



January 12, 2022

Board of County Commissioners, Klickitat County  
205 S Columbus, Room 103  
Goldendale, WA 98620

Re: Klickitat County 2021 Redistricting Plan

Via email to [BoCC@klickitatcounty.org](mailto:BoCC@klickitatcounty.org)

In our letter of December 21, 2021 the Trout Lake Community Council expressed our community's concerns with the proposed redistricting map presented by the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners (BoCC) and the process utilized in the development and publication of the map as well as what appears to be the deliberate omission of any opportunity for Klickitat County residents to be involved in the redistricting process

In our letter we identified specific reasons why reconsideration of the proposed commissioner district boundaries is necessary. Despite those concerns, on December 28, 2021 the BoCC voted to accept the maps as proposed. We are disappointed that the BoCC refused to seriously consider the comments of our community, comments that are directly in line with those made during the 2011 redistricting process when Trout Lake was originally separated into two commissioner districts.

Our very limited operating funds (accrued through donations and a generous grant from the Trout Lake Area Business Association) essentially prohibit us from pursuing a Superior Court review. It is so unfortunate that this is the situation not only for community councils in Klickitat County but also for all Klickitat County residents when decisions made by the BoCC have not seriously considered constituent comments and concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Trout Lake Community Council

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