	Jim Bennett	jimb59501@gmail.com	Havre	MT

CP11 Dislike	<p>Map 11 " I dislike this map because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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 *Even though both districts include the Canada Interface, Map CP-11 separates the Canada Interface which brings Canadian tourists to Flathead and Blackfoot tourism spots *It fails to keep communities of interest intact, such as forestry and tourism *It creates a District with communities that share no interests between Western Montana and Eastern Montana *It isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities *It a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines *It is not compact when a candidate for the Eastern District would have to travel vast distances to campaign in the Eastern District 	Cathy B Mitchell	longlakenmf@msn.com	Kalispell, MT	MT
CP11 Like	supporting one party over the other. It makes sense to keep Park and Gallatin Counties together as they share economic, social, environmental, educational, and artistic values and interests.	Joel Mowrey	joelmowrey6@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	Splitting Gallatin County is a terrible plan for several reasons. I strongly support Mapp 11.	Ana Pederson	ana.pederson@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 will make candidates campaign for votes and make their case to those voters. Map 11 gives voters in both parties a better chance to be represented. This map does not break up communities with a common interest. Please choose Map 11.	Mark Beland	mtbeland@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>This map disrespects the Continental Divide. Constituents East and West of the Divide have different interests and concerns. Citizens would not have their interests properly represented, especially in the Northwest part of the state. Do better.</p> <p>Also, UM and MSU should be in different districts so they are not competing for money/appropriations/grants with the same congressman/congressional office. Each major university ought to have its own congressional representative.</p>	Robert Dwyer	rfdwyer@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP11 Like	I support map 11 because it would lay the foundation for a competitive and equitable election process that either party could win.	Laura Langdon	ltlangdon@gmail.com	Helena	MT

	<p>Proposal 11 is the only one of the two final maps that includes a competitive district. As a state representative in a very competitive district, all along I've testified for competitiveness and political fairness. Proposal 11 includes one district that will require candidates to work hard and engage with voters and constituents to earn their elected seats. Map 11 gives both political parties a fair and equal chance in at least the Western District.</p>				
CP11 Like		Mary Ann Dunwell	maryann.dunwell@mtleg.gov	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I strongly support #11. It is a fair map that keeps areas with common interests together, follows county boundaries the best, and does not split Gallatin County for partisan reasons as #10 seems to do.</p>	Kimberly Dudik	kimberly.dudik@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP11 Like	<p>I suppose I can find fault with any proposed map, but of the two I have heard are the final choice, this one is the more reasonable. I have seen comments suggesting it would be fairer for Native Americans to split them more evenly between districts. In fact, that is the exact opposite of the truth, as any minority neighborhood split up by gerrymandering can tell you.</p>	Bill Freese	iedbf@montana.edu	Belgrade	MT
CP11 Like	<p>The map is fair, preserves counties. Preserves reservation.</p>	jeff griffin	jeffreygriffin@live.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I strongly support #11 as a districting choice. Living in Gallatin County, I think it's important not to divide our county.</p>	Edwards Gloria	mikeandgloria@bresnan.net	Manhattan	MT

Map 11 keeps many vital Montana communities together; their economic connections intact. This is a competitive map and also follows closely the precedent set in the 1980s Congressional districts with population equality.

These maps must be competitive.

Map 10 unfairly represents one party over another and is not competitive. It creates two Republican districts which favor that party. A fair map would include one competitive district that either party can win.

Map 10 weakens the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by splitting grain and meat producing areas. It breaks apart regions of similar interests and economic connections. For example, Park and Gallatin counties which depend on one another; more affordable housing and the other, jobs. Please do not do this.

CP11 Like	Map 11 is best choice and I request that this be the chosen map for voters in Montana.	Annie Thomas	anniethomas@itstriangle.com	McLeod	MT
CP11 Like	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. Additionally Map 11 closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach population equality. Map 11 respects the deep economic connection between Bozeman and Livingston, as well as allows areas that heavily on ski tourism to stay in the same district, ensuring their congressperson prioritizes their needs and economic success, both of which are essential to our state's economy. Map 11 does the same for Helena and Butte, as well as keeps together 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.	Kristi Chester Vance	kcv406@gmail.com	bozeman	montana
CP11 Opinion	I support map #11 as it keeps Gallatin county whole and keeps Gallatin and Madison counties in the same district. Outdoor recreation and tourism is important to the economies of both counties. Keeping Gallatin county whole and Gallatin and Madison county in the same district will provide us greater strength when working with our member of congress.	Cindy Gockel	redrockcin2@gmail.com	Ennis	MT

CP11 Like	<p>I like this alternative. I like that there is a lot of focus on communities of interest and economic interests as well plus, in almost all cases, respecting political jurisdictions (realizing that's not 100% possible given population). Living in Bozeman for the last 30 years i've seen how interconnected Bozeman and Livingston are. This maintains that connection. I also like that virtually all the ski areas in the state remain together, given how much of an economic force they are. I also like that the CSKT stays within one district as opposed to being divided up. The boundaries also respect agricultural economic communities of interest east of the divide. Finally, having lived in Bozeman when we had two congressional districts that largely worked, I like that this alternative is pretty close to those boundaries.</p>	Michael Scott	mdsbozeman12@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	<p>have 3 different ballots for city, county and state, and because the whole county is anchored economically by Bozeman, MSU, and the hospital. Livingston and Bozeman are also closely tied economically, and through our connection to Yellowstone ecosystem. Helena and Butte have close ties, too. At least the northwestern counties share the northern border issues with the northeastern part of the state.</p>	Kristen Walser	kristen.walser@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>This map does a good job at deception. The population is even now but will soon be uneven as most of the fastest growing counties are in the western district. Kalispell is included in the east which just doesn't make sense. And there is only one reservation in the west which is very unfair to the Native population.</p>	Thor Larson	thor.mont97@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I strongly support proposed congressional district #11. It is the most equitable option presented for the Montana electorate and best represents the interests of voters statewide.</p>	Pete Talbot	petetalbot@montana.com	Missoula	Montana
CP11 Like	<p>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.</p>	Emily Rolston	emily.a.rolston@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I urge the Commission to select the district configuration in CP11.</p> <p>First, it meets the overriding consideration of creating competitive districts. CP 11 is more competitive than CP 10. The importance of competitive districts ensures that elected representatives will be most responsive to the needs of all voters rather than just serving the needs of those with their party affiliation.</p> <p>Second, CP11 is the superior option because it acknowledges the economic connections between communities by keeping linked communities like Bozeman and Livingston in the same districts. These communities would be best served in the same district.</p>	Kirsten Gerbatsch	k.gerbatsch@gmail.com	Livingston	MT

CP11 Dislike	<p>no voice in the west district with only one community being represented. It gives the west district barely any northern border exposure, and placing Gallatin and Park Counties together is clearly trying to gerrymander. Throw this map out. Map 1 was the far superior map, second place is map 10.</p>	Connie Rader	raderconnie@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	<p>best representation for our State. It has historical precedent closely following the 1980s Congressional districts. It keeps economic interests together, giving a strong voice to agriculture and empowers Native voters and ensures accountability in a way we have not had in the past.</p>	Barbara Neilan	bneilan@live.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>Why, other than partisan politics, is this map even being considered? Flathead County has absolutely nothing in common with Eastern Montana. When we do non-partisan activities in this state, such as sports, Flathead is in the West and Gallatin is in the East. That's what should have been done here, which would have put the fastest growing counties in different districts. But at least the other map under consideration puts some of Gallatin in the East, while splitting up the fastest growing county in the state to comply with equal population requirements..</p>	Jeremy Carl	jeremycarl@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>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 and, even though both districts include the Canada Interface, Map CP-11 separates the Canada Interface which brings Canadian tourists to Flathead and Blackfeet tourism spots. This map also fails to keep communities of interest intact, such as forestry and tourism. It creates a District with communities that share no interests between Western Montana and Eastern Montana and, it isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities. This is a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines and does not compact when a candidate for the Eastern District would have to travel vast distances to campaign in the Eastern District.</p> <p>Although it is illegal to consider competitiveness, it is clear that the Commission will ultimately choose a map based on competitiveness. If that is the case, then the Commission should define competitiveness and agree on the standard that will be used to determine competitiveness. Since this is a map that will determine two U.S. Congressional Districts, the best way to measure competitiveness is to use the U.S. House Races in determining competitiveness, the Commission should use races outside of 2020.</p>	Patty Franklinq	patty@thefranklinhouse.com	Hamilton	MT

CP11 Like	CP11 better represents local communities. While neither CP11 or CP10 are perfect, I believe CP11 more fairly represents current community divides, maintains competitiveness, and adheres to historical boundaries.	Jason Rappe	jdrappe@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Opinion	Gallatin Valley in different districts. Any map that puts them in the same district would already be out of compliance with the equal population requirement, due to the rapid growth in these two areas. While it is undesirable to split up a county, it is inevitable in this situation, unless one of the convoluted maps is revived. The specifics of the division of Flathead County should be carefully considered, and possibly should be redone to reduce the perceived advantage to one or the other political party. Finally, I am an Independent and therefore think both parties are inept and place their welfare and power above the good of the people. There are a great many people who are not	Dean Center	garbage4me@ymail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support option 11 as the most balanced option. Montana needs more Mike Mansfields, and fewer negative voices.	Philip Maechling	maechling@bigsky.net	Florence	MT
CP11 Dislike	Please refer to Montana Code Annotated 2021 5-1-115 Redistricting criteria which state the state's criteria AND federal criteria... COMPETITIVE is NOT a legal criterion. "Competitive" comes from quality candidates, not from redistricting. This map is gerrymandering.	Ruth Wardell	rwardell@rocketmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11.	Gina Himes Boor	ghimesboor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	The map is supposed to give people on the east and west districts equal representation. This is pure partisan politics being played at our expense. While the second choice is somewhat better both these maps fail. Map 1 is still the superior choice	K. Bradley Lotton	bradlotton@yahoo.com	Havre, Mt. 59501	Montana
CP11 Dislike	This ridiculous map puts the divide west of the continental divide and shouldn't even be drawn for consideration	Katherine Butterfield	hikerpawz7@icloud.com	West Glacier	MT
CP11 Dislike	Splitting up Montana in this manner, with Flathead in the East, is absurd and doesn't pass the smell test. Please reject this map.	Nicholas Schwaderer	nicholas.schwaderer@gmail.com	Superior	MT
CP11 Like	Proposal 11 is my choice. I oppose proposal 10.	Fred Schmook	canyonmel@yahoo.com	Pray	MT
CP11 Like	district, there would be little incentive for people to vote in Congressional races. Without a competitive district, only half of Montanans would adequately have their views represented in the House. We need to keep fair competition in these races so that our representatives will listen to us.	Kristi DuBois	kdubois@montana.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Opinion	Proposal 11 is the only unbiased division. I oppose Proposal 10 and support Proposal 11	Pamela Boyd	pamboyd123@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	#11 is by all means the very best choice!	MELANIE MORONEY	canyonmel@yahoo.com	PRAY	MT

CP11 Dislike	Makes no sense at all. CP10 is much more representative of Montana and more fair to the voters.	Jeanne Satterfield	jeannels@bresnan.net	Helena	Montana
CP11 Dislike	We in the Flathead are NOT Western Montana. Map 5 that is not being considered now was the best and most fair map that was presented. I don't understand why you got rid of it?	Joi Gratny	jgratny@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	Please select this map, No. 11, as it best keeps similar communities together so that their elected representative will best represent their interests. Also, this follows Montana's historical precedent and achieves the commission's goal of being competitive.	Jinnifer Mariman	jmariman@mcgarveylaw.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	This map keeps Belgrade, Gallatin Gateway, Bozeman, and Livingston which have people living and working in all of these communities and which means peoples' interests overlap into all of them. Map 11 will permit one district to have some competition in the voting process. Map 11 keeps large rural interests together which are so important to Montana. This map will require candidates to work for the votes rather than just filing for office and being sworn in. Commissioners please choose this map to give Montanans a chance to make Montana the Great State it has been.	Sue Beland	csbeland@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	on skiing tourism together, rural areas are combined more-so than the other map, native voters have more of a voice, etc. I want to emphasize that drawing the lines so Democrats have a competitive chance to elect a representative at the national level is fair and democratic. Drawing the lines that practically guarantee only Republican representatives is not. It would disenfranchise the minority of Montana citizens who align with the Democratic Party, possibly for decades. Also, having at least one district be competitive increases the chances that the elected rep will win based on the political and personal merits that person represents rather than solely because of the party they are aligned with.	Carol Van Tuinen	carolvantuinen@gmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP11 Like	I support this map - I appreciate that it keeps Gallatin and Park counties together - so many of our regional services and coordinated between these two counties and issues of interest for our Federal delegation including Yellowstone National Park will be better served by having these two counties together.	Brianne Rogers	briannerogers@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I urge you to select the district configuration described by CP11. It best satisfies the overriding consideration of creating competitive districts. The importance of competitive districts ensures that elected representatives will be responsive to the needs of all voters rather than just serving the needs of those with their party affiliation. CP11 also honors the economic connections between communities by keeping linked communities like Bozeman and Livingston in the same districts. Thanks for your consideration.	Pat Flowers	pajoflowers@gmail.com	Belgrade	Montana

CP11 Dislike	I do not support this map. Kalispell should not be in the same district as Billings. This is not representative division of boundaries and should not be considered.	Julie Verellen	reddogmt@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map doesn't make sense, and should never have been proposed. I hope that Montana ends up with the fair, reasonable map proposed in CP10.	Chris Muhlenfeld	chris@unitytech.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	I like CP11 as it preserves county lines as natural communities of interest.	TIM HODGES	KD7JZ@YAHOO.COM	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map is a try to sabotage the democracy. absolutely not !!!	Oxana Gamba	oxy_dnepr@hotmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP11 Like	Map 11, while not perfect, seems to be the option to best provide for a balanced and representative electorate.	Ron Lambert	rondlambert@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11 as it divides MT on boundaries that make sense as opposed to Map 10	Ace Schneck	ajones9@protonmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP11 Like	I support this map because it represents a fair alternative to the Map 10 model. Lewis and Clark County is a growing part of the state and with that growth more business alliances across the state but especially in the West. I personally have to leave the county into the West side of the state for business every week (along with many of my neighbors).	Evan Jones	ejones@protonmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP11 Like	I support CP 11 as it more fairly represents historical boundaries when Montana had two Congressional Districts. This allows Montana's two Congressional representatives to better represent parts of Montana that will typically have similar interests. This map also does a better job of keeping whole counties together within the districts. Thank you.	Keith Allen	keithallenmt@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	one party over the other, and because it keeps Park and Gallatin Counties together. We are enmeshed in many ways--I live in Park County, but the majority of my healthcare and shopping is in Gallatin County. We share families, friends, economy, recreation, landscapes, values and more. Please do not split us.	Ashea Mills	millsonthemountain@yahoo.com	Gardiner	MT
CP11 Like	I support this map. It does not break up Gallatin County or Bozeman and divides Montana more fairly. It creates a competitive western district that will compel representatives there to appeal to both sides of the aisle, and groups the interests of eastern Montana and western Montana more cohesively and fairly. As one can see with the positive comments from both sides of the state, this map serves Montanans more fairly than CP10.	Thomas Meinzen	thomasmeinzen@montana.edu	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map #11 because it does a much better job of keeping my home and community of Bozeman and Bridger Canyon together. It also keeps intact the broader communities of interest in Gallatin and Park counties, and creates a competitive new district that lets all Montanans express their political and policy views. This one is a keeper!	Garth Neuffer	gneuffer@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Like	same district, it doesn't split up Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway, and it keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte in the same district thereby strengthening the voice of unions with their representative. It also provides the Tribal community with a voice in a competitive district. And most of all, it creates a competitive district rather than two districts that can be easily dominated by one party.	Debra McNeill	mtnerd@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Despite the issue of splitting Flathead Co, this map seems to be the best alternative to represent Montanans fairly.	Chadwick Moore	chadair@mac.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	Missoula and Bozeman should be in separate districts to be fair	leigh Dykema	ladykema12@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map is much better than map 10 as it keeps Gallatin County and many other communities of interest intact. There could be some tweaking to improve it, but overall much improved.	Anne Christensen	annelchristensen@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	As a public lands voter, map 11 seems like the best option. It places a fair amount of public land in each district to ensure that they remain a priority of whoever is elected to these seats. Map 11 also places Helena and Butte in the same district, which makes sense, considering their long standing historical ties. If these two maps are the final options of the commission, please choose map 11.	Russell O'Leary	russell.oleary@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP11 Dislike	I support neither CP11 or CP 10. Both seem to be clear examples of gerrymandering. How does Flathead county have more in common with the eastern district than Gallatin county? I suspect that many Flathead county residents are unhappy. The districts are supposed to represent the people, and NOT political parties!	John Kirtley	johnkirtley0103@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP11 Dislike	Chair Smith and Commissioners, The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as itâ€™s the best map that adheres to the law. Thank you for your consideration. Karen Cramer	Karen Cramer	Karen@beckmansrealestatemt.com	Kalispell	Mt

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CP11 Like		Karen Cramer	Karen@beckmansrealestatemt.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Opinion	chance of advancing candidates from either party. No counties are split, and the map closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality. The map also 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 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.	Eleanor Barker	barkerfamilybozeman@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	Reject this map, it is a blatant attempt to divide a conservative county.	ALAN C WILSON	acwilson@acwei.com	KILA	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11 because it doesn't split counties or communities with common interests unlike what I saw with Map 10. Please vote yes on Map 11. Thank you.	Helena Lovick	helenalovick@gmail.com	Great Falls	Montana
CP11 Like	This map offers the greatest representation to the most people in Montana. Why should the university cities be separated unless you want to deny them both representation. This way, everyone has the best chance of being represented on the Federal level.	KATHLEEN Evans	ladyiceni@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 has much more of a fair and even chance for both districts and represents the people of western, central, and eastern Montana much more fairly than map 10	Jaret Kadlec	jtkadlec9@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP11 Like	balanced playing field wherein both parties have a shot at winning the new district. Please select Map 11.	Amy S Katz	aaskatz@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	Reject this map.	Debbie Ehlert	dannelson620@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Like	Separating out Helena and dividing Gallatin and Park Counties would adversely affect the voting solidarity of southwestern Montanans concerned about economic , regulatory, and tourism related issues critical to our communities.	Joseph Nangle	jpnangle@msn.com	Livingston	Montana
CP11 Like	I think this map is the best option of the two submitted by the committee. I think it makes more sense to keep Gallatin Co intact.	Laura Frazee	laura.frazee92@gmail.com	Stevensville	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>This map does not achieve that goal. Itâ€™s ludicrous to think Flathead should be part of the Eastern district. The two university cities should definitely be separated. This map all but eliminates the Canadian interface for the Western district.</p> <p>There is questionable adherence to the Montana Code Annotated 2021 - Redistricting Criteria:</p> <p>"(2) (a): The districts MUST be compact, meaning that the compactness of a district is greatest when the length of the district and the width of a district are equal. A district may not have an average length greater than three times the average width unless necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act.â€</p> <p>â€ Has a cartographer confirmed that the Western district in this map actually complies with the Redistricting Criteria for compactness?</p> <hr/> <p>"(3)â€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: (b) political affiliations of registered voters"â€</p> <p>â€ The recently adopted consideration of competitiveness should not usurp mandatory criteria. Clearly gerrymandering in the name of competitiveness is at work on this map.</p>	Mary Halloran	marykhalloran@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Opinion	least taking the time to divide districts so ethnicities, economic interests and geographic locations are more equally represented seems the only fair approach to a democracy. Map 11 does this better than 10.	Linda Mahr	linda@ciboria.org	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	balanced playing field wherein both parties have a shot at winning the new district. Please select Map 11.	Peter A Reynolds	peterreyn@gmail.com	Corvallis	MT
CP11 Like	voters in our state. I strongly support this redistricting map CP11 as a lifelong citizen of this state.	Claire Kleese	clairerosek@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

	I support this map because it keeps Gallatin County as a whole. As the fastest growing area in Montana, it's important to have a unified voice representing the shared interests of the entire county and tourism-based region. The eastern parts of Montana largely operate on a different platform - more agriculture, less tourism - that deserve to be represented by an individual who can make decisions that will positively affect a majority of the region which he or she represents. Please choose this map!	Callie Pecunies	callie.pecunies@gmail.com	Gallatin Gateway	MT
CP11 Like	This is the best map for both republicans and democrats	jeff Griffin	jeffreygriffin@live.com	Great Falls	Montana
CP11 Like	No map is going to make everyone happy, this one best fills the requirements	Martin William Lester	martinlester19@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP11 Like	Keeps counties and towns together	Sharon S Patton-Griffin	pattongriffin@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	Map #11 is more fair because it doesn't divide up counties and towns.	Sue Kirchmyer	suek@montana.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Provides most fair distribution!	Charles F. Hinch	cmhinch@3rivers.net	Choteau	MT
CP11 Like	Most favorable for fair representation!	Marsha J. Hinch	cmhinch@3rivers.net	Choteau	MT
CP11 Opinion	<p>historical congressional district boundaries that were in place prior to MT losing a seat in Congress.</p> <p>Cities and counties with similar interests are kept intact (Livingston and Bozeman.) Helena and Butte are kept together, as every redistricting plan in MT has done previously. The map also importantly keeps the HiLine, Golden Triangle, and Rocky Mountain front intact where agricultures ia a vital party of the local economy.</p> <p>As a Lewis and Clark County resident, I strongly prefer being included in District 1 since Helena has much more in common with the western part than the eastern part of the state.</p> <p>This map makes economic, social, and cultural sense. It does not split communities with simialar interests. It honors tourist regions and it honors agriculatural regions.</p> <p>The primary goal should be to ensure that ALL voices are heard. Under this plan, all votes count. This map is not a "give me" to the GOP. Maps that favor one party do not elevate every voice. I do believe the idea of democracy is to have every voice heard and not one party dominance.</p>	Janet L Childress	ocjcinmt@aol.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	existing communities (counties) does not help with solving issues that are specific to those communities.	Franki Parson	fcparson@msn.com	BOZEMAN	MT

CP11 Dislike	<p>who looks at this map can tell it is drawn for political reasons, which is contrary to Montana law. Also, Flathead County has no political, economic or cultural ties with the vast number of counties in the Eastern District. Even though both districts include the Canada Interface, Map CP-11 separates the Canada Interface which brings Canadian tourists to Flathead and Blackfeet tourism spots. This maps does not keep communities of interest intact, such as forestry and tourism by putting Flathead in the Eastern District. CP-11 is a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines. This map does not comply with Montana law because it is not compact when a candidate for the Eastern District would have to travel from one corner of the state to another to campaign.</p>	Debbie Churchill	debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com	CLANCY	MONTANA
CP11 Dislike	<p>that area is populated with out of state people that bring out of state ideas. The Canadian interface in CP 11 is all but eliminated from the representation of the western representative. Splitting up the Flathead it is obviously politically and competitively motivated. This map makes it obvious that competitiveness is the driving force of the democratic side of the commission. Competitiveness was NOT supposed to be the primary prerequisite to making a map that the majority of the state will have to deal with for the next decade. The wording in the rules stated may not will or shall. Majority of Montana rejects CP11</p>	Terrence Churchill	terry.churchill74@gmail.com	Clancy	Montana
CP11 Like	<p>I support Map 11 because it keeps all of Gallatin county in the Western District which is the one most likely to address issues that impact our community, given that most of the state's more populous cities will be in the western district. I also believe that it is healthy for the public discourse and civility for there to be at least one district in the state that is competitive and offers a large portion of the population (albeit slightly less than a majority) at least a possibility of being represented. Putting that aside, it would not make sense for those of us in Gallatin County that fall outside of the lines in Map 10 to be aligned with the interests of the eastern district since those are highly unlikely to reflect the issues and concerns that we face.</p>	Josie Johnson	josiepjohanson@gmail.com	Big Sky	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I support CP 11 because it makes economic, social and cultural sense -- it doesn't split communities of interest (Park/Gallatin); empowers Native communities; and honors agricultural regions. CP 11 is a much stronger map than CP 10.</p>	Rebecca Frucht	becca.frucht@gmail.com	LIVINGSTON	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I do not like Flathead County being split, and I have a philosophical problem with districts being shaped around recent voting patterns, but it keeps Bozeman intact and includes Livingston in the Western district. So, because I live in Livingston and prefer to be represented in a district with more in common with my community than the eastern district, I like this map.</p>	Linda Kenoyer	lindakenoyer@hotmail.com	Livingston	MT

CP11 Dislike	Please reject both CP 10 and 11 and go with Map 1 as it complies with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.. Thank you	Stefanie Hanson	shanson@beckmansrealestatemt.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I like this map as it makes for a more competitive situation in Montana. This is a healthy move for our state.	Mary Mulcaire-Jones	marymulcaire@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>I dislike this map 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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> â€¢ Flathead County has zero political, economic or cultural ties with the vast number of counties in the Eastern District â€¢ Even though both districts include the Canada Interface, Map CP-11 separates the Canada Interface which brings Canadian tourists to Flathead and Blackfeet tourism spots â€¢ It fails to keep communities of interest intact, such as forestry and tourism â€¢ It creates a District with communities that share no interests between Western Montana and Eastern Montana â€¢ It isolates one tribal community from all other tribal communities â€¢ It a partisan attempt to split the Flathead along political lines â€¢ It is not compact when a candidate for the Eastern District would have to travel vast distances to campaign in the Eastern District 	Anne Boychuck	Aboychuck@me.com	Bigfork	Montana
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CP11 Dislike

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Missoula

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communities with common interests for political purposes. While this map keeps Gallatin and Park counties compact, it does the opposite for Flathead County. This map tries to skew a more Democratic vote by splitting Whitefish and Kalispell. The Flathead should be compact regardless of how politically different those two communities are. In addition, this map divides Columbia Falls, West Glacier, and Browning into the eastern district. Those communities do not belong in the same district as the communities in eastern Montana. It also harms the communities of the Blackfeet tribe by politically prioritizing Gallatin and Park counties into the west. Is that really how we want to treat the Native population? Sparing their vote because predominant white communities Bozeman and Livingston matter more?

CP11 Dislike

Zach Nell

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Bozeman

Montana

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CP11	Dislike	This map attempts to pack Democratic votes by including as many metro centers as possible into the western district.	Mark G Smith	mtredistricting.gov@smittieandcompany.com	Dillon	Montana
CP11	Dislike	included in one district. The point of the committee is to select fair maps. Neither of the maps in my opinion are good options. The committee selected two very partisan maps and its very clear!	Natalie Adams	natalieadams1219@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Like	I support and recommend the selection Map CP #11, as it does better job of keeping the counties together, provides for a fairer realignment and, being a resident of Lewis and Clark County, there is more in common between L&C cnty and the western part of the state than that of the eastern part of Montana and thus CP 11 would allow for better representation not only for those in my county but the state overall.	Kyle Joyner	thewalkingdharma@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP11	Like	Map 11, unlike map 10, keeps Gallatin and Park Counties in the same district. These counties historically vote similarly.	Johanna DeVries	jodevries@hotmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11	Like	I support this proposal as it is the most fair.	Lora Wier	lorawier@outlook.com	Choteau	MT
CP11	Like	CP11 is by far a better map for keeping communities of interest together. Park and Gallatin counties are intrinsically interconnected economically and geographically, and many people commute between these communities for work and school. All these factors are the same for Helena and Butte, which should also be kept in the same district. CP11 also keeps many agricultural regions in tact, especially in the Golden Triangle and along the Hi Line.	Katherine French	kfrench406@gmail.com	Livingston	MT

CP11 Like	economic, cultural and political interests in mind. Gallatin County (and even Park County with whom many interests are shared) remains whole. It keeps important ski area interests together. It keeps our strong union communities together. Each district will be able to engage in deliberations about the stresses and strains on our national parks. It doesn't split up any single Native American reservation. It has the best metrics of the two and in spite of dubious claims of gerrymandering, it prevents that exact result (embedded in CP10), by creating a potentially competitive district (it will still be a heavy lift for democrats, but it is theoretically possible). Let's not disenfranchise a significant minority of Montanans by diluting them into silence. Please choose CP11.	Nancy Cornwell	crestain@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support map 11 because it ensures competitive elections.	Robin Pleninger	robin.pleninger@gmail.com	Ronan	Montana
CP11 Like	I support this proposed map (CP11) for three reasons: 1. There is significant Native American representation in each district which I believe is politically important. It keeps Bozeman and Gallatin County together which is a close knit community with common interests and it keeps the surrounding communities associated with Helena and includes Butte which shares similar interests with Helena. Finally, This map provides continuity and collective strength for the rural agricultural and ranching interests important to this state.	Stan Downs	desertstan@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	These recent maps reflect more work by the Redistricting Commission as they appear to be headed toward agreement. Of the two, I urge the selection of Map 11 as it provides for a competitive district in the West.	John Brock	john.m.brock@outlook.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	maps of the two alternatives. It provides a competitive district while adhering the closest to the historical boundaries of the prior Congressional Districts when Montana had two Congressional Districts in the past. Map #11 keeps the cities of Livingston and Bozeman together, which is positive because both cities have long standing common and shared interests. The same can be said for keeping Bozeman and Park County together. Additionally, Map #11 keeps the resort towns of Big Sky, Whitefish and West Yellowstone together, which is positive because these resort/tourist driven communities have common concerns and mutual understanding. I also feel that Map #11 provides a strong voice for Montana's Native-American population, which is very important in our State. Map #11 also follows more logical geographic boundaries and should ensure fairer representation of Montana's population in future elections. I strongly support Map #11 for the Congressional redistricting in Montana.	Mark T. Savinski	savin54@outlook.com	Sheridan	Montana
CP11 Like		Christian Black	blackak@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

	<p>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. It's long past due this country and state start giving Natives the respect in politics that they deserve. That includes ALL parties and candidates, not just the usual players.</p> <p>If the above is not enough, this map additionally pays respect to rural Montanans and 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	Two very valuable and important voices solidified by this map. It's a no brainer to go with	Christopher J Morigeau	aql.cut@gmail.com	Ronan	MT
CP11 Like	CP 11 does not split communities of interest, like Livingston and Bozeman, Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway. It is a more competitive district reflecting the changes that are happening in Montana growth patterns. It does not favor one political party over another. This map tries to give more of an equal voice to all residents of Montana.	Judy Lewis	judylewis809@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	<p>advantaging either political party. To achieve the balance, there is some splitting of Flathead County, but the grouping of the communities in each district is logical as the map links communalities of interests.</p> <p>Map 10, on the other hand, splits Gallatin County which separates areas with communalities of interest.</p>				
CP11 Like	I think Map 11 is fair and balanced.	Jeffrey Waldo	jscottwaldo@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP11 Like	This map appears to provide at least one competitive district, and is more likely to remain so as the population of the state increases. It also more closely resembles the historical districting when MT had 2 district. Please select this map.	Terry Dokken	nekkod@msn.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	This map gives more populations representation in elections. Please select this one.	Shelley Johnson	sjohnson0394@gmail.com	West Yellowstone	MT
CP11 Dislike	No map that includes any part of Montana west of the Continental Divide in the Eastern District should be considered!	Robert Saurey	gsaurey@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP11 Like	Choose this map.	John Evans	jd3vans@q.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	This is the fairest of the two maps. Please accept this map to keep competitive districts.	David Rockwell	rockwell@blackfoot.net	Dixon	MT
CP11 Dislike	Reject this map for dividing a large county and splitting a large community (Kalispell). Resurrect map CP-1.	Thomas Millett	simplytom65@yahoo.com	Marion	MT

CP11 Like	District high plains, rural and Republican, and the Western District more urban, mountainous and Democratic. I have no problem with returning to this type of representation. This map gives Democrats a fighting chance, and it keeps Gallatin County whole. I'm in favor of this map.	Roger Matthew	rmatthew@bresnan.net	BOZEMAN	Montana
CP11 Like	Approve this map!!! This is a fair map and far better than the alternative. It follows more logical geographic boundaries and should ensure a more fair representation of the population in elections!	Atticus C Cummings	attiscummings00@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This is the better of the two maps. It adheres most closely to the historical boundaries of our legislative districts.	JANET S BLACKLER	yourtaxadvisor@hotmail.com	BIGFORK	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map is EVEN WORSE than the other one. REJECT THIS MAP	Glenn Wehe	glennwehe@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 is far more representative of the east/west: Rep/Dem divide of the state. by including all of Gallatin, Missoula, and Lewis and Clark counties in the western district. Map 10 would "crack" the Bozeman area by setting the boundary for the east on the eastern Bozeman city limits, and exclude Lewis and Clark county from the western district. There are a lot of citizens (myself included, as I live 1/2 mile east of the Bozeman city limit) that identify with Bozeman that would be excluded from the western district on Map 10.	ROBERT FREY	BOBPATFREY@MSN.COM	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer CP11. It accomplishes the Commission's goals of population balance and geographical compactness and recognizes that Gallatin and Park counties are a geographical, environmental and economic entity; thus Gallatin should not be split and both counties should be in the same district. I'd prefer that Flathead not be split for many of the same reasons.	Yvonne M Rudman	ymrudman@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Map 10 is better divided than 11. It does divide Flathead Co. which I don't like but it keeps state more equally divided giving a moderate Democrat or Republican a chance which 10 would make sure we had Republicans.	Kenda Kitchen	kendakitchen@hotmail.com	Plains	MT
CP11 Dislike	Why are all the heavy democrat areas all concentrated into one district? Clearly a gerrymandering effort. Very strange division of the flathead that is not necessary. Go back to East-west division that has worked historically.	Allyson Gomolka	realfoodwins-2@yahoo.com	Proctor	Montana
CP11 Dislike	How long is it going to take for you to remove the liberal politics out of redistricting? I am ashamed of the job you are doing public servants. Why are you so reluctant to leave the choice of government up to "we the people" of the State of Montana by creating districts that split east/west and do not weight the democratic side?(maybe follow the continental divide? it is one of the natural barriers that was spoken of in the law you are supposed to be complying with) If the majority of the people in Montana have conservative values that is none of your business. It is your job to create districts that follow the will of the people and the Law in our state. Not to "correct" or I should say "give control of" our state to a minority view.	Jeremy Gomolka	realfoodwins-1@yahoo.com	Proctor	Montana

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CP11 Dislike	transplants and students coming from other areas into our University towns. This map emphasizes the larger towns grouped together into one district. Bad plan because the big cities are becoming more and more uncompetitive politically as transplants from other areas move there.	Dianne Hansen	diannedave2@gmail.com	Eureka	Montana
CP11 Dislike	This map is clearly gerrymandering a democrat district. It is not compact and divides communities with common interests. Some tribal voices will be rendered mute. There is no competition with this map. Dem and Rep districts will be enshrined permanently. People won't have incentive to vote. Bad map favoring Democrats and little legitimate benefits.	Jim Gomolka	realfoodwins-jim@yahoo.com	Proctor	Montana
CP11 Opinion	It is down to whether having Helena in the Western District is worth putting the Blackfeet and Salish Reservations in separate districts. Also, should Kalispell be placed into the Eastern district even though it is the regional economic hub in western Montana? This should not be a matter of which map was created by the Democrats or Republicans, it should instead be a matter of which map best serves the citizens of Montana.	John Wright	jwright68@hotmail.com	Westby, MT	MT

CP11 Like	Map 11 keeps the business districts of Park and Gallatin Counties together, critical for the management of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, healthcare and business. Also reflects Montana today and provides equal chance for both parties to win an elected representative.	Cynthia Di Francesco	cyndifran@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	This map will give representation for western rural communities, indigenous peoples, and provide population equality. This map gives both political parties an opportunity to win and allows for actual competitive elections!	Alene Tunny	alenetun@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP11 Like	Keep some sort of balance.	Mark P Dobday	dobday@yahoo.com	Polson	MT
CP11 Like	keeps Gallatin County and Park County together, as communities of interest. It keeps the universities together for strong representation. It keeps the highline undivided, the farming area of the State undivided, the areas depending on skiing and tourism undivided, and has an equal population split. It keeps Helena and Butte in the same district as they should be. It also creates one competitive district. This map best meets the goals and criterion established. Good map.	Linda G Semones	lindasemones@hotmail.com	BOZEMAN	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map is not fair! It is an attempt to consolidate a single party into one district. It puts all the larger (growing) cities into one district except Billings. The tribal communities are unduly represented in both districts and minimizes the importance of tribal input. This map clearly creates a democratic district that is noncompetitive to fairly represent this state. The Montana values need to be protected from liberal transplants that will move into the larger cities and move us further away from the Montana way of life (freedom of government tyranny).	Susan Buchanan Hess	suzyq.hess@comcast.net	Columbus	MT
CP11 Like	I favor this map as it is more fairly drawn. It doesn't disenfranchise Native Americans. It is the best map of the two available for consideration. Thank you.	Kari Gunderson	cnd2543@blackfoot.net	Bigfork	MT
CP11 Dislike	A district map should not be drawn to favor any party. This one does. Don't break up counties and add more confusion . Map 11 doesn't give enough say to the Native American Communities who have always gotten a raw deal. Tonia Dyas constructed a GREAT map I believe it was Number CP 1 . I don't feel it got the consideration it deserved . She worked very hard too incorporate the Native American Territories and the larger cities in a fair and honest way moving forward. Please review it with fresh eyes. If you choose not to then CP 10 is at least a better choice than CP 11.	Hill Mescall	Mescall.hillary04@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map does the best job of keeping counties and reservations intact. It also keeps "communities of interest intact best. Map 10 has unequal statistits in several categories.	Sharon S Patton-Griffin	pattongriffin@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	This map reflects fairness and diversity.	Toni Semple	bajazuma@mac.com	Livingston	Montana

CP11 Like	the college towns and urban communities of Bozeman, Helena, and Missoula together. Indian reservations are kept intact, and only one county is split. This map is a decent compromise. Kalispell is connected to the Hi-line and it is reasonable for Kalispell to be a part of the same district with those communities.	James Reavis	jamesrichardreavis@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	demanded a lot of devotion and commitment from the districting commission. Sending appreciation.	Julie Quenemoen	jaq959@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	I do not like this map. It takes all the items important to the democrats like both universities in the same district and splitting the Flathead with Whitefish(democrat) in the west with Missoula, Bozeman and Butte and putting Kalispell and Big Fork in the East?? I am amazed that they have abandoned their tribal allies with only one nation in the west and the rest in the super republican district in the east, essentially neutering any influence or importance to their perspectives. I am curious to see the tribal response to being thrown under the bus.	Ann Ingram	anningram58@yahoo.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP11 Like	This looks like the best map of the two available. It more closely follows the historical precedent set by earlier re-districting efforts.	Traci Rasmusson	traci@hschiro.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	The most fair of the two remaining maps.	Julia Shaida	juliashaida1@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	I don't like this map. Although it is better in that it leaves Gallatin County intact, it still splits Flathead County. I think counties should be left intact. Keep trying.	Michele S Carey	michcarey2@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I agree this map gives fair representation to moderate voters like me, and also gives both political parties an opportunity to win. I agree that Map 11 is the better solution because it groups communities together with common concerns like West Yellowstone, Whitefish, and Big Sky and groups cities together with common concerns: Bozeman and Livingston. Map 11 also follows historical precedents from when MT used to have 2 Congressional districts.	Marilyn Grams	achieve@bresnan.net	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	This map only splits Flathead County and is the better choice. A better option was map 18 in the original set of public maps. Map 18 changes this map by moving Lewis and Clark to the east, includes all of Flathead in the west, and splits Broadwater County, which only has a population of 6774. It is competitive in the west.	David Ball	balldt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map creates the best possibility for competitive elections. It will give representation to indigenous peoples, representation for western rural communities, as well as providing population equality. Those voices have not been fairly represented. This map gives fair representation to moderate voters and also gives both political parties an opportunity to win.	Nancy Bussiere	helene6816@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 is the better solution because it keeps cities from being split, such as Big Sky; groups communities together with common concerns like West Yellowstone, Whitefish, and Big Sky; groups cities together with common concerns: Bozeman and Livingston.	Sally Behr Schendel	sbehrschendel@gmail.com	Sheridan	MT

CP11 Like	Map 11 is a competitive map that follows historical precedents from when MT used to have 2 Congressional districts. This map empowers Native voices as there is a district with a reservation ensuring candidates will need to vie for the Native vote. As a Helena resident and Union member, this map keep Helena and Butte together as every prior redistricting proposal has done. Unlike Map 10, this map does not favor one party over the other. We must not allow partisan rule in our state for the next 10 years. A competitive map is a must.	Shannon K Thomas	mtshan73198@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	election.	Sharon Stokesbary	Slstokesbary@gmail.com	Corvallis	Mt
CP11 Like	Of the two remaining proposals, this is the only one that provides for a district that does not unduly favor one political party.	Jeff McNeish	jeff.mcneish@gmail.com	Laurel	MT
CP11 Like	Thank you very much for all your hard work in this very tough job. I'm not a political pro, but it seems pretty clear that CP11 is far more fair, balanced and competitive (doesn't split cities or Gallatin County), and would allow representation for similar interests. Yay for democracy and allowing voices to be heard.	Cindy Havens	subscriptions@cindyluwho.com	Victor	MT
CP11 Like	roughly equal population splits. Only CP11 has a district that does not unduly favor one party over the other.	Patricia A Hogan	reckless50@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11 Dislike	<p>in an attempt to get the population deviation where they want it. Map 10 carves up Gallatin county, and Map 11 carves up Flathead county. These counties are carved up so bad that voting precincts are divided ! Something that the district drawing tools provided to "we the people" don't allow us to do - therefore neither of these maps can be recreated in the provided tools.</p> <p>How about y'all stop gerrymandering and go look at the map I drew and submitted back in Sept. It meets ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS : contiguous, compact, DOES NOT SPLIT ANY COUNTIES, does not split any Native American territories, and the population deviation is +/- 50</p> <p>The Democrats should like it because it has Missoula, Great Falls & Helena all in the same district.</p> <p>The Republicans should like it because it separates Gallatin (the fastest growing county) from Missoula. This will hopefully keep the population growth in both districts fairly even over the next 10 years.</p>	Tonia Dyas	tonia@tbase.biz	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support this map, it makes for a competitive race, that could help make our politics less divisive. It gives a voice to our community and hope for the future of Montana.	Billy McWilliams	billymc@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Like	This map gives a voice to many groups in this state that are usually underrepresented. It gives a united voice for the rural communities in the western part of the state; the Indigenous voice will be given representation. This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.	Maureen O'Mara	mo1_omara@yahoo.com	Sidney	MT
CP11 Like	I support this map, because it is population equal and competitive (Cook PVI Score of R+5). It also includes Park and Gallatin Counties in one District, honoring their close relationship.	Gail Waldby	gwaldby@pat7.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	right of the people, but have played to the right of politics parties. The process we know as gerrymandering has more often than not played to the political power bases and we have seen too often the candidate with the lesser votes win the race. I believe the division of Gallatin County would just perpetuate the problem. Please institute map 11 where Gallatin County is included with the southern portion of the western district to achieve a balance in preserving a fair and equitable vote	Brian Koukol	bkworkingstuff@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	carving out Kalispell and part of Bigfork and putting them in the East with Mile city and Glendive. It also minimizes the importance of all tribal input by putting only CSKT in a "democratic" stronghold, reducing their influence and putting all other nations in the East. I ask my fellow Montanans how they can justify the creation of a "competitive" district without gerrymandering, when the states' representatives are 67 Republicans and 33 Democrats, without using illegal criterion.	David Ingram, MD	dli1957@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map is the definition of gerrymandering - try to lump in as many liberal areas on the same map to win a seat. Why not straight down the middle of the state where the population is split evenly - why was that thrown out? Everything else is manipulation pure and simple.	Scott Burke	scott.burke@me.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	No matter the map chosen, not everyone will be pleased. This map however is the best at creating a competitive district where everyone's voice might be heard. That alone, should be the reason for the acceptance of this map.	George Havens	george@themtnhiker.com	Victor	MT
CP11 Like	Let's face it. You are going to make somebody unhappy with whatever you choose, but this map does a better job of creating districts that are economically and geographically cohesive. If it's a "competitive" district that's a win for everybody. Competition is a good thing, right?	Tom Woods	tomwoods4mt@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	Montana voters deserve the chance to have competitive districts. Gerrymandering is not what is expected from this committee. Please, consider the fairness of map 2.	Judith Davis	judithdavis406@gmail.com	Drummond	MT
CP11 Like	Considering how Montana's population is skewed west, this map does a great job of balancing population while leaving a reasonable chance for a competitive district.	Janice Clinard	j.clinard@bresnan.net	Helena	Montana

CP11 Dislike	I don't care for either of these maps, call this one GERRYMANDER! and the other one gerrymander lite. What is wrong with CP1 or Cp3 ? Oh yeah, they make the "progressives" scream because they don't cram a lopsided number of Republicans into the eastern district so they can carve out a U.S. House vote for the "New American Left" in the solidly Republican state of Montana! How come you don't list the distribution of R and D voters in this one? Is there some kind of secret to be kept? Think about all the disenfranchised R voters created when such a large # of them are shoehorned into the east. Think about what the left does to R voters when they have the advantage, why should we treat them any differently?	Perry Helt	ghelt.1@netzero.com	Columbus	MT.
CP11 Like	This map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done.	Julie Fogarty	julesmiller32@hotmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	It makes no sense that I would be in the western district, while my family that lives 15 min north of me in Kalispell are in the same district as Broadus. Bozeman belongs in the eastern district far more than Kalispell.	Rebecca Steely	rebsteely@gmail.com	Bigfork	Montana
CP11 Like	Overall, I think this map does a better job of creating two districts that each have coherent needs and interests.	Charles Kankelborg	charles@kankelborg.net	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	region, splitting the fastest growing city in the state makes sense. If the goal is to make a "competitive" district then the commission should be looking at previous CONGRESSIONAL races and not presidential. In addition, if you make one district a 50/50 you are then making the other district uncompetitive.	Seth Berglee	longbowman85@yahoo.com	Joliet	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map seems to keep all the large cities but Billings in a group in one district and all puts all the Indian reservations in a group in the other district along with Billings. Big cities and the reservations always votes democrat. Unacceptable map	Jim Buterbaugh	kmjkbaugh@gmail.com	Whitehall	Montana
CP11 Like	districting map will be a step forward in helping to assure that all Montana voices can be heard. It will least allow our Congress women and men to consider only their partisan constituents' desires. This map better represents our Treasure State values and American ideals.	PJ McNeal	pjmcneal@blackfoot.net	Superior	Montana
CP11 Like	Like that it doesn't split Gallatin County and keeps it combined with Park County. Doesn't split Bozeman growth area when it is focused on western issues. Keeps Big Sky (which is partly in Madison, partly in Gallatin) in one district. Not too excited about splitting Flathead County, but Whitefish and Kalispell are entirely different communities.	Charity Fechter-Shirley	squashflyer@3rivers.net	Ennis	mt
CP11 Like	new district that gives each party a chance. We have such an extreme lone voice in the house now, it would be nice to have a chance to elect a more moderate problem solver, be them Democrat or Republican.	Nancy Metcalf Loeza	nancyloeza@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Like	This map appears to be fair. It seems to consider important issues such as those who commute to work, rural issues, etc.	Quenemoen Joni	jmquen@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	concerns.	Lucy Morell-Gengler	IMPORTANTMAIL@BRESNAN.NET	HELENA	Montana
CP11 Like	No map is perfect, but this seems like the better option to me. It is more fair than the others, and will do a better job of making sure that the concerns of all Montanans are considered by politicians by creating a district where both major parties have a chance.	Katie Renwick	katie.renwick@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	This map strikes a fair, competitive balance that is Montana!	Marcus H Smith	marcushsmith@yahoo.com	Belgrade	MT
CP11 Like	Competition in Elections is one of the most important factors in tying communities together and moderating civic behavior. This map does a better job of that.	Carrie Jones	carrie@cjones.org	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	I believe this map will give everyone the most fair chance at election. It balances the yin and yang of this great state appropriately.	Ada Montague	ada.montague@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	give the new representative to the next state in line in hopes that someone there makes decisions based on common sense instead of gerrymandering guiding a commission which is supposed to protect the people not a political party. Use the mountains for the divider and get on with it.	Liane Johnson	lsjohn58@pm.me	Cut Bank	MT
CP11 Like	Livingston together, sharing interests and a somewhat more liberal point of view than the eastern parts of the state. The large agricultural areas of the the state are included in district 1. No cities are cut in half.	Anne Banks	anban@bresnan.net	Bpzeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map would likely send two Republicans to the House of Representatives, whereas CP-10 would guarantee it. CP-11 contains a better balance.	Patrick Berryhill	berryhill_2000@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	MT
CP11 Like	This map does not split up Gallatin County and does not represent the egregious gerrymandering as does the other proposal.	James Ray	heyheyjray@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	conservative, and would therefore enable the elected congressperson of each district to more-wholly represent the values of their respective constituents. Is this not the foundation of our representative democracy?	David Buckingham	david.tw.buckingham@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	also.	Roger Breeding	rog7nor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Of the two choices, this map is clearly superior in that communities of shared interest, i.e. Bozeman, Livingston, Helena, and Missoula are kept together. No large population centers are cut in two. It best reflects the actual population distribution of the state.	Noreen Breeding	rog7nor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map is by far the best option, splitting up counties is never a perfect solution, however I agree that splitting up Flathead county in that manner allows both areas to be represented more appropriately. Splitting up Gallatin County and including Bozeman in the East absolutely makes no sense and is a prime example of blatant gerrymandering	Jennifer Ray	jenray1979@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	Map provides equal distribution of population	Sally Speer	sbbqsauc@msn.com	Helena	MT

CP11	Like	I meant Pondera County, not Teton County, in my previous comment!	Larry Smith	uptownlarry.smith@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP11	Like	I think this map is the best of an imperfect situation. While dicing up Flathead County is a problem, it's either Flathead or Gallatin, given the situation. The inclusion of L&C and Gallatin in the west and Teton in the east makes way more sense than the alternative.	Larry Smith	uptownlarry.smith@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP11	Like	This map represents the people of Montana. It keeps communities together, and gives each party a chance of whining an election.	Richard Haas	R.brian.haas@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11	Like	Thank you for the time and effort put into this decision, and I appreciate the opportunity for public comment. My vote is for Map CP11, mainly because I am opposed to splitting up Gallatin County. I've been a Montana resident for almost 30 years, and after living in Bozeman I would also agree that it makes sense to group Park County with Gallatin County.	Teresa Larson-Pohndorf	tracypohndorf@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11	Like	I am a 5th generation Montanan from Missoula. Everyone knows that The Flathead and the Eastern part of the state are more ideologically aligned, as are Missoula, Helena and Bozeman. CP11 represents this perfectly.	Jason Printz	j_printz@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP11	Dislike	This map does not represent a equal split of the state it only gerrymanders a district to favor one party. This is an outright attempt to make sure all the more liberal areas are in one district. If you only take into account make a distribution more competitive and throw out the rest of the rules then this is that map. Other maps not used are better than this one.	Frank Curry	moosedog200@gmail.com	WHITEFISH	MT
CP11	Like	Thank you for your hard work. I see how this map keeps counties and similar communities together (Helena/Bozeman/Missoula). I notice that Great Falls and Billings, two larger population centers, are grouped together in District 2--makes the districts competitive. The populations are as close as they can get. This map gives District 1 a shot, a voice--without favoring--making it competitive. Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.	Marlene Hutchins	artdogz@msn.com	Missoula	MT
CP11	Like	while still problematic in dividing counties this map more accurately describes MT and seems the. most bi[artisan which is the goal.	Barbara L Aas	KENNABBD@GMAIL.COM	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Like	while still problematic in dividing counties this map more accurately describes MT and seems the. most bi[artisan which is the goal.	Barbara L Aas	KENNABBD@GMAIL.COM	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Like	the rural and urban parts of our state. Both of those value systems are important. For the good of our democracy, those differences need to be given relatively equivalent footing during elections	Eric Grove	egrove61@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11	Like	This map seems the most reasonable in keeping counties together, and keeping similar communities together (BZN/Missoula University communities, and rural communities). It also puts Great Falls and Billings together which are two larger population centers.	Chris Catlett	ckcatlett@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Like	No map will be perfect, but considering these boundaries will be set for the next 10 years I think it's the best choice for Montana. One district has Bozeman/Missoula, and the other has Billings/Kalispell. Both these areas have similar interests and culture, and having a representative from each would balance Montana well in Congress.	Clint Whittle-Frazier	clint.whittle@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Although this map does split Flathead County, it is less egregious than the alternative map that splits Gallatin county to create two Republican districts. It will create a competitive district (which Republicans would still be favored to win). A competitive district serves the interests of moderates/independents. The alternative is a situation where the election is really decided in the primary where usually whoever is furthest to the right wins. I support this map. It provides fair representation to moderates and provides a real chance for either party to win as well. Unfortunately it seems that something has to be split either way, and it makes much more sense to keep Missoula and Bozeman together than to separate them.	Jason Krumbeck	dptjason@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I believe this is the better map. I agree with others that splitting Gallatin Valley/County splits common interests (especially as my address is just barely inside of the eastern district which I find distressing). The split in the Flathead area seems more sensible as described by other commenters. I urge the commission to select this map. Thank you for your hard work.	Elizabeth Bird	ear4birds@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map gives an unfair advantage to the democrats in that both the college towns of Missoula and Bozeman are in the same district. Additionally, I live in Lake County, but in Bigfork along the Swan River. With this map, it separates us from the rest of Bigfork which is in Flathead county. Those in Bigfork in the Swan Lake area are also affected.	Leslie Sill	Leslieannsill@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP11 Like	This map is perfect. It almost guarantees a Democrat candidate remain competitive in the Western district. Based on 2020 Federal election results, this allows the Democrat strongholds of Bozeman, Helena, Missoula, and most importantly Whitefish to monopolize the Western district countering any Republican votes and turning The Great State of Montana purple.	Jay Johnson	jj1852542@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Opinion	Does it really matter that much if the populations of both districts are so close in population? If not, I don't understand the little carve out of Flathead County. How much population is contained in that section? I've been consistent in my opposition to splitting up of counties. Yet the totality of this map is close to how the reorganization should look like.	Clinton Nagel	clint_nagel@yahoo.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	Statistically speaking, this map is closest to the committee's bipartisan objective.	Keith Hanssen	annaandkeith@hotmail.com	Belgrade	Montana

CP11 Like	This map makes more sense to me than the other one. It keeps the areas of the state that most reflect each others interest together. The Eastern half of the state is primary Ag and Industry and can be represented by someone that is looking out for them and the western district is less Ag and industry. Livingston, Gateway, Big Sky and Bozeman are all pretty much the same community and should not be split. From my experience of visiting Columbia Falls and Whitefish every summer, those two communities seem less cohesive.	Aaron Traxinger	traxatmsu@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This map eliminates Kalispell Flathead county which is unfortunate. However it seems to be a realistic effort to include Gallatin, Lewis & Clark and Missoula counties intact. Primarily Helena, Bozeman and Missoula have much more in common in terms of community needs, population growth and resource-development planning. Please select this map!	Paula Marie Yvette Morin	chezpaula@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Opinion	Why isn't there a map that splits the state in a north/south fashion? Wouldn't that make for more competitive districts?	Roger Fischer	rfischer94@gmail.com	Bozeman	MONTANA
CP11 Like	This map has my support. It keeps Gallatin and Park Counties together, both of which have much more in common with the western half of the state. Please choose this map, not CP 10.	Roger Fischer	rfischer94@gmail.com	Bozeman	MONTANA
CP11 Like	This map has my support. It keeps Gallatin and Park Counties together, both of which have much more in common with the western half of the state. Please choose this map, not CP 10.	Roger Fischer	rfischer94@gmail.com	Bozeman	MONTANA
CP11 Like	It's the fairest split, keeps the fastest growing and changing county, Gallatin, together.	Karl Neumann	karl@karlneumannphoto.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	CP11 MAKES THE MOST SENSE FOR ALL OF MONTANA	DAVID L FAUTH	fauth.dave@gmail.com	GREAT FALLS	MT
	and Powder River County is inane.				
	Maps 1, 3, 7 & 5 are much more representative of the industrial and economic differences in this State.				
CP11 Dislike	Both CP -10 and 11 are unrealistic and strive to meet the subjective "competitive" standard. You can certainly do much better than either of these unqualified efforts.	Brad Tschida	brad@tschida.org	Missoula	Montana

		<p>close as the commission will ever get. This map:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keeps Gallatin County whole and keeps Gallatin in a district with Park County, ensuring these two closely tied areas are represented together. -Keeps Bozeman and Missoula, the state's college communities, together, as I have urged in my previous comments. College towns are a unique community of interest. -Ensures tribal representation in both districts. -Creates a cohesive east/west divide, with a mining/forestry/tourism, more urban western district and an agriculture/industry, more rural eastern district. This is how the state has been divided in the past. -Puts most of the agricultural areas of Flathead County as well as Kalispell in the eastern district, which is the most logical and "least bad" option for evening out the population -Keeps Whitefish, which as the commissioners noted is very different from the rest of Flathead County, in with the western district -Most importantly, creates a "fair fight" district. Montana is a 55-45 red state, so one red district and one competitive district makes sense. This map means the western representative will have to be a moderate who listens to all voices. 				
CP11	Like	In conclusion, this is the right map for Montana.	Thomas Cuezze	tcuezze@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11	Dislike	This map tries, but fails in my opinion with the Flathead now part of Eastern Montana? Not a good compromise.	Andrew R. Brekke	arbrekke@bresnan.net	Havre	MT
CP11	Dislike	Shared Canada border: barely; reservations equally distributed: no; terrain and space evenly distributed, barely; main university towns equally represented: no; overall population evenly distributed between the districts, yes; counties divided, no; gerrymandered, somewhat (but better than the monstrosities introduced last week...I appreciate the effort from EVERYONE, but we have to be real). Thank you for giving us this chance to provide input.	Elle Son	Lindsay3979@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP11	Dislike	While I appreciate the Commission's attempts to divide equally, Flathead County is a complete disaster. There needs to be consideration given to the local government being consolidated as much as possible within one district. Splitting Flathead County this way is a very transparent attempt to minimize the collective vote of that County in order to ensure maximum chances for the current Democratic Party.	Steven Eschenbacher	seschenbac@yahoo.com	Polson	MT
CP11	Like	I believe rural areas of Central and Eastern MT should not be in the same district as Bozeman, Missoula and Billings.	TL	tlgk1974@gmail.com	Lewistown	MT
CP11	Like	I think both congressional districts should be as competitive as possible. There should no 'safe' districts in States that have more than a single Representative across the entire country; regardless of party affiliation!	James Peter Koscielniak	james.p.koscielniak@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT

CP2	Dislike	This is such a gerrymander job. No way should this map be considered	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP3	Like	I favor this map as it is a wide spectrum for eastern and western districts. Meaning of course we are a very diverse population spectrum racially, politically. Equality for both political parties so we do not become too polarized as a state as this is unhealthy for all of us.	Mark Greskowiak	greskos@aboutmontana.net	Kalispell	Montana
CP3	Like	This map is my second favorite as it fairly represents ALL Montanans.	Glenn Wehe	glennwehe@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP3	Like	accurate representation of Montanans that does not swing out of the way for either party. It is a shame to see Bozeman be in the east, but considering the population it is either us or Kalispell and one of us is at least somewhat East Montana-like. It is also a shame to split Gallatin County, but county-splitting appears to be a necessity and this looks like our best option as Three Forks and West Yellowstone are at least somewhat independent from Bozeman (Alternatives include removing Vaughn from Great Falls (CP1) or splitting Havre in half (CP5).	Ryan Schaefer	ryanschaefer7777777@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP3	Like	This is about the fairest looking thing going - straight down the middle...no gerrymandering to push minority interests together to try and win seat arbitrarily.	Scott Burke	scott.burke@me.com	Kalispell	MT
CP3	Like	is not a huge difference, and guess what.. populations change. The map needs to make sure that all voices are heard from all walks of life, not one huge democratic group taking over everyone.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP4	Dislike	Most corrupt redistricting of the whole state of Montana. Just need to leave things alone. Gerrymandering at its worst. Leave the Fathead and Lincoln County out of this mess.	Judy C LeDoux	jbassett60@gmail.com	Eureka	Montana
CP4	Dislike	This map is the visual depiction of Democrat gerrymandering. Classic.	Edward L Cope	elcope@ar15.com	Whitefish	MT
CP4	Dislike	Gerrymandering shouldn't be so obvious. There is no way to pretend this map took into account the compactness of the districts.	Bill Freese	iedbf@montana.edu	Belgrade	MT
CP4	Dislike	county.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP5	Like	This looks pretty fairly split down the middle	Scott burke	scott.burke@me.com	Kalispell	mt
CP5	Like	I like this one as well. There is an attempt to make sure things are split more on an even side giving everyone a voice.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP6	Dislike	Looks blatantly gerrymandered to me. By creating distract 1 in such a bizarre shape they were able to put every major liberal population center into, while cutting out any large opposition.	Asher Croy	ashercroy34@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP6	Dislike	No way. This one doesn't try to keep things balanced at all. Funny lines and weird shapes look like a gerrymander	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	Montana
CP7	Dislike	Corners are already very interlinked and becoming increasingly so. That is why splitting the area is a terrible idea.	Ryan Schaefer	ryanschaefer7777777@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP7	Dislike	This map is all fine and dandy until you get to Gallatin County. This line does not look like a good idea, as it splits one of the largest communities of the state in half. There are better ways to draw a north-south line that separate counties in reasonable ways, such as CP5 and CP1.	Ryan Schaefer	ryanschaefer7777777@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP7	Dislike	Not a fan, it doesn't have the look of fairness that the other east/ west maps have.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP8	Opinion	I like this map. Splitting Billings and Yellowstone County should be good for the democrats and humbling for the GOP. Maybe force them to come together more.	Jhevon Joseph Mcmillan	jhevon.mcmillan@umconnect.umt.edu	Missoula	MT
CP8	Dislike	Are you kidding me? The map literally splits the states largest city right in half. This map is clearly designed to give the left a chance to win both distracts in a state that is dominantly red.	Asher Croy	ashercroy34@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP8	Dislike	Absolutely not! Not only does it look ridiculous, the major cities are all together? Has the feel of California in this with no hope of fair representation. Who the heck thought this one up?	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT
CP9	Like	I believe this is the best choice for the state. It allows room for future growth, doesn't divide as many counties as some of the other plans and is a fair balance of the population.	Ron Saunders	Ron.j.saunders@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP9	Like	counties without a deep divide in geography. It also looks like it is best for future growth in the state.	Ron Saunders	Ron.j.saunders@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP9	Dislike	The point of drawing lines is trying to make sure everyone has the chance at a voice. That each district represents as much of the whole of Montana as possible, not one group over another.	Christy Jutila	Irishgirlsewing@gmail.com	Lavina	MT