

**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

**From:** Marcia Armstrong <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 01:33:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Marcia Armstrong <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Proposed district lines

**Message Body:**

I was shocked to see the proposed redistricting maps drawn for Siskiyou County in regards to Assembly, State Senate and Congressional representation. The new lines split my Supervisorial district in two. Half get Nielson, LaMalfa and Herger and the other half gets Chesbro, Evans and Thompson. There are only about 9,000 people in my whole district. You have split off about 2/3 of them from the rest of Siskiyou County and put them in "no man's land" with coastal representation.

This will split school, fire and special districts as well, fragmenting voting precincts and costing a lot of money in new ballot printing costs. This is a significant burden on a small low income area such as ours.

The Redistricting Commission should have also consulted road maps for the area. Although there are a handful of roads from our area to the coast, all are winding mountainous roads - some impassable in winter snows. The nearest field office for coastal representatives would be in Eureka. Taking the I-5 over through Weaverville, this is a 5 1/2 hour trip. This should be compared to the straight shot down I-5 to the Redding field offices of our current representatives - a 2 hour trip.

Economically, our area has very little in common with coastal communities. We farm, log and mine. They have other industries, notably fishing communities. Their representatives have supported the closure of our suction dredge mining industry, a prohibition on logging, the removal of our dams and the redirection of our irrigation water to benefit salmon.

As an impoverished rural area, the proposed redistricting violates tenets of environmental and social justice by undermining the fair representation of my area's interests - in fact relegating them to representatives often hostile to their economic interests.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

**From:** "Donald O'Brien" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 02:59:29 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Donald O'Brien <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Scott Valley

Message Body:

Over the last 20 years, political and enviromental activists have mounted an attack on the lifestyles and industries of Siskiyou county. Our logging, mining and ranching/farming have been all but wiped out, mostly by interests from the coastal areas of Humbolt and Del Norte counties. Now your redistricting map puts Scott Valley (Etna, Ft. Jones, Callahan) into the North coast district, effectivly cutting off our representation. I can take a court ruling against us as long as we have someone representing our interests but I feel that this decision makes that impossible. Please reconsider! Thank you, Don O'Brien

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

**From:** Amy Friend <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 14 Jun 2011 20:26:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Amy Friend <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Western Siskiyou County

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I grew up in Western Siskiyou County and plan to move back to the area, even though I'm not living there today. It is not a good division to separate the two parts of Siskiyou and to lump western Siskiyou County in with the coastal region. It is a much longer timewise drive to get to the coast for all meetings, representation, etc, than to get to Redding. Siskiyou is a relatively poor county and the additional costs to the county with splitting up districts will be hard on their budget and over all, Siskiyou is very united in life style, economy, and issues - please reconsider this issue in your next draft.

Sincerely,  
Amy Friend

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**Subject:** Comments re Draft 1 of Maps - Opposition to Split of Siskiyou County

**From:** Colleen Setzer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 14 Jun 2011 10:43:27 -0700

**To:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** Colleen Setzer <[REDACTED]>

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the first draft of maps of the proposed Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts for California.

As the elected County Clerk/Ex-Officio Registrar of Voters of Siskiyou County, I am in opposition to the proposed split of Siskiyou County into separate Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts, as I believe that the several communities of interest in the county would be adversely affected. Your commission's proposal for Siskiyou County will result in splits of Supervisorial Districts 5 including the incorporated cities of Fort Jones and Etna, Supervisorial District 3, Siskiyou County Board of Education Areas 3, 6, and 7, Siskiyou Community College District Areas 3 and 7, Yreka Union High School District Areas 3 and 7, Siskiyou Union High School District, Scott Valley Unified School District Area 1 and 2, Hornbrook Elementary School District, Gazelle Elementary School District, Scott Valley Fire Protection District and Gazelle Fire Protection District.

The proposal in its present form will result in several areas of Siskiyou County being split/separated from common social and economic interests including shared living standards, shared public transportation and shared access to the same media of communication relevant to election processes. In addition, it is my personal belief that by splitting Siskiyou County, effective Federal and State representation will be diluted.

For the above reasons, I ask you to keep Siskiyou County whole in your redistricting processes.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Colleen Setzer, County Clerk**

**Siskiyou County**

**[REDACTED] Yreka, CA 96097**

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- Mark Twain

**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

**From:** Anna L Marsh <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 00:41:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Anna L Marsh <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Siskiyou County Split

Message Body:

I totally support the split of Siskiyou County.

Anna L. Marsh

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