

Subject: redistricting

From: "Peggy Goshgarian" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/25/2011 2:27 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern,

I have just received information saying that Western Siskiyou County is no longer in the same district as the rest of our county and there is a plan to include my home in with a district from the coast.

Please do not do this. I live 20 miles from Happy Camp and I have more in common with other Siskiyou County towns than I would with the coastal communities. We do not share the same geography, culture, interests, jobs,

Thanks for listening,

Peggy Gshgarian

Subject: Siskiyou Co. Voting Dist Changes

From: "Edward Prather" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/25/2011 7:48 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To: The Commission

From: Edward M. Prather
Resident-Seiad Valley CA 96086

Reconsider your decision to move our District, SCOTT VALLEY & HAPPY CAMP TO COASTAL AREA,. It is 150 Miles over rough terrain, to the Coastal Area. NO ONE FROM HERE GOES OVER THE POOR ROADS TO THE COAST except for recreation and overnight stays.

Our shopping, social and political interaction area is to the EAST which includes YREKA AND THE I-5 CORRIDOR.

To include us in the coastal area is to deny us any interaction with our Representatives. Please make a trip up here to understand how rugged an area this is and that this portion of Siskiyou County is closely connected to Yreka and to the east.

Respectfully

Edward M. Prather
[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting of Siskiyou County

From: Cliff & Maryann Munson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/25/2011 1:31 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Committee, The proposed splitting of Siskiyou County will create many hardships on the citizens, the county government and the budget. Not only will the citizens of Scott Valley have to travel 8 hours or more to get to a meeting to ask for representation, the county will have double election costs and double administration costs by making two districts in our county. Furthermore, This area is a rural agricultural community similar to Shasta Valley to the East, Butte Valley even farther East, Modoc County even farther east, Shasta County to the South and so on. I realize our state is billions of dollars in debt and this is an opportunity to correct a little bit of that stupidity. Leave all of Siskiyou County in the same district it has always been in. Do the right thing.

Cliff & Maryann Munson
Kohlcreek & Kaaekrest Angus
[REDACTED]

"Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both" ~ Benjamin Franklin

Subject: Incorrect information of Citizens redistricting Commission!

From: Dean Harris <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/25/2011 12:56 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Fri, June 24, 2011 1:03:27 PM

Subject: Commission has incorrect information on Siskiyou County

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I would like to know if this is true?

And also that it is to inconvient for the commission to take the time to come to Siskiyou County and see what a rural community looks like.

Do any of the individuals on this commission know of the finacial difficulties of a county or area is to make living when enviormanlists have done everything they can to shut down forestry, mining, and whatever else they have to complain about?

The enviromentalists complain about a co-ho salmon, which they say has always been here, LIE, the salmon took 3 tries for this fish to take and it is not going to increase because this is not its regular habitat, even the Kuruk Indians admitted that.

I recently heard a telephone interview by Corky Small, news director for KSYC radio in YREKA, of one of your commissioners, Mr. Forbes.

He was asked why there had not been any public hearings conducted in Yreka. His response was, "We did not have any hearings in "Eureka" because of the expense of time and travel for the commission." I hope the rest of the Commissioners know we are "Yreka" and not "Eureka."

If it is too much for the commission to come here then what will it be like for us and our Representatives to travel long distances? It will leave us with little contact thus no "fair or effective representation."

Please tell me how that is "Democracy in Action"? (We live in a Republic not a democracy)

Secondly, he also stated that the commission had not heard much from Siskiyou County. I personally read every letter/email that was sent to the commission. There were 10 letter/emails in April and 41 in May. I find that significant for a county of 44,000.

Thirdly, Mr. Forbes stated that the West Siskiyou County has significant American Native Population, who fish so that is why West Siskiyou was put with the Coastal Communities.

Did the commission look at the census records?

The total American Native population in all of Siskiyou County is only 4% (US Census website), much of which lives in the county seat of Yreka in the Karuk Housing. Fort Jones has 3.2 percent American Natives (US Census Website).

I have no stats for Happy Camp or Siead as they were not listed on the census report. I hope that Mr. Forbes and the rest of the commission will revisit their reasons for putting west Siskiyou County with the Coastal communities based on correct information.

This apparent total disregard for all the facts is both disappointing and appalling.

Subject: Redistricting Siskiyou County, California a3

From: "Harry Lake" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/25/2011 10:49 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, CA 95814
"Fair Representation - Democracy at Work"

I neglected to mention that the Salmon River Watershed Drainage area that is in Siskiyou County, California, and that said area remain in the political district of Siskiyou County, not to be included in the proposed Coastal District.

Please practice your ***motto, "Fair Representation - Democracy at Work"!!!!!!***

The most ***fair*** and socio-economical demarcation of the subject political district for Siskiyou County Citizens is the drainage divide of the Scott River Watershed area and the Salmon River Watershed area in Siskiyou County, between and adjacent to the Trinity River Watershed area in Trinity County, California that is proposed for the Coastal District.

To do otherwise will create an unjust division and hardship of a ***fair representation*** for the Siskiyou County Citizens of California and we Siskiyou County Citizens want relief from this matter, on your ridiculous proposal of redistricting attempts in Siskiyou County.

Respectfully,
Harry L. Lake

[REDACTED]
Montague, CA 96064

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Marellen Baird <marebair@hotmail.com>

Date: 6/25/2011 8:28 PM

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Marellen Baird <marebair@hotmail.com>

Subject: Opposition to proposed draft map

Message Body:

Thank you for allowing me to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting map affecting western Siskiyou County.

For you to truly understand the burden you would be placing on a significant percentage of the citizens of this county, I would request that one or two commissioners come at least to Yreka and from there make the drive to the coast. It is a long, arduous drive, but this is what you would be requiring of those persons to have to do in order to be able to meet face to face with and also to attend meetings with their potential elected officials.

I would also request that these potential elected officials be contacted by you, the commissioners, to find out how many times a year they would be willing to drive to Siskiyou County to meet with their constituents. The road goes in both directions and if all of this is based on the premise of allowing for fair and equal representation, then fair is to know the answer from them.

In the almost ten years I have lived in Siskiyou County, I have attended countless meetings, events, fundraisers and our county fair that our current elected officials have also attended. A recent event we had this winter was attended by Congressman Wally Herger who had to drive through particularly inclement weather to get here, so I would challenge you to ask if the elected representatives from the coast would do the same under identical circumstances.

We are a large county with limited population that needs one voice which our current representatives understand. This would not be the case if you split off western Sisikiyou County and put it with the Coastal Region because our livelihoods, our culture, and our interests are just not the same! By remaining just as it is now will be the only way we can get fair and effective representation.

Respectfully,

Marellen Baird

Montague, Ca

Ranch Owner

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Mr Forbes Interview

From: "Tim Grenvik" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/25/2011 7:29 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "Liz Bowen" <[REDACTED]>

Regarding Mr Forbes interview heard on our local radio station, KSYC, I would dispute his comment that the significant portion of western Siskiyou county is comprised of Native Americans with a rich fishing tradition, thus having ties to coastal influence. While indeed, we do have a Native American population, you forgot to mention the Quartz Valley Tribe, the Shastas, and the Modocs, all of whom are interwoven throughout our population and land base, in particular, central and eastern Siskiyou county. They all have a cultural and historical tie to the Klamath River fishery having migrated in the past to the closest portions of the Klamath River, Shasta River, and their tributaries to harvest salmon during the season. By your logic, you should then include the entire Siskiyou county and the western half of Modoc county.

I cannot DISAGREE more with Mr Forbes' rationalization! The only Native American fishing tradition that takes place in Siskiyou county happens at Ishi Pishi Falls, located across the highway, Highway 96, from Somes Bar, which happens to only be **one mile** inside Siskiyou county from the Humboldt county line!! This is not only a tradition of harvesting salmon, it is a rite of passage into manhood for young Karuks. I'm certain you know very little, if anything, of our rich Native American population, it's quite apparent when you make comments like those above. Again, the only traditional fishing for local Native Americans that takes place in Siskiyou county is on the **western border** with Humboldt county.

I would also repeat the point I made in my first comment to this board two weeks ago that this proposed line location smells "fishy". You have drawn lines that suspiciously reek of environmental concerns and not local concerns. The line you have drawn seems to include all our watersheds that "could", but don't necessarily, support Coho salmon, a federally listed endangered species. I can only draw one conclusion, and that would be you're being influenced more by coastal environmental concerns/issues rather than the "real life" concerns/issues of those of us who live in western Siskiyou county.

We have **NOTHING IN COMMON** with those who live in the coastal region and please don't insult me by suggesting your reasoning for the proposed line location is because of the rich cultural fishing traditional of our Native Americans in western Siskiyou county! It's quite apparent you know very little of our Native American population and their history or culture.

I would also point out that having been raised in Yreka, we have often been confused with Eureka. I have often had to remind folks - I live in YREKA, not EUREKA - we're the town located 4.5 hours inland from the coast!! Please use a map the next time you make any reference to a geographical location inside Siskiyou county.

Tim Grenvik
Western Siskiyou County Resident

Subject: Redistricting

From: Norm & Pam Malmberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 10:23 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I am writing to challenge your decision to place The Scott Valley & Happy Camp from Siskiyou County into the Coastal District. And I cannot help but believe that you have confused Yreka (Siskiyou County Seat) with Ureka on the Coast. You are proposing to take an island of territory out of the center of Siskiyou County to move it to the Coast. Do you realize that we are 5 hours driving time from the Coast? Your actions make absolutely no sense.

Norman R. Malmberg
Captain, USN (Ret.) (30 years)
dba NORM MALMBERG
Ranch & Land Broker (36 years)

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Being that the 2010 U.S. Census demographic information for Native American occupancy in Siskiyou County is difficult for me to find, the 2000 U.S. Census demographic information by the Area-Codes .com for the Yreka, Siskiyou County area was used to evaluate Native American occupancy in Siskiyou County to ascertain the following conclusions:

Area-Codes.com for Yreka, Siskiyou County, California population is 45472 and the Native American population in all of Siskiyou County is 1,737, establishing the said Native American population at 3.82%, which is not a very significant ratio for all of the Siskiyou County population.

The Scott River Watershed Drainage area is a much lesser population ratio, with a Native American population of 230, a 0.51% of Siskiyou County representation in the western proposed partitioning of said Siskiyou County by the CRC.

The California Karuk Tribe have a historical fishing right to take anadromous fish out of the Klamath River locate at Ishi Pishi Falls near Somes Bar, California, about 0.1 of a mile upstream from the Siskiyou County - Humboldt County Line.

Said Ishi Pishi Falls locate is the only dominant area of influence legally for the Siskiyou County Native American People (Exclusive only to Karuk Tribal Members) that have a common fisheries association with the coastal Tribes.

The Ishi Pishi fisheries area of dominant influence is less than a 0.5 mile radius, which is not a very significant ratio to the area of Siskiyou County!

The communities population of 383, a 0.85% of Siskiyou County representation in the western proposed partition of said County by the CRC is within a 30 mile radius of Ishi Pishi Falls, which is not very significant at all in ratio to the Siskiyou County population.

The communities of Yreka in Shasta Valley and Fort Jones in Scott Valley have a common farming and ranching lifestyle with ancillary services within a twenty minute drive to each other.

There is no common lifestyle and or services that benefit the Scotty Valley people between any of the coastal communities that are nearer than a three or four hour drive with many road closures in the winter months.

Please CRC do not create anymore hardships for the Scott Valley communities, they have to many now. I reiterate, the Scott Valley socioeconomic welfare patterns do not have any beneficial requirements by being handicapped with a political association with the coastal communities!

I therefore say, that the CRC do due diligence as stewards of we citizens and correct there proposed demarcation boundary to the following geographic location that I do reiterate by my previous correspondence with the CRC:

Please practice your **motto**, "**Fair Representation - Democracy at Work**"!!!!!!

The most **fair** and socio-economical demarcation of the subject political district for Siskiyou County Citizens is the drainage divide of the Scott River Watershed area and the Salmon River Watershed area in Siskiyou County, between and adjacent to the Trinity River Watershed area in Trinity County, California that is proposed for the Coastal District.

To do otherwise will create an unjust division and hardship of a **fair representation** for the Siskiyou County Citizens of California and we Siskiyou County Citizens want relief from this matter, on your ridiculous proposal of redistricting attempts in Siskiyou County.

Respectfully,

Harold L. Lake
[REDACTED]

Montague, CA 96064

Subject: Redistricting

From: Lynne <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 6:58 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed division of Siskiyou County into separate Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts. Siskiyou County is a rural, agriculture based county. We live in Scott Valley, which contains Etna, Fort Jones, Greenview, and Callahan, all of which would be split off to become part of the coastal region.

We have no commonalities with the coastal region, no mutual interests, no shared history, nor economic basis. We would have to drive approximately four to five hours to deal with state and federal business, which would be a major expense as well as inconvenience. As it is now, we drive half an hour to Yreka.

We can see no possible good purpose nor outcome in the proposed division of our county. It would be inefficient, would result in the loss of representation because of the distances involved, and would incur division of present Supervisorial districts resulting in substantial additional expenses to the county.

This proposal is ill-conceived and should be dropped. Siskiyou County needs to remain intact in any redistricting.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike and Lynne Bryan
Etna, California

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Lorrie Bundy <

Date: 6/26/2011 9:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lorrie Bundy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of my county

Message Body:

I am a voting resident of Callahan in western Siskiyou County and I OPPOSE the 1st draft redistricting boundaries that splits Siskiyou County. The communities of Scott Valley (Fort Jones, Etna, Greenview, Quartz Valley, Callahan) share common social and economic interests with eastern Siskiyou County and the rest of the MTCAP.

Scott Valley is a ranching community with a long history of partnering with Shasta Valley (Yreka) and Tulelake (eastern Siskiyou County) communities on social and economic issues, specifically natural resource issues related to water resources.

We DO NOT travel to the coast for shopping and culture as others have claimed. Coastal services are 4.5 hours away. I lived and worked in Humboldt County for several years and have only returned a few times in the 15 years since I moved away. There is nothing social, economic, or political that my community shares with the coastal communities. We spend our time and money locally, or travel to Redding or Medford, OR for services.

One mission of the CTC is to ensure the fair representation of voters and to improve the proximity of citizens and the legislators who represent them. A review of voting records will show that the majority vote in Scott Valley is consistently aligned with the elected officials. Based on this metric, voters in Scott Valley are ALREADY fairly represented. The 1st draft redistricting boundary would significantly reduce the proximity of our representative by replacing the 2 hr drive to Redding with a 4.5 hr drive to Eureka.

Voters in Humboldt County are afraid of being absorbed by urban interests if a southern boundary is used for DELMENDO. They say they are rural agriculture and share our interests. Please listen to voters in Scott Valley who say this is not true. There is no record of any coastal communities partnering with us on shared common interests. In fact, many in the fishing industry have conflicts of interest with the ranching community.

Please do what is best for California (not special interests) and meet the goals of the redistricting committee to ensure fair and effective representation by keeping Scott Valley communities in the MTCAP district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Lodema Oliver <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 3:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lodema Oliver <[REDACTED]>

Subject: proposed redistricting map

Message Body:

As a registered voter of western Siskiyou county your proposal to split us off from the rest of the county makes no sense at all! I'am totally opposed and want to be part of state assembly dist.2, senate dist.4,Fed.congressional dist. 2. Our county seat is Yreka not Eureka !

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Anthony Intiso <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 10:14 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Anthony Intiso <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Illegal procedure

Message Body:

Dear commission members

As legal advisor to the Siskiyou County Water Users Association Inc. I am sending this e-mail with hard copy to follow. This letter is to inform you that your current redistricting map, proposal is in violation of Federal and State Statutes. In cluding but not limited to the boundaries of the Special District NoRTEC, authorized by congress and the State Legislature,(a map included in hard copy).

Further this letter is to inform you, that if the current proposed map and boundaries is adopted. We will file Criminal Misdemeanor charges against each and every member of the Commission for Criminal Neglect. Punishable by fine and or imprisonment. The Commission has blantantly and intentionaly ignored the will of the people.

Respecfully

Anthony Intiso LLB

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Siskiyou County redistricting proposal

From: Heidy Carver <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 8:59 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the proposed split of Siskiyou County into separate Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts. 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. I believe that a county united under the same elected representatives promotes more effective and comprehensive government, public health, and safety. I believe that the proposed split will adversely affect several communities in the county.

There are numerous negative impacts to Siskiyou County due to this proposed split. Siskiyou County supervisors, law enforcement, and citizens have a good relationship with our current representatives: Assemblyman Nielsen, Senator LaMalfa and Congressmen Herger. These elected representatives know our county and our interests are a top priority. Placing us in the coastal districts will greatly reduce our ability to attend key events and meetings on a regular basis due to distance, weather and travel expense. I believe the coastal elected representatives have different law enforcement priorities and critical issues such as agriculture, water rights, dam removal, endangered species, forestering, mining, recreation, and general land use topics are prioritized significantly different in the coastal areas than in Siskiyou County. Siskiyou County already has tremendous budget challenges and has seen a significant decline in the economy and a divided political approach to our problems will be potentially disastrous. Most people I have talked to view this proposed split as a deliberate political ploy to reduce the voice and freedoms of county citizens, especially in the critical areas of land and water use issues.

Again, the purpose of this letter is to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting of Siskiyou County. As resident of Siskiyou County, I feel that this division of assembly, senate and congressional boundaries will adversely impact the economic and social fabric of our county. I am very alarmed by the first draft of maps proposed by the Commission and can see absolutely no benefits to this plan.

Sincerely,

Heidy Carver

Fort Jones, CA

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Lee Bundy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 10:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lee Bundy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting of my county

Message Body:

I am a voter and live in Callahan, CA. I OPPOSE the 1st draft of proposed by the redistricting commission. There is no common sense to splitting Siskiyou County between 2 separate districts. If you look at a map on a table and spreadsheets, it may look okay. But making that boundary is like cutting a kid in half....nobody is gonna win. If you traveled this area, you'd understand. The topography (high mountain ranges and vast wilderness areas) physically separates Scott Valley (Etna, Fort Jones) from the coast. The control for natural resources (water and fish) philosophically and politically separates us. Please don't take away our opportunity for fair and effective representation by forcing us into a unnatural boundary with the DELMENDO.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Unfair split to Siskiyou County

From: Don Mackintosh <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 11:30 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Commission,

The splitting of Siskiyou County is absolutely an awful thing to do. Scott Valley, which is a large part of Siskiyou County, has been broken off from the rest of the county and added to the Coastal District. Our county is tied together in many ways, not just geographically, but we have many common problems and goals. We share shopping and services and the same access roads to Yreka and I-5. We have the same problems with water rights, irrigation districts, power source, agriculture, lumber industry, and county, state and federal government.

The people from Scott Valley shop and do their business in the City of Yreka, the County Seat. The travel between Scott Valley and Yreka is an easy plus or minus 20 minutes and is the direct route. Scott Valley is isolated from the coast by rough unpopulated terrain and driving time over secondary roads is 5 hours. The people who live on the coast have very little in common with people living in Siskiyou county. Our County for years has had very little political representation and this unfair redistricting would make it much worse. Siskiyou county has been under attack from many government entities the last few years and it is absolutely necessary to keep it whole for functioning as one county.

Please do not break up Siskiyou County.

Don Mackintosh
[REDACTED]

Weed, Ca 96094

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: james and marjorie clemons <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 7:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: james and marjorie clemons <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

We are writing in opposition of the proposed splitting of Siskiyou County. We currently live in Fort Jones and feel this division will have an adverse effect on our small community as well as our neighboring towns.

We are a community that share common social and economic interest and have very little in common with coastal communities. Redistricting will have a negative impact on our lifestyles and industries as a whole. Critical issues such as agriculture, water rights, dam removal, forestering, mining, and recreation are topics significantly different in the coastal areas.

Our representatives know their citizens needs and represent those interest to better our communities. We want our district lines to maintain district continuity by keeping our communities and neighborhoods intact as much as possible.

Yreka is our county seat and only a short drive from the valley. Placing us in a coastal district will hinder our citizens ability to attend important events and meetings on a regular basis due to distance, weather, and expense. Traveling to Eureka would take between 4-5 hours...ludicrous!

We ask you to reconsidered your decision and keep Siskiyou County whole in your redistricting process. Maintain the districts as they currently stand.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim and Margie Clemons

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Amber Verry <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Date: 6/26/2011 10:50 AM

To: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

From: Amber Verry <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>
Subject: Against Splitting Siskiyou County

Message Body:

First I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the redistricting of Siskiyou County. I hope you take mine and ALL of the letters that are opposed to the redistricting in mind.

I just had the opportunity to listen to a radio interview done by one of you representatives on our radio station. I find it very offensive that when asked why there had been no meetings in Siskiyou County, you reference Eureka (not Yreka). This tells me that you don't have much knowledge of our area. Also, some of your facts for redistricting are incorrect. Look at the census and it will tell you that the Native American population and fishing is not as prominent as you think.

Again, I hope you read and take into consideration ALL of the letters that have been sent to you. Also, I would hope that in the future, when making decisions for a community, you would visit and hold a meeting in that community. Then maybe when asked, you won't get the name of the County seat wrong. Also, you might actually get to know some of the people that you are representing. Maybe then you will see how close Scott Valley and Shasta Valley are in economics and how very different they are from the coastal communities that you plan to merge.

Thank you,
Amber Verry

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Kevin Hammons <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 7:55 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kevin Hammons <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Opposition to the Division of Siskiyou

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners;

I'm writing to you to oppose the division of Siskiyou County into two districts. I realize that keeping the county whole creates ugly curlicues on your nice flat map. However, the land up here is most definitely not flat. The Coast Ranges create a forbidding barrier between Siskiyou County and Trinity, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties.

Perhaps you can mix and match counties down there where it's flat and people can move around easily; but up here there is one, count it - one - paved road connecting Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties. There is another paved road connecting Siskiyou and Trinity Counties, Highway 3, a 'highway' that is closed in the winter because nobody bothers to plow it! You would be cutting western Siskiyou off from our representatives.

You want proof? Why didn't you come up to Yreka (not "Eureka" by the way)? "Time and distance and cost"? Do you think any 'representative' from Sonoma is going to bother to drive all the way to the back end of his district?

This geographic division has cemented the cultural and economic division as well. The western Siskiyou economy is primarily agricultural with just enough resource economy to make things interesting, just like the rest of Siskiyou. 'Fishing' doesn't even register, sorry Stan Forbes. Commerce from western Siskiyou flows east to the I-5 corridor and then north or south.

Does western Siskiyou have a 'significant Native American population'? Weed has a much more significant African American population, more significant than anywhere north of LA. Are you going to cut out Weed and attach it to LA because of race?

We have a diverse population and would rather you leave us together and leave us alone. I know I'm being caustic in my tone, but we are sick and tired of being a rounding error to the rest of California.

I would appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hammons

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Ken Oliver <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 3:20 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ken Oliver <[REDACTED]>

Subject: proposed redistricting map

Message Body:

As a registered voter and resident of western Siskiyou county I'am totally opposed to your proposed map. Why were no meetings held in the county to get input from the citizens on such a drastic change? Leave us in assembly dist.2, senate dist.4, and fed.congressional dist.2. The coast is several hours away and has no concern for the customs and culture of Siskiyou.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: DONALD HUGO <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 5:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: DONALD HUGO <[REDACTED]>
Subject: redistricting map

Message Body:

Dear Commission Members;

I am a registered voter in Siskiyou County and have lived in Scott Valley for seven years. Scott Valley is largely an agricultural area with logging and mining industries, the latter two which have been pretty much shut down in recent years by the Endangered Species Act and Gov't meddling. This has put Siskiyou County's economy in tailspin.

I strongly oppose your splitting of Siskiyou county in your new redistricting plan. We need political representatives who understand the goals and the aspirations of the people of Siskiyou county as well as representatives who are not located in offices five hours away. If the members of the commission could not come to visit Siskiyou county because of distance and expense i doubt our coastal representatives will either. The present draft does not provide FAIR AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION of the people of Siskiyou county!!! In fact it will dilute our representation.

Not only does the split of Siskiyou County split supervisor's districts making it more difficult to solve local problems and govern the county, it will also add to the expense of elections because two ballots will have to be printed. This is bad for a county that is already financially strapped.

The Commission pointed out that part of the reason for the split was the Native American population in Siskiyou county who fish. May i point out the Native American population of Siskiyou county represents 4% of the total population. Again, this is not FAIR AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION!!

I strongly encourage you not to split Siskiyou County and leave it intact.

Thank you for reading my comment.

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