

Subject: Public Comment: Redistricting the North State

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Conversation: Public Comment: Redistricting the North State

From: Mason McCoy

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Commissioners:

I am a resident, property owner, and registered voter of Siskiyou County.

The purpose of representative districts is to allow the people of a community to have their voices heard. Siskiyou County, with a population of 45,000, and being in a state where the majority (including legislators) think northern California is the Sacramento / San Francisco bay area, we are already on the short end of the "representative stick". Please do not make it worse by grouping with us with communities that do not share our rural economic and cultural interest.

The economic base for Siskiyou County is agriculture/ranching, timber, and mining. We share these economic interest with Shasta, Tehema, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter Counties and we are linked together by the I-5 corridor. The timber and mining industries in Siskiyou County have already been destroyed, largely to the efforts of environmentalists from the coastal region. We are now fighting for our water rights and to keep the dams on the Klamath River. If we lose this battle, our agriculture/ranching will be destroyed. Our very survival may depend on where you draw the lines.

I ask you to consider a district similar to the 1990 district drawn by independent judges, I feel this would best represent the residents of Siskiyou County.

Thank you,

Mason McCoy