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MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION DRAFT REGIONAL PLANS

NORTHEAST REGION

Phillips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, and Roosevelt (and revisiting Hill and Blaine) Counties
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Note: Any boundaries in counties that are adjacent to but not included in the Northeast Region that are included in a proposed plan will not be adopted until comment is heard from the persons in those respective counties. The counties will be subject to any ripple effect, however, upon the tentative adoption of region plans.

The plans will be adopted with the caveat that there will need to be minor adjustments as boundaries receive closer scrutiny and additional checks are performed on the adopted plans. Any adopted plan will be subject to change as the Commission moves around the state.

OVERVIEW

This is the second region for which the Commission has prepared draft plans. No plan for the Northcentral Region has been adopted to date. However, the Commission intends to tentatively adopt plans for the Northcentral and Northeast Regions in March. Certain proposed Hill and Blaine County districts from Plan 100 in the Northcentral region required alterations to accommodate population requirements and other mandatory criteria for plans in the Northeast Region and the district descriptions have been revised accordingly. If Northcentral Plan 100 was the desired plan for the Hill and Blaine County districts, then Plan 200 for the Northeast region is the most similar.

There are four plans prepared for this region. Plans 100, 200, and 500 were prepared by Commission staff. Plan 300 was submitted by Commissioner Joe Lamson. There is no Plan 400 for the Northeast Region as Plan 400 for the Northcentral region was most similar to Plans 100 and 200. Plan 500 is a variation on Plan 300 and was developed following Plan 300 from the Northcentral Region.

The proposed district numbers are not consistent between plans, but are consistent within a plan (i.e. Plan 100 or Plan 300) between regions. Once the Commission adopts plans for the Northcentral and Northeast Region, district numbering between plans will be made consistent. The numbering of proposed districts at this time will not affect the eventual senate district pairing, but the physical configurations will.

Plans 300 and 500 use population from Phillips and Valley Counties to complete proposed district 18 from the Northcentral Region. Plan 100 uses additional population in Phillips County to complete the district most similar to House District 92 and assists in keeping Roosevelt County in two districts, specifically keeping Bainville and Culbertson in with the remainder of Roosevelt County. Plan 200 uses the existing HD 92 boundary in Phillips County and requires that approximately 600 plus persons in Bainville and Culbertson be transferred to a district south of the Missouri River.

All plans enhance the American Indian Voting Age percentages in what are current House Districts 92 and 98. For the purposes of this report, the categories of American Indian/Alaska Native and American Indian/Alaska Native and Other Race categories were combined as suggested by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Justice and adopted as part of the Commission's criteria. The American Indian/Alaska Native and Other Race categories did not exceed 2.21% in any district in any plan in the Northeast Region.

For counties included in this region, Daniels and Sheridan Counties are kept intact. All plans split the counties of Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Valley, and Roosevelt. The Rocky Boy's and Fort Belknap Reservations are intact in all plans. Plan 300 also includes all of the Rocky Boy's Reservation trust lands. Plans 300 and 500 contemplate the eventuality of combining the Rocky Boy's and Fort Belknap Reservations proposed house district and a Fort Peck majority-Indian proposed house district into a proposed senate district. Plans 100 and 200 would not accommodate that proposal.

PLAN 100

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
6 (revised)	9,470	4.97	89,90,92
7 (revised)	9,241	2.43	91,92
8 (revised)	9,072	0.55	92, 95
20	9,179	1.74	95,96
23	9,357	3.71	95,96,97
24	9,396	4.15	97,98

Minimum deviation: -4.4%; Maximum deviation: 4.97 Overall deviation: 9.44%

District #	2000 Native American Total Population %	2000 Native American Voting Age Population %	1990 Predominant District	1990 Native American Total Population %	1990 Native American Voting Age Population %
7(revised)	11.11	8.95	91	8.76	6.83
8(revised)	67.13	60.47	92	58.82	52.37
24	69.03	61.24	98	61.11	55.23

Proposed District 6 REVISED (see inset) includes Liberty County and western Hill County south of the Milk River and the Fresno Reservoir, northwest of Highway 87, however it does not include any of the Rocky Boy's Reservation trust land that is west of Highway 87. Within Havre, it includes the area north of the southern (2000) city limits, and west of 5th Ave. and south of 10th St., west of the western city limit boundary that is north of 10th St., it includes south of 14th St., and east of 9th Ave. south of 11th St. It includes the area between county road 802 and Clear Creek southeast of Havre. (If you preferred Havre in the Northcentral version of Plan 100, it is virtually the same as Havre in Plan 200 which has not changed in the Northeast region version; proposed district 6 in Plan 200 differs in that it excludes the area between 8th and the western city limits or the area east of the city limits to 24th Ave.)

Proposed District 7 REVISED (see inset) includes the Hill County portion north of the Milk River and Highway 2. In Havre, it includes the area north of West 2nd St., east of the western (2000) city limits, north of 10th St., the area between 5th and 9th Aves. and north of 14th, north of 11th St. and west of the eastern (2000) city limit boundary. It also includes the area west of 24th Ave. and north of Clear Creek. Proposed district 7 includes northeastern Blaine County, including the Bowes Oil Field and north from between 8 and 10 miles south of Highway 2 and west of the Zurich Road. It includes the town of Chinook. The eastern boundary is the same as current House District 92 north of Highway 2 following the Zurich road to Canada.

Proposed District 8 REVISED (see inset) includes most of current House District 92 combining the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the area south of Havre in Hill County with Blaine County, not including Chinook, the area south of Chinook, and the northwestern corner of Blaine County. The proposed district 8 includes all of the Fort Belknap Reservation in Blaine County and in Phillips County. The Northeastern Region plan includes all of the area in Phillips County west of Highway 191.

Proposed District 20 includes the remainder of Phillips County east of Highway 191, including the city of Malta using its western (2000) city limits as the boundary (see inset). This district includes the western half of Valley County including the towns of Opheim, Glasgow, and Fort Peck. The boundary is Highway 24, except that the Fort Peck Reservation portion that is west of Highway 24 is included in proposed district 23.

Proposed District 23 includes the area in Valley County that is east of Highway 24 and north of the Milk River to Nashua and north of Highway 2 east of Nashua. St. Marie and Nashua are in proposed district 23. The boundary with proposed district 24 is the Porcupine Creek Overflow. The area north of Highway 2 north of Frazer is in proposed district 24. All of Daniels and Sheridan Counties are in proposed district 23. The Roosevelt County portion of proposed district 23 includes everything east of the Fort Peck Reservation boundary, including Bainville and Culbertson, and a portion of northern Roosevelt County approximately 20 to 26 miles north of Hwy 2.

Proposed District 24 includes a portion of Valley County including the area south of Highway 2 east of Nashua, and the Frazer area both sides of Hwy 2 north to north of the Oswego Creek Road. In Roosevelt County it includes the towns of Wolf Point, Poplar, and Brockton and the area 20 to 26 miles north of Hwy 2 and west of the Fort Peck Reservation boundary.

PLAN 200

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
6	9,038	0.18	89,90
7*	8,926	-1.06	91,90
8*	8,891	-1.45	92
20	9,407	4.27	95,96
23	9,096	0.82	95,96,97
24	9,375	3.91	97,98
25	8,874	-1.64	97,99,100

* Population differences from Northcentral Region Plan 200 are due to minor corrections that do not substantially change the district descriptions.

Minimum deviation: -4.48%; Maximum deviation: 4.50%; Overall deviation 8.98%

District #	2000 Native American Total Population %	2000 Native American Voting Age Population %	1990 Predominant District	1990 Native American Total Population %	1990 Native American Voting Age Population %
7*	11.19	8.84	91	8.76	6.83
8*	67.75	60.71	92	58.82	52.37
24	69.13	61.35	98	61.11	55.23

* Population differences from Northcentral Region Plan 200 are due to minor corrections that do not substantially change the district descriptions.

Proposed District 6 includes all of Liberty County and western Hill County south of the Milk River and the Fresno Reservoir, south of Havre, it includes the area northwest of Highway 87, however it does not include any of the Rocky's Boy Reservation trust land that is west of Highway 87. (Not all reservation trust lands are included, but population will permit that amendment.) Within Havre, it includes the area north of the southern (2000) city limits and west of 5th Ave. and south of 10th St., west of 9th Ave. and south of 14th Ave., south of 16th Ave., east of 12th St. and the area between county road 802 and Clear Creek southeast of Havre. (This proposed district is virtually the same as Northcentral Plan 100 for proposed district 6 except it includes the area between 8th and the western city limits and the area east of the city limits to 24th. This differs from the Northeast Plan 100 proposed district 6.)

Proposed District 7 includes a portion of Hill County north of the Milk River and Highway 2. In Havre, it includes the area west of Havre that is north of West 2nd St. and is east of the (2000) city limits north of 10th St., east of 5th Ave. and north of 14th St., east of 9th Ave. and north of 16th St. following the (2000) city limits to County Road 440 north to Highway 2. Proposed district 7 includes northeastern Blaine County, north of Highway 2, but including the (2000) city limits of Chinook. The eastern boundary is the same as current House District 92 following the Zurich road to Canada.

Proposed District 8 is the same as current House District 92 combining the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the area south of Havre in Hill County with Blaine County, not including Chinook and the northwestern corner of Blaine County. Proposed district 8 includes all of the Fort Belknap Reservation in Blaine County and in Phillips County. It is within the population variance and enhances the American Indian voting age population percentages.

Proposed District 20 includes the remainder of Phillips County and the western half of Valley County west of Highway 24. It includes Opheim and Glasgow. The boundary with proposed district 23 is the eastern city limits of Glasgow and north of the Milk River. The boundary south of the Milk River is Highway 24.

Proposed District 23 includes eastern Valley County east of Highway 24 including St. Marie, Nashua, and Fort Peck. It includes all of Daniels and Sheridan Counties, Roosevelt County east of the Fort Peck Reservation and north of Highway 2, and including the area of northern Roosevelt County approximately 20 to 26 miles north of Highway 2 west of the Fort Peck Reservation eastern boundary, not including Culbertson or Bainville.

Proposed District 24 includes a portion of Valley County including the Frazer area both sides of Hwy 2 north to north of the Oswego Creek Road. In Roosevelt County it includes the towns of Wolf Point, Poplar, and Brockton and the area 20 to 26 miles north of Hwy 2 and west of the Fort Peck Reservation boundary.

Proposed District 25 includes the area east of the Fort Peck Reservation that is south of Highway 2, including Culbertson and Bainville. This area is joined with portions of Richland County south of the Missouri River, including Sidney.

PLAN 300

District #	2000 Total Population	Percentage Deviation from Ideal Population	1990 District(s)
15	8,614	-4.52	90,91
16*	8,640	-4.23	91,92,90
17*	9,540	4.74	95,96
18	9,151	1.43	92,95
21	8,619	-4.47	96,97
22	9,090	0.75	96,98

* Population differences from Northcentral Region Plan 300 are due to minor corrections or completion of an incomplete district that do not substantially change the district descriptions.

Minimum deviation: -4.70%; Maximum deviation: 4.74%; Overall deviation: 9.44%

District #	2000 Native American Total Population Percentage	2000 Native American Voting Age Population %	1990 Predominant District	1990 Native American Total Population %	1990 Native American Voting Age Population %
16	13.18	10.83	91	8.76	6.83
18	61.82	54.47	92	58.82	52.37
22	68.11	59.99	98	61.11	55.23

Proposed District 15 includes western Hill County south of the Milk River and the Fresno Reservoir, north of Highway 87, however it does not include any of the Rocky's Boy Reservation or trust lands that are west of Highway 87. Within Havre, it includes the area north of the (2000) city limits and west of 8th Ave. north to 18th St., west of 7th Ave. north to 13th St., west of 6th Ave. and north of 6th St., west of 10th Ave. north to 1st St. and west of 7th Ave. north to the Milk River. (Same as Northcentral Plan 300).

Proposed District 16 (slightly revised) includes the Hill County portion north of the Milk River and Highway 2. In Havre, its western boundary includes the area east of 8th Ave. and north of 18th St.,

east of 7th Ave. north to 13th St., east of 6th Ave. and south of 6th St., east of 10th Ave., north of 1st St. and east of 7th Ave. north to the Milk River. It includes the area between Clear Creek and Bullhook Creek southeast of Havre. The only change from the Northcentral Region Plan 300 proposed district 16 is that it includes the area west of 24th Ave. **north of county road 451** to Highway 2. Proposed District 16 includes northern Blaine County, north of Highway 2, but including the city limits of Chinook and Harlem. Where the Milk River intersects Highway 2, the boundary follows the Milk River east to the county line corresponding to the northeastern boundary of the Fort Belknap Reservation.

Proposed District 17 includes northern Phillips County using the Dodson South Canal and Highway 363 as the boundary south of Malta and then east of Malta using Highway 2 briefly and then the BN/SF railroad tracks until it intersects Old Highway 2 and then U.S. Highway 2 to the Phillips County line. It includes Dodson, Malta, and Saco. It includes Valley County north of Highway 2 until west of Glasgow, including Hinsdale. The boundary follows the Cherry Creek Overflow to the Glasgow city limits and then the Milk River to west and north of Nashua. Glasgow is in proposed district 17, Nashua is in proposed district 22. East of Nashua, the district includes north of Highway 2 to the Valley County line.

Proposed District 18 in Hill County includes the Rocky Boy's Reservation, the area north of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and east of Highway 87, the area south of Havre city limits and Bullhook Creek, the area south of county road 451, and the area south of Highway 2 east of Havre. It includes the area south of Highway 2 in Blaine County, including all of the Fort Belknap Reservation, not including Chinook or Harlem. It also includes southern Phillips County using the Dodson South Canal and Highway 363 as the boundary south of Malta and then east of Malta using Highway 2 briefly and then the BN/SF railroad tracks until it intersects Old Highway 2 and then U.S. Highway 2 to the Phillips County line. It includes southwestern Valley County south of Highway 2 and the Milk River east of Glasgow, including the town of Fort Peck. This district does not contain Nashua or Frazer or the area east of the Fort Peck Reservation boundary south of Highway 2.

Proposed District 21 includes Daniels, Sheridan, and part of Roosevelt Counties. Roosevelt County portion includes the most of the area north of Highway 2, excluding Wolf Point city limits and some additional area immediately west of Wolf Point, Poplar and an area approximately 6 miles north of Highway 2 around Poplar. This district contains Bainville and Culbertson

Proposed District 22 includes Nashua, Frazer, Oswego, and the area south of Highway 2 in Valley County. This district includes Wolf Point and a small portion west outside of the Wolf Point city limits, Poplar and an area approximately 6 miles north of Highway 2 from 6 miles west of Poplar to 16 miles east of Poplar, Brockton and the area south of Highway 2 in Roosevelt County to the eastern Fort Peck Reservation boundary.

PLAN 500

District #	2000 Total Population	Percentage Deviation from Ideal Population	1990 District(s)
15	8,614	-4.52	90,91
16	8,611	-4.56	91,92,90
17	9,314	3.24	95,96
18	9,165	1.59	92, 95
21	8,588	-4.81	96,97
22	9,272	2.77	96,98

Minimum deviation: -4.81%; Maximum deviation: 4.59%; Overall deviation: 9.40%

District #	2000 Native American Total Population Percentage	2000 Native American Voting Age Population %	1990 Predominant District	1990 Native American Total Population %	1990 Native American Voting Age Population %
16	13.23	10.87	91	8.76	6.83
18	62.04	54.87	92	58.82	52.37
22	67.01	59.22	98	61.11	55.23

Proposed District 15 includes western Hill County south of the Milk River and the Fresno Reservoir, north of Highway 87, however it does not include any of the Rocky's Boy Reservation or trust lands that are west of Highway 87. Within Havre, it includes the area north of the (2000) city limits and west of 8th Ave. north to 18th St., west of 7th Ave. north to 13th St., west of 6th Ave. and north of 6th St., west of 10th Ave. north to 1st St. and west of 7th Ave. north to the Milk River. (Same as Northcentral and Northeast Plan 300)

Proposed District 16 includes the Hill County portion north of the Milk River and Highway 2. In Havre, its western boundary includes the area east of 8th Ave. and north of 18th St., east of 7th Ave. north to 13th St., east of 6th Ave. and south of 6th St., east of 10th Ave., north of 1st St. and east of 7th Ave. north to the Milk River. It includes the area between Clear Creek and Bullhook Creek southeast of Havre, and the area west of 24th Ave. and north of the county road 440 to Highway 2. Proposed District 16 includes northern Blaine County, north of Highway 2, but including the city limits of Chinook and Harlem. Where the Milk River intersects Highway 2, the boundary follows the Milk River east to the county line corresponding to the northeastern boundary of the Fort Belknap

Reservation. (same as Northcentral Plan 300- differs only in area directly east of Havre from Northeast Plan 300)

Proposed District 17 includes northern Phillips County using Highway 2 as the boundary west of and including all of the city limits of Malta. East of Malta, the Old Highway 2 is used as a boundary until it rejoins US Highway 2. It includes Dodson, Malta, and Saco. It includes Valley County north of Highway 2 until west of Glasgow, including Hinsdale. The boundary follows the western Glasgow city limits and then the Milk River to the eastern boundary of Nashua. Glasgow, St. Marie, and Opheim are in proposed district 17, Nashua and Fort Peck are in proposed district 22. East of Nashua, the district includes north of Highway 2 to the Valley County line.

Proposed District 18 in Hill County includes the Rocky Boy's Reservation, the area north of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and east of Highway 87, the area south of Havre city limits and Bullhook Creek, the area south of county road 440, and the area south of Highway 2 east of Havre. It includes the area south of Highway 2 in Blaine County, including all of the Fort Belknap Reservation, not including Chinook or Harlem. It also includes southern Phillips County, south of Highway 2 and the Malta city limits. It includes southwestern Valley County south of Highway 2 and the Milk River east of Glasgow, not including the town of Fort Peck.

The boundary follows the western Glasgow city limits and then the Milk River to Highway 24 which it follows south of the town of Fort Peck to the county line.

Proposed District 21 includes Daniels, Sheridan, and part of Roosevelt Counties. The Roosevelt County portion includes the most of the area north of Highway 2, excluding Wolf Point city limits, Poplar and an area approximately 6 miles north of Highway 2 around Poplar. This district contains Bainville and Culbertson.

Proposed District 22 includes Fort Peck, Nashua, Frazer, Oswego, and the area south of Highway 2 in Valley County. This district includes Wolf Point and a small portion west outside of the Wolf Point city limits, Poplar and an area approximately 6 miles north of Highway 2 from 6 miles west of Poplar to 16 miles east of Poplar, Brockton, and the area south of Highway 2 in Roosevelt County to the eastern Fort Peck Reservation boundary.

NORTHCENTRAL REGION AND NORTHEAST REGION PLAN COMPARISON CHART

Northcentral Plans	Corresponding Northeast Plan(s)	Any Northeast proposed district differences from Northcentral Plan
100 (200, 400)	100 (revised) 200	Proposed districts 5, 6, 7 revised No changes in 5, 6, 7
200 (100, 400)	100 200	Proposed districts 5, 6, 7 revised No changes in 5, 6, 7
300	300 500	Only slight changes/corrections
400 (200, 400)	100 200	Proposed districts 5, 6, 7 revised No changes in 5, 6, 7
none	500	

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