

**Private**  
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON JOINT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

Attendance

Aislinn Kottwitz	X
Amber	X
McReynolds	X
Blanca Uzeta	X
O'Leary	X
Constance	X
Hass	X
Danny Moore	X
Elizabeth	X
Wilkes	X
Gary Horvath	E
Heather Barry	X
Hunter Barnett	X
Jason Kelly	X
John Buckley	X
Jolie Brawner	X
JulieMarie	X
Shepherd	X
Macklin	X
Kevin Fletcher	X
Lori Schell	X
Martha	X
Coleman	X
Moussa	E
Diawara	E
Paula Espinoza	X
Robin	X
Schepper	X
Samuel	X
Greenidge	X
Simon Tafoya	E
William Leone	X
Carlos Perez	X
Carly Hare	E

Date 07/24/2021  
Time 11:09:36 AM to 01:00:01 PM  
Place Craig  
This Meeting was called to order by Martha Coleman  
This Report was prepared by Julia Jackson

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, \* = Present after roll call

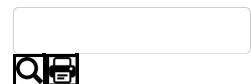
Hearing Items                      Action Taken  
Public Testimony                  Committee Discussion Only

11:10:21 AM  
Chair Coleman introduced the hearing. The commissions presented an informational video on redistricting.

**Public Testimony - Committee Discussion Only**

- 11:27:12 AM Shannon Lukens, representing self, testified. She spoke about Moffat County and noted distinctions between Moffat and Routt Counties. She suggested that Moffat has more in common with Rio Blanco and Mesa Counties. She provided a written copy of her testimony (Attachment A).
- 11:34:51 AM Jayne Morley, representing self, testified. She discussed policy decisions made in Moffat County and suggested her area has less in common with Routt County than other nearby communities.
- 11:37:57 AM Ray Beck, representing self, testified. He stated that the preliminary maps would pit counties against each other in the proposed state house district. He responded to questions from commissioners about adding portions of Mesa County to the northwestern counties, about the distinctions between Routt and Moffat Counties, about judicial districts in the region, and about splitting Routt County in state legislative districts.



11:39:34 AM Jo Stanko, representing self, testified. She described her ranch and the agricultural industry in Routt County. She stated that water issues connect Routt County with Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties. She responded to commissioner questions about the Colorado Water Plan and about interdependencies among Northwest Colorado counties.

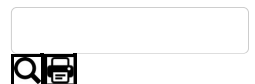
11:59:54 AM T Wright Dickinson, former Moffat County Commissioner representing self, testified. He suggested that the San Luis Valley belongs with the Western Slope in a congressional district. He then discussed the preliminary state legislative maps, stating that Routt County's decision to withdraw from the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado showed its lack of interest in working with the rest of the counties in the area. He responded to commissioner questions about regional governance organizations and about returning the San Luis Valley to the third congressional district. Discussion continued about policy distinctions between the counties.

12:23:17 PM Commissioners continued their discussion with Mr. Dickinson.

12:25:36 PM Jeff Comstock, representing self, testified. He expressed concern with the preliminary house district maps and proposed House District 57, suggesting that the proposed shifting of the maps would skew the policy interests in the district toward resort communities. He discussed social resource mapping (as done by James Kenton Consultants in the region). He responded to questions about biosocial mapping and how it is used to measure social interaction and manage federal land resources. He further responded to questions about the partisan makeup of the proposed House District 57.

12:41:23 PM Glenda Bellio, representing self, testified. She discussed divisions between rural and urban areas. She responded to questions about how to incorporate rural areas into broader representation in legislative bodies, about equal population requirements, and about how people with diverse interests can work together on policy.

01:00:01 PM The committee adjourned.





July 24, 2021

To the Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission:

This is regarding House District 26. The preliminary map has put Moffat, Rio Blanco, and part of Garfield Counties with Routt County.

My name is Shannon Lukens and I am News Director for seven stations mainly across Routt County and Moffat County.

KRAI and 55 Country are the biggest and they reach way up into Wyoming, over into Utah, and south down to Glenwood and down to I-70. That's just FM. The AM station can make it down to Telluride. The news is focused on Craig, Moffat County, and Meeker.

As I mentioned at last night's meeting, Moffat County is proud. There is a group in town that airs all of the sporting events and school events called Moffat County Proud.

There is a division between the two counties. It's something I have never seen before. Not in Highlands Ranch and Douglas County when we lived there 18 years ago. Not in Boulder when I went to college there. Not in Aspen when I worked for KSPN and TV2 in the 80s.

But definitely in Routt and Moffat counties.

Over ten years ago, a few Moffat County hockey players wanted to play on a high school hockey team and the only team was in Steamboat. So they practiced and played with Steamboat for that season. We met them, and one of the dads told us how much Moffat County residents dislike Steamboat Springs. He said he can never cheer for Steamboat, even though his son was playing on the team for that one season. He compromised by standing in the back of the stands and yelled, "Go 'Boat." But he refused to say the word Steamboat.

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Moffat County wants to be represented for their interests and not be lumped in with Routt County and their needs. Moffat County is similar to Rio Blanco, rural Garfield and Mesa Counties. Moffat County is huge on ranching and agriculture, and the coal mines. The Hayden Power Plant is closing by 2025. Tri-State Generation and transmission is closing the coal-fired units at the Craig Station as well.

Then there are the wolves. The social media pages for KRAI get the most comments on the wolf reintroduction. People here are furious on how it was voted on by everyone in the state but it will affect Moffat County the most.

Moffat County and Rio Blanco County need someone who will advocate for what they need, and not what Steamboat needs. They need someone who will find a different income source when the mines close and represent them in the legislature so the Craig community can have a viable future.

Keep the northwest Colorado counties together as communities of interest. They have their own policy needs. Don't incorporate Routt County and Steamboat with Moffat and Craig. Let Routt County stay with Eagle County in House District 26.

Please keep the communities of interest together.

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