



April 19, 2022

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

Submitted via email to: Bocc@KlickitatCounty.org

Re: BoCC public meeting to review the 2021 Klickitat County Redistricting Plan

The Trout Lake Community Council (Council) is submitting the following comments regarding RCW 29A.76.010(4)(e) which states: " To the extent feasible and if not inconsistent with the basic enabling legislation for the municipal corporation, county, or district, the district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and shall, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest."

The Council is in favor of reuniting our community into one precinct and we feel that separation of our community into two precincts is wholly inconsistent with the requirements of RCW 29A.76.010(4)(e) as we are a distinct community of related and mutual interests.

In 2011, the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) chose to move a portion of our community into District 2. At that time, if the boundary had not been adjusted, the population in District 1 would still have been within the allowed variance of 6%. Therefore, it is difficult to understand the compelling need by the BoCC to do so at that time.

We cannot conceive of any harm that would result in a decision to re-unite Trout Lake, yet there are immeasurable benefits to our community that would be realized.

Respectfully Submitted,

DAINA L. BAMBE
Chair, Trout Lake Community Council