

Hello - I am a retired federal employee and Army veteran who lives with my husband 10 miles outside Coos Bay OR in a tiny village called Sumner.

Sumner is surrounded by coastal forests which are heavily logged by industrial loggers - with individual families hiring loggers to get their old growth. That means 18-wheeler logging and dump trucks (road building in the wilderness) roar past our little place daily completely ignoring the 25 MPH speed limit (Sherrif won't help).

Coos Bay / North Bend is more democratic (Blue) than most of Coos County; in fact the rural areas outside coastal cities are very, very red (Republican). We have been menaced by people living near us (mutilated bird with taped legs, our house shot at, our fence cut) and we want others in charge. If I had the money to move, believe me I would leave this place and I'm hoping that will happen next year. I cannot take these crazy people anymore!

Our state senator and state representatives are both Republican because the district strangely ENDS just outside of Coos Bay (on the south). We are orphaned out here, simply because we don't live in town. We feel pretty awful about this, because we do not have any help dealing with red county commissioners. I have tried contacting them about the county road flooding our property in the winter but they laugh at me and tell me 'why should we help you?' Also, 'they have nothing to do with Wilson Creek flooding Coos Sumner Ln' and seem to think it's quite okay for us to get flooded every year from the road. I feel like they hate us.

I believe if the lines were redrawn to include us in Coos Bay/North Bend (Coos Bay is the city on our address!) we would have Democratic representation at the state level. Neither Heard nor Smith respond to any of my concerns and I'm frankly sick they have power.

Please redraw the lines so they make sense! Thank you for your service and God bless.

Sincerely,
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