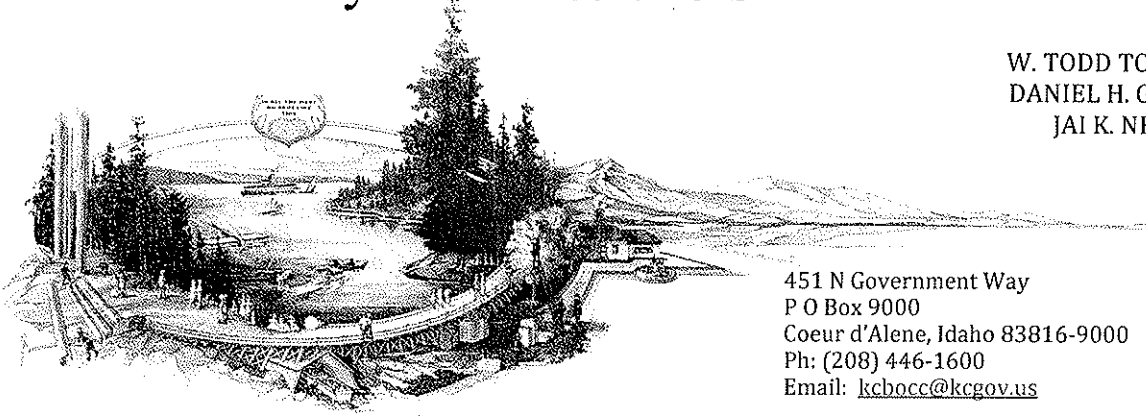


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Press Release

From: Board of County Commissioners
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Kootenai County Commissioners Join Redistricting Lawsuit

The Kootenai County Commissioners have asked Prosecutor McHugh on behalf of Kootenai County to join a lawsuit being filed by Twin Falls County challenging the redistricting plan that has been adopted by the state. The Idaho Constitution states that the division of counties shall be avoided whenever possible. The current map, L-87, removes the southeast portion of the county and combines it with Legislative District 7. District 7 stretches from Kootenai County all the way south to include Idaho County. Approximately 5,000 Kootenai County residents would be part of a district that will make representation very difficult. Kootenai County is unique in the northern part of the state in that we have the population base to have three legislative districts contained completely within our county borders. Our goal is to keep our county whole as dictated by the state constitution and ensure appropriate representation for our citizens. Further information may be obtained by contacting Kootenai County Prosecutor Barry McHugh at 208-446-1800