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STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING



OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON JOINT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

Attendance

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

Date 07/30/2021  
Time 11:06:03 AM to 02:27:44 PM  
Place Montrose

This Meeting was called to order by Jason Kelly

This Report was prepared by Zach Beaudoin

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

Hearing Items      Action Taken

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The chairs read an introduction to the public.

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Commissioners played the introductory video for redistricting.

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Mr. Tom Howe, representing self, testified. Mr. Howe gave a presentation to the commissioners asking them to focus on the mechanical issues rather than emotional and political.

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Mr. Robert Nicholson, representing self, testified. Mr. Nicholson asked to move the San Luis Valley back into CD 3 based on shared interests.

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Commissioners asked Mr. Nicholson questions about his testimony and knowledge of the area.

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Mrs. Linda Gann, representing self, testified. Mrs. Gann expressed support for the preliminary maps but asked that Montezuma be kept whole with Montrose within the same district.

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Mrs. Gann testified about access to healthcare and expense of healthcare in the economically disadvantaged communities.

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Mr. David Whittlesey, representing self, testified. Mr. Whittlesey testified that he has never had a representative from his county while he's lived in Delta County in his district. Mr. Whittlesey said he'd like more representation as part of the agricultural community.

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Mrs. Cindy Dozier, representing self, testified. Mrs. Dozier would like districts for communities from the Delta, Mesa, and Montrose Counties to bridge the Rural and Urban divide as for competitiveness.

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Mrs. Jen Schumann, representing Mesa County Concerned Citizens, testified. Mrs. Schumann testified that she would like to keep communities of interest together such as those around the Roaring Fork Valley and in Delta and Mesa Counties.

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Phoebe Benziger, representing self, testified. Ms. Benziger testified that she would like Montrose and Montezuma Counties to remain together.

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Ms.Karen Sherman Perez, representing the Hispanic Affairs Project, testified. Ms. Sherman Perez asked that the commission take the Latinx population into consideration and the rural communities that they work within.

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Dr. Tom Mowle, representing self, testified. Dr. Mowle testified that he agrees with keeping the Western Slope together and perhaps adding parts of the Eastern Slope to complete the needed population.

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Joe Dix, representing self, testified. Mr. Dix testified that Gunnison, Eagle, and Pitkin Counties, are communities that are similar and have strong agricultural interests together. He also added that the area is facing water issues.

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Commissioner of Delta County Don Suppes, representing self, testified. Commissioner Suppes said that he would like to remain focus on the water shed and the associated issues in the Congressional Districts. For the House District, he testified that if Delta County is split needs to be well thought out.

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Mr. Dan Chancellor, representing self, testified. Mr. Chancellor testified that federal land management is critical to the area. He said that mountain communities and National Parks should be kept together.

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Ms. Dea Jacobson, representing self, testified. Ms. Jacobson testified that the 3rd congressional district protectd incumbents rather than creates a competitive district. She asked to keep similar communities together.

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Ms. Chris Rourke, representing self, testified. Ms. Rourke testified that Gunnison County is bunched in with ski counties but its watershed issues are different and interests are different.

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Commissioners asked Ms. Rourke questions on her testimony and experience.

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Mr. Spencer Hamner, representing self, testified. Mr. Hamner testified that he likes the proposed maps because they provide more representation to the Western Slope.

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Mr. Harry Pierce, representing self, testified. Mr. Pierce testified that splitting up Delta County harms the interests of the county in terms of education, watersheds, and other services.

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Ms. Laurie Gery, representing self, testified. Ms. Gery testified that Gunnison County is facing a strain on resources due to people coming into the area.

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Ms. Joan May, representing self, testified. Ms. May testified that she believes that CD 3 should be more competitive.

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Commissioners asked Ms. May questions on her testimony.

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Mr John Harold, representing self, testified. Mr. Harold testified that he believes that competitiveness is very important for drawing districts.

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Commissioners asked Mr. Harold questions about his testimony.

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State Representative Marc Catlin, representing self, testified. Mr. Catlin testified that Delta and Montrose have similar water issues and asked that the legislative maps account for similar water systems.

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Ms. Mary Dodd, representing self, testified. Ms. Dodd testified that she would like Montezuma County to be whole with Montrose County. She also testified that the educational interests of Montezuma are more similar to Montrose.

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Gary Hubbell, representing self, testified. Mr. Hubbell testified that in the current maps Delta County has little representation and the preliminary maps help. He also asked that Delta County not be split.

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Mr. William Patterson, representing self, testified. Mr. Patterson testified that he agrees with Mr. Harold and would like to see many of the southwestern counties such as Delta and Montezuma whole with Montrose.

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Mr. Ronald Kugler, representing self, testified. Mr. Kugler testified Mesa and Delta Counties are similar and are not very compatible with the other communities included in their districts.

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Connie Pittenger, representing self, testified. Ms. Pittenger testified that she thinks Pueblo isn't compatible with the Western Slope, but she thinks that the San Luis Valley is probably more similar.

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Brian White, representing self, testified. Mr. White testified that water issues for the Western Slope are important and suggested that the districts to be more compact and accessible for the citizens.

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Shanna Yaussi, representing self, testified. Ms. Yaussi testified that rural parts of Larimer County might fit better in CD 3 or parts of the San Louis Valley.

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Joe Carbetta, representing self, testified. Mr. Carbetta testified that the proposed house districts do not provide fair representation.

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Rob Miller, representing himself, testified. Mr. Miller testified that he would like to see CD 3 be more competitive.

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Kevin Kuns, representing himself, testified. Mr. Kuns explained how he drew maps to create better representation with population data and necessary criteria.

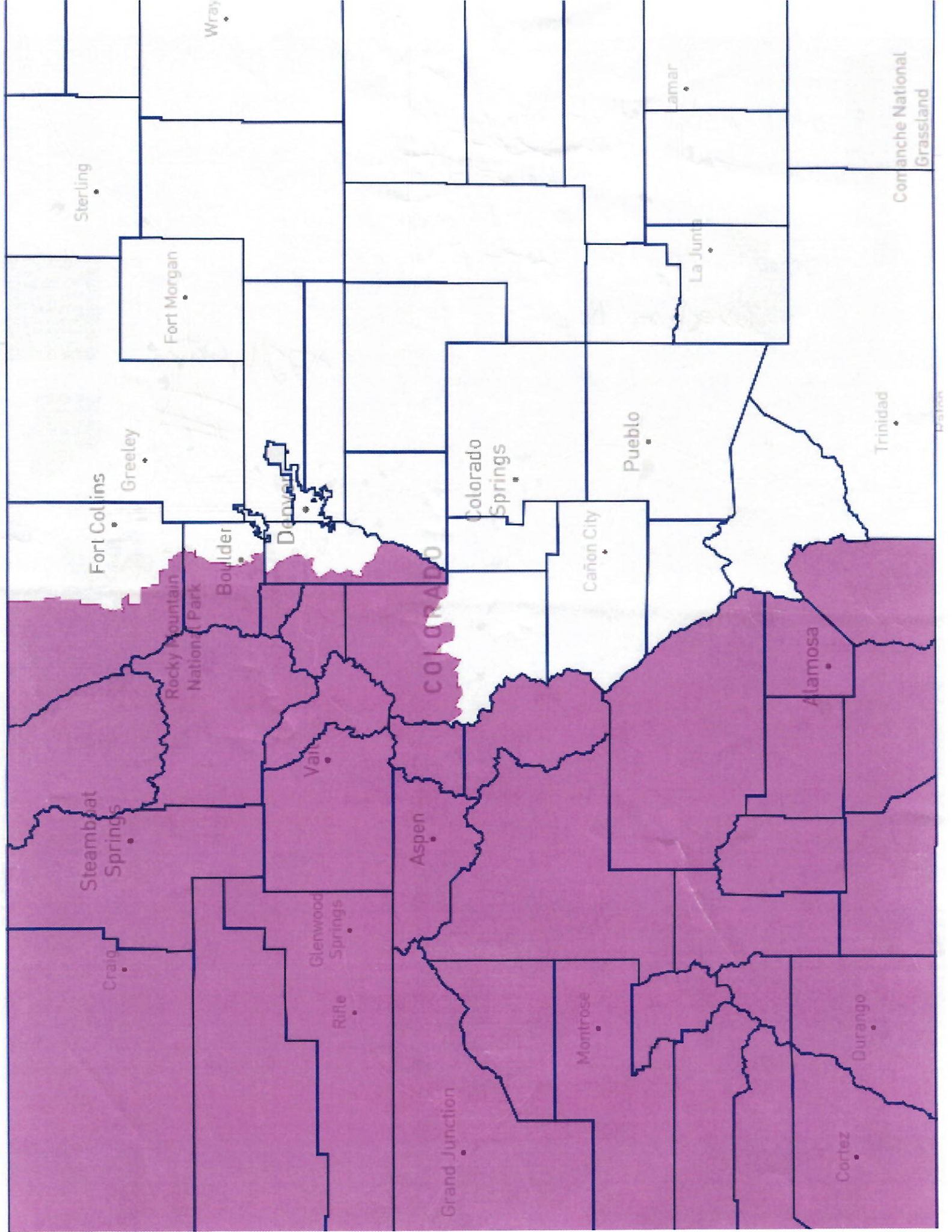
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The committee adjourned.



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