



**Deschutes County
District Mapping Advisory Committee (DMAC)**

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Deschutes Services Building, DeArmond Room (1st Floor), 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend

MEETING FORMAT

In accordance with Oregon state law, this meeting is open to the public and can be accessed and attended in person or remotely.

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TOPIC	DESIRED OUTCOME
1. Introduction Neil Bryant, DMAC Facilitator and Chair	Welcome committee members <i>2 minutes</i>
2. Approval of October 8, 2025, Minutes Neil Bryant, DMAC Facilitator and Chair <i>See Draft Minutes in packet. Please note staff is using a summary format for meeting minutes. All DMAC meetings are recorded and posted on the website within 24 hours of each meeting. To find a link to previous meetings please visit: Deschutes.org/DMAC</i>	Approve minutes <i>1 minutes</i>
3. Public Comments Neil Bryant, DMAC Facilitator and Chair	<i>30 minutes</i>
4. Format for Community Listening Session Nick Lelack, County Administrator <ul style="list-style-type: none">Potential Options:<ul style="list-style-type: none">3-5 minutes per comment (TBD by DMAC)Response by committee members?Dias or round table in front of Dias?	Information and discussion <i>5 minutes</i>
5. Update on Data from American Community Surveys Lee Klemp, IT/GIS	Information and discussion <i>10 minutes</i>

TOPIC	DESIRED OUTCOME
6. DMAC Group Discussion and Map Work Neil Bryant, DMAC Facilitator and Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Draft Map Options Attached <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options 2 and 2B 4 PS maps (PS = Publicly Submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PS Maps 1& 2 = Michael Tripp PS Map 3 = Greg Bryant PS Map 4 = Casey Roscoe 	Information and discussion <i>65 minutes</i>
7. Next Meeting Schedule Neil Bryant, DMAC Facilitator and Chair	Discussion <i>5 minutes</i>
8. Wrap Up and Adjourn Neil Bryant, DMAC Facilitator and Chair	Information and Discussion <i>2 minutes</i>



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Minutes
Deschutes County
District Mapping Advisory Committee (DMAC)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
La Pine Activity Center, 16450 Victory Way, La Pine, OR

This meeting was conducted in person and by video. It was video recorded and can be accessed on the committee website: [District Mapping Advisory Committee \(DMAC\) | Deschutes County Oregon](#)

I. Introduction

This meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Facilitator and Chair Neil Bryant.

Attendees: Chair/Facilitator: Neil Bryant. Committee Members: Bernie Brader, Carol Loesche, Drew Kaza, Matt Cyrus, Ned Dempsey, and Phil Henderson.

Staff: Nick Lelack, County Administrator; Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager; and Lee Klemp, IT/GIS.

II. Approval of September 24, 2025, Minutes

In response to the chair's request for corrections or additions to the draft minutes, no changes were offered. A motion to approve the September 24, 2025 minutes was made by Matt Cyrus and seconded by Ned Dempsey. The motion carried by voice vote, and the minutes were approved.

III. Public Comments

Greg Bryant from Deschutes River Woods stated that his community has a population of 5,600 and requested that the committee recognize and reference it in discussion similar to other cities and unincorporated communities in the county.

Stu Martinez from La Pine encouraged better advance notice and advertising for meetings in southern Deschutes County. He stated that some residents were unaware of the meeting until shortly before it began and asked for more notice so additional community members could attend.

Chet Wamboldt stated support for moving to district-based representation rather than at-large seats and noted his residence in Bend (Midtown).

Tina Lyons, identifying as a resident of rural southern Deschutes County, asked about the advantages of district elections versus at-large elections and described experiences with representation from the area.

Rodney Cooper submitted his comments via email as there were technical issues providing

comments using Zoom. Rodney's written comments, read aloud by staff, state that his "concern is that rural Deschutes County will not be adequately represented. If we were to estimate head to the 2030 senses, we could anticipate the city of Bend population will outgrow the population increase in the rural areas. This means that if we operate by equal populations in the five districts Bend will eventually dominate the county commissioner selection. What we don't need is Bend turning into another little Portland that will run the entire county. Rather than doing this process with an emphasis on equal distribution of population, we should be doing an equal distribution of the geographic area. That is the only way that the rural voice can maintain any substantial degree of influence in county decisions."

Staff stated that written comments could be emailed to DMAC@deschutes.org and that the October 16 listening session would provide an opportunity for further public comments.

A motion was made and seconded to reserve fifteen minutes at the end of the meeting for additional public comments if attendees arrived later in the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

IV. Update on DMAC Staff Requests

Staff reported that a comparative precinct table for the draft map options was prepared and included with the meeting packet as a PDF and attached as an Excel spreadsheet. The underlying Excel file with separate tabs for each map option was provided to committee members for ease of review. Staff noted a request to provide precinct data aligned with the existing library district map. This item was not available for this meeting due to the County Clerk being out of town for a conference. Staff anticipates including this information in the next meeting packet. Per a committee request, the color contrast on the draft maps was revised so each option uses more distinct colors. Updated maps will also be posted on the county webpage for public review. Staff is exploring data available from the American Community Survey webpage. A five-year estimate at the census tract level is available now; staff is assessing methods to render data at the smallest feasible geography for committee use, with the expectation of presenting initial results at the next meeting, including potential overlays for communities of common interest if identified by the committee.

At a committee member's request, County Administrator Nick Lelack provided an update on a topic discussed at the Board of County Commissioners meeting regarding a district mapping model used in Missoula County, Montana, under which candidates must reside in districts but are elected at large. Lelack reported that the majority of the Board did not support proceeding with that option at this time and indicated that video of the Board discussion is publicly available.

V. DMAC Group Discussion and Map Work

The committee discussed approaches to communities of common interest and the balance between urban and rural areas within proposed districts. Members compared the three staff-drafted options and referenced several precincts and areas in and around Bend and Redmond when describing preferences and concerns. A motion was made to remove Option 3 from further consideration. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Subsequent discussion addressed Option 1, including a comment that Precinct 18's placement toward the Terrebonne area aligned more closely with Redmond. A motion to cease consideration of Option 1 was made, seconded, and approved by

voice vote. With Option 2 remaining, the committee reviewed adjustments on-screen and directed staff to recreate the revisions as a separate variant labeled Option 2B for inclusion in the next packet. Staff confirmed that Option 2 (as originally presented) and Option 2B would be prepared for continued work. Members discussed data inputs for balancing districts. Several comments compared the use of voter registration counts versus population estimates given recent growth. Some members described leaning toward voter registration as a more current indicator while staff continues work with American Community Survey estimates. The committee confirmed that four community-submitted maps referenced in prior meetings should be incorporated into the same visual format as the staff-drafted options for side-by-side review at the next meeting. Staff will prepare those materials for the packet. Staff confirmed that, consistent with a prior committee vote, a community listening session is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Deschutes Services Building (Barnes & Sawyer Room), 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend. The session will be available via Zoom, and public comments will be accepted in person and online. Staff will distribute a media release and shareable notice to committee members.

VI. Wrap Up and Adjourn

The chair adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives
Manager, Deschutes County
Administrative Services



DMAC to hold public listening session on commissioner district map

The Deschutes County District Mapping Advisory Committee (DMAC) will host a public listening session on Oct. 16 to gather community feedback for developing a commissioner district map. Committee members will not conduct any business during the meeting; they will be there solely to hear public input.

The DMAC began holding weekly work sessions in September to create a district map that ensures equitable representation after the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) expands from three members to five. While the committee has been receiving public comments online and in person during its weekly meetings, members wanted to hold an evening listening session to give more community members the opportunity to share their opinions.

The listening session is scheduled for **Thursday, Oct. 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Barnes and Sawyer Conference Room at the Deschutes Services Building, 1300 NW Wall St., Bend. The public is invited to attend in person or virtually. Virtual log in information can be found at www.deschutes.org/dmac.

The DMAC recently hosted meetings in the cities of Sisters, Redmond and La Pine, and will continue to hold weekly meetings in Bend throughout the fall. Once the committee has a proposed map, it will be considered by the current three-member BOCC and then by Deschutes County voters in 2026. If approved by voters, the new commissioner districts won't be in place until the 2028 election.

For more information about the DMAC, including meeting packets, agendas, locations, virtual participation links, and videos of past meetings, please visit deschutes.org/dmac.

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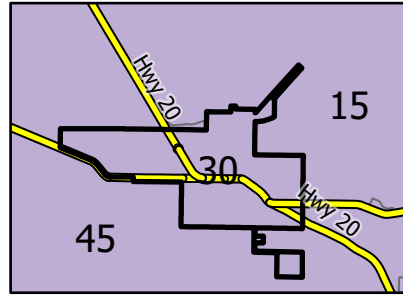
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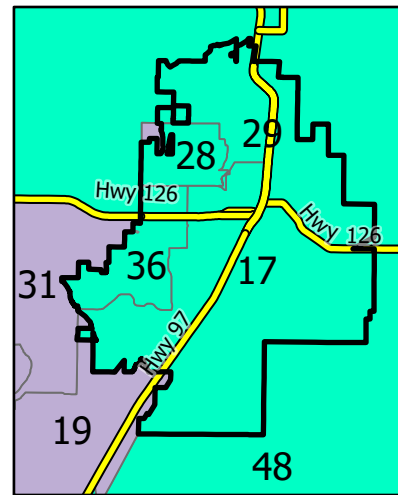
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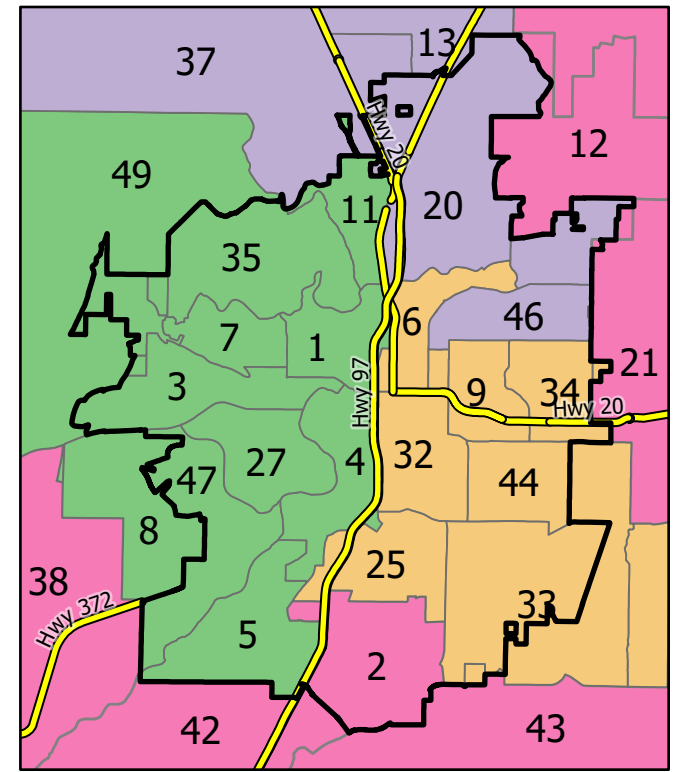
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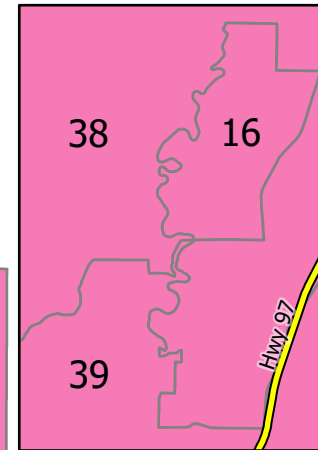
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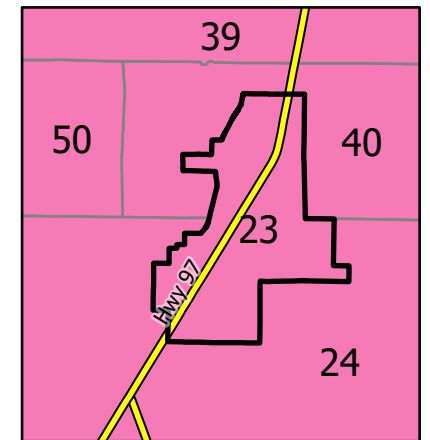
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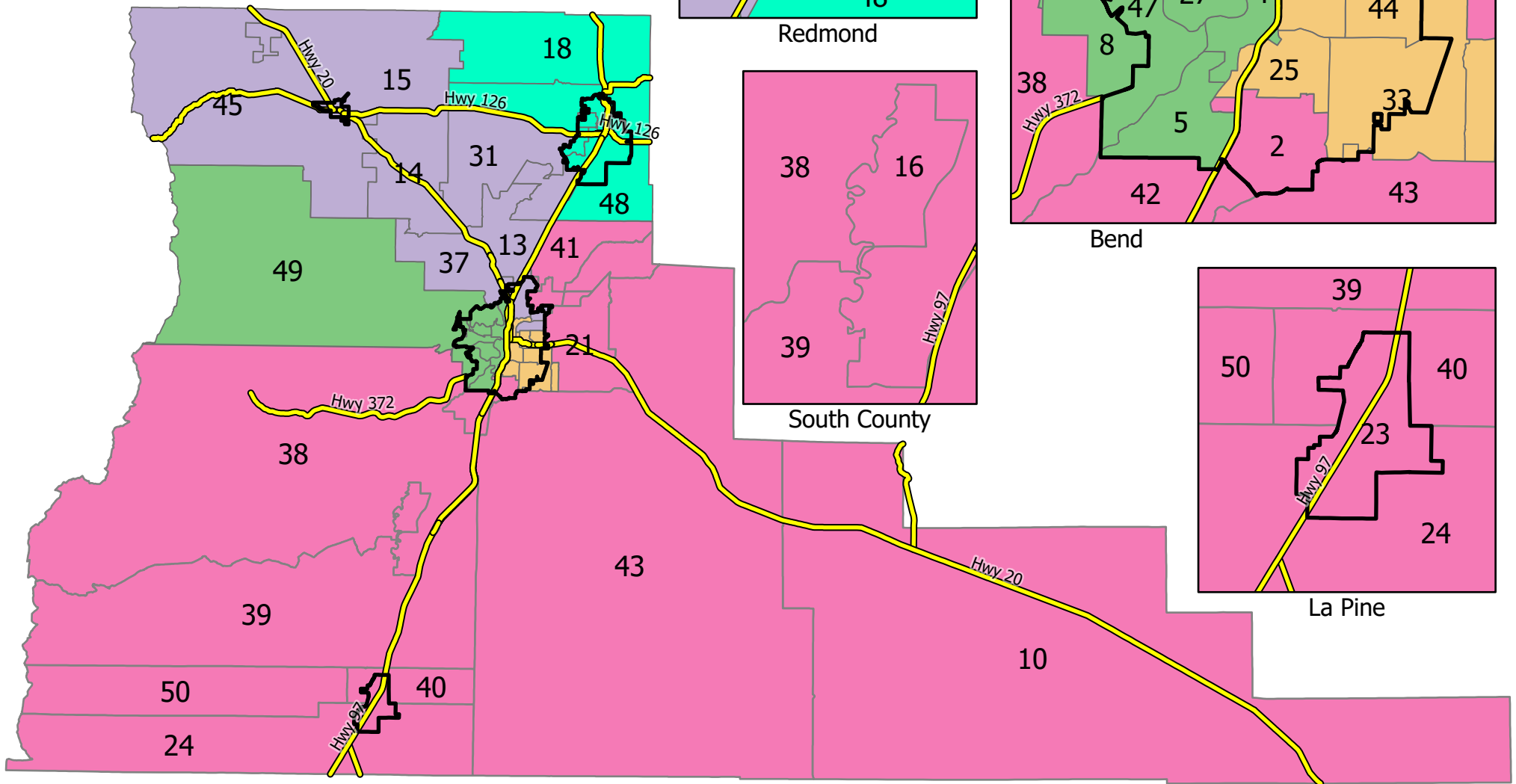
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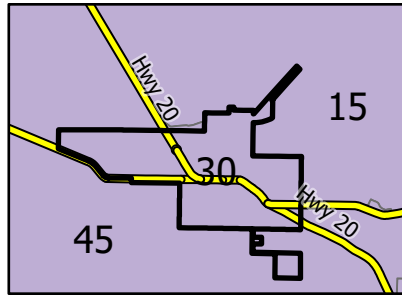


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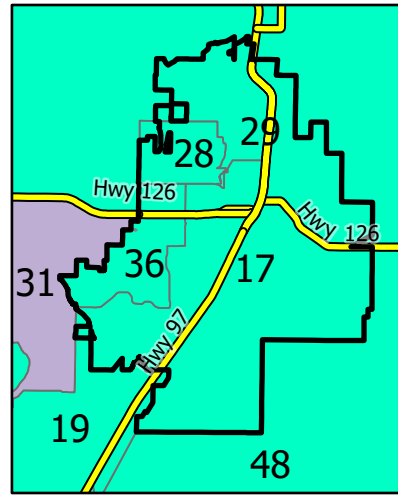


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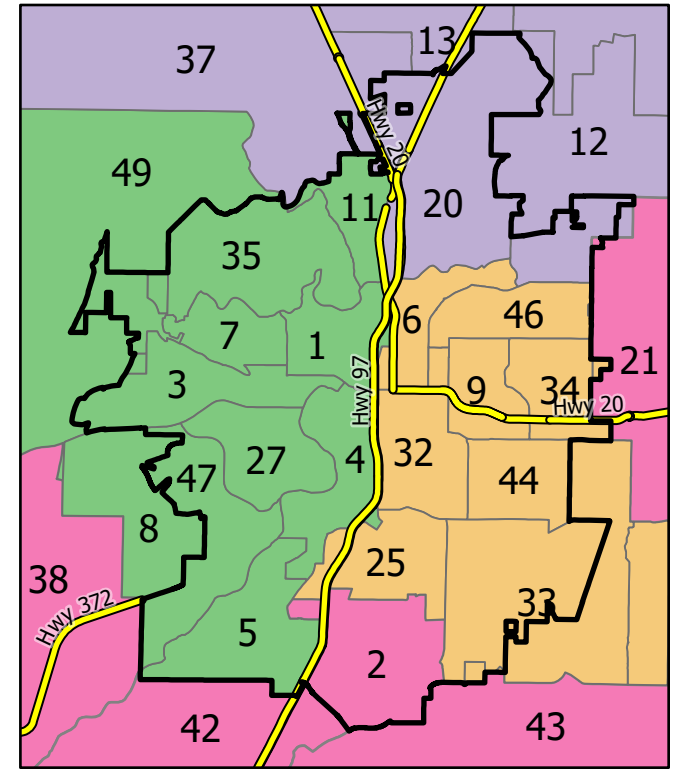
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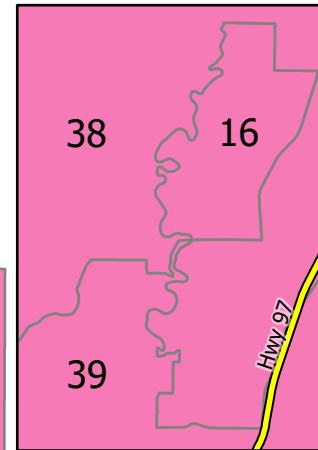
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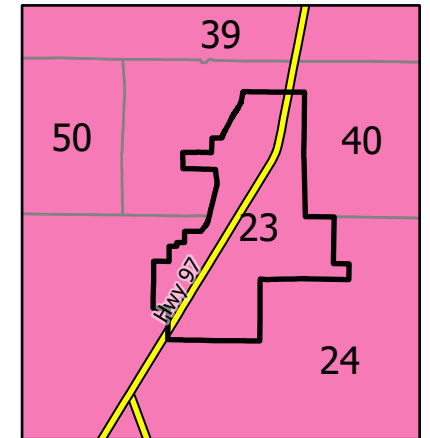
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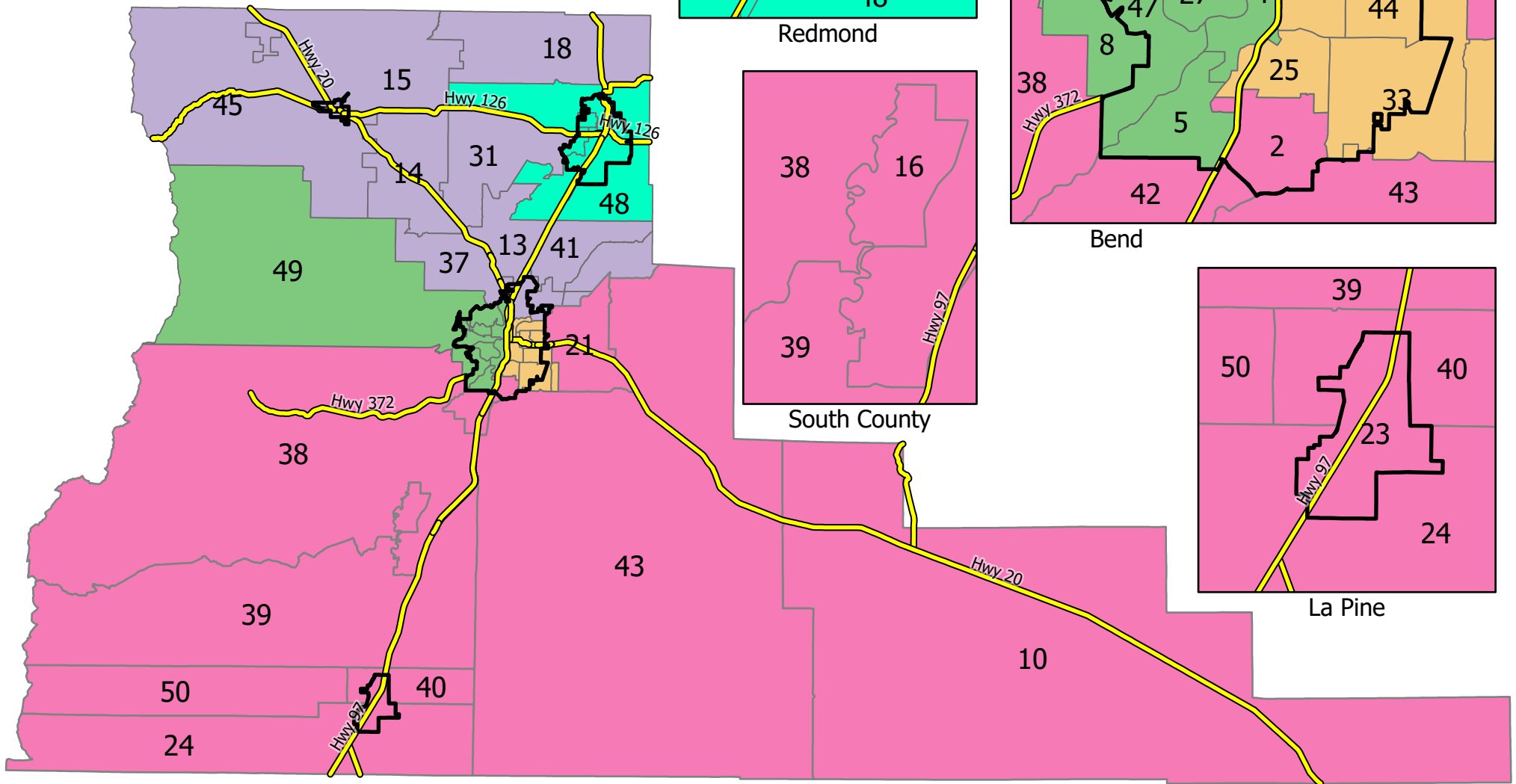
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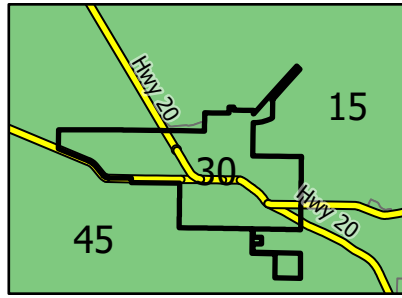


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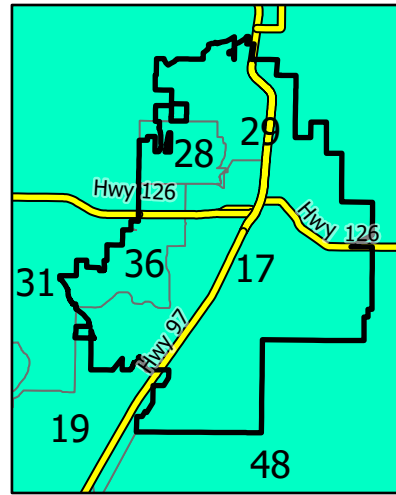


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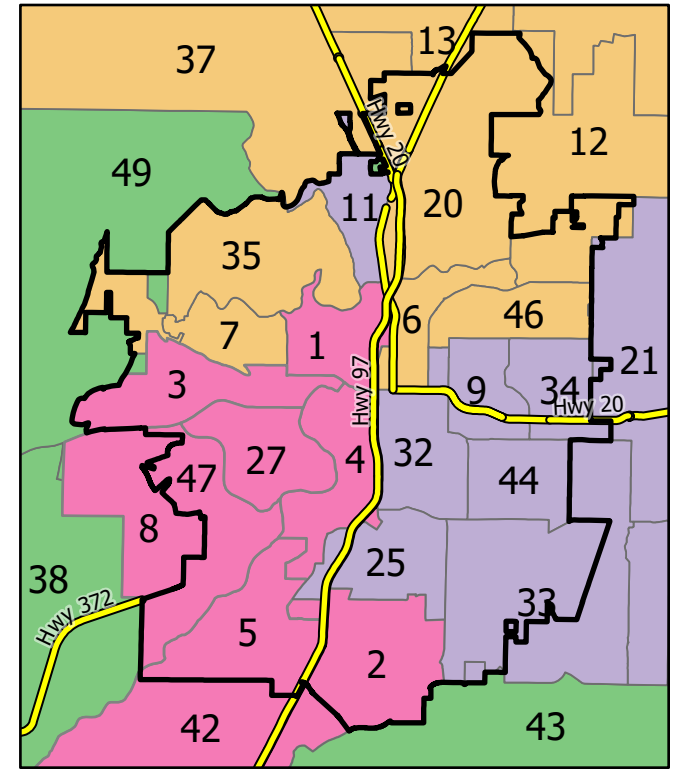
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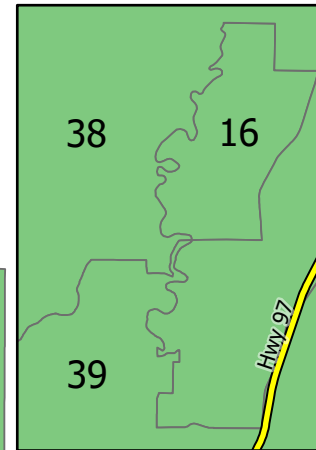
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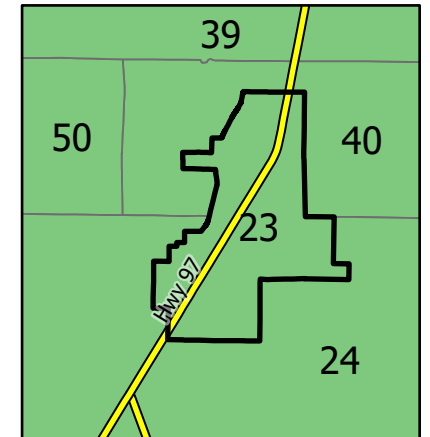
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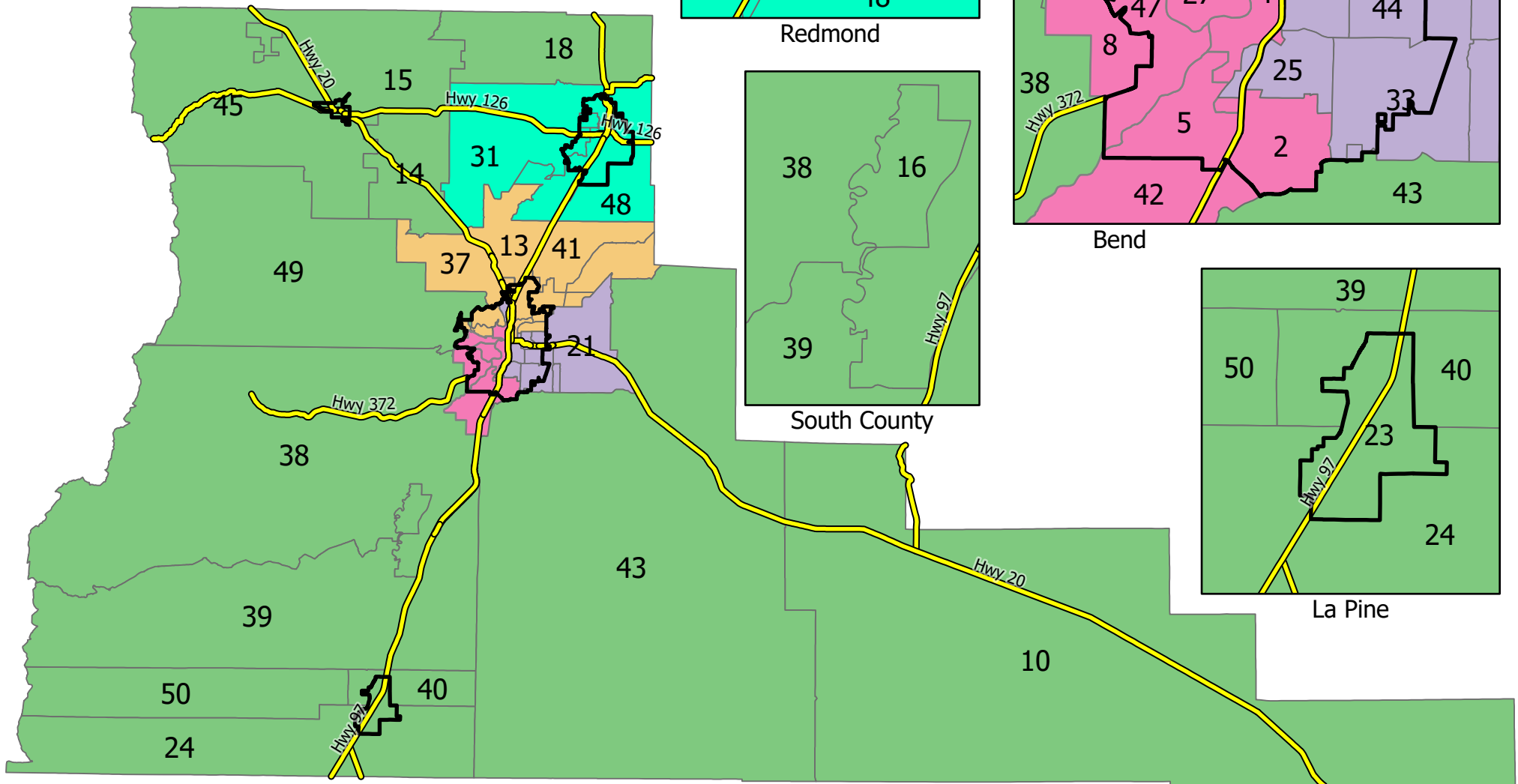
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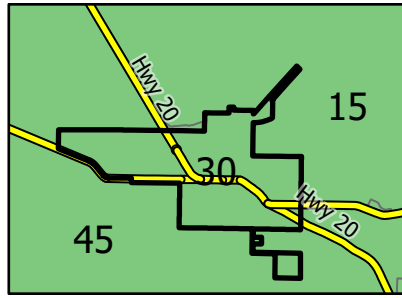


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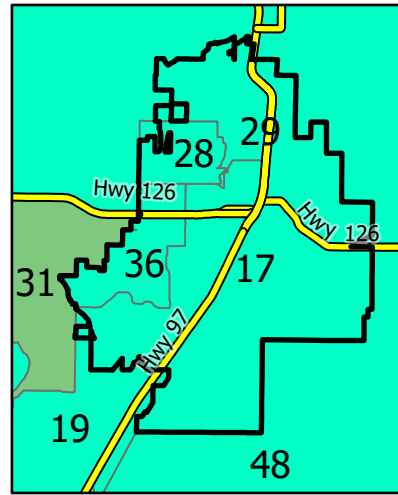


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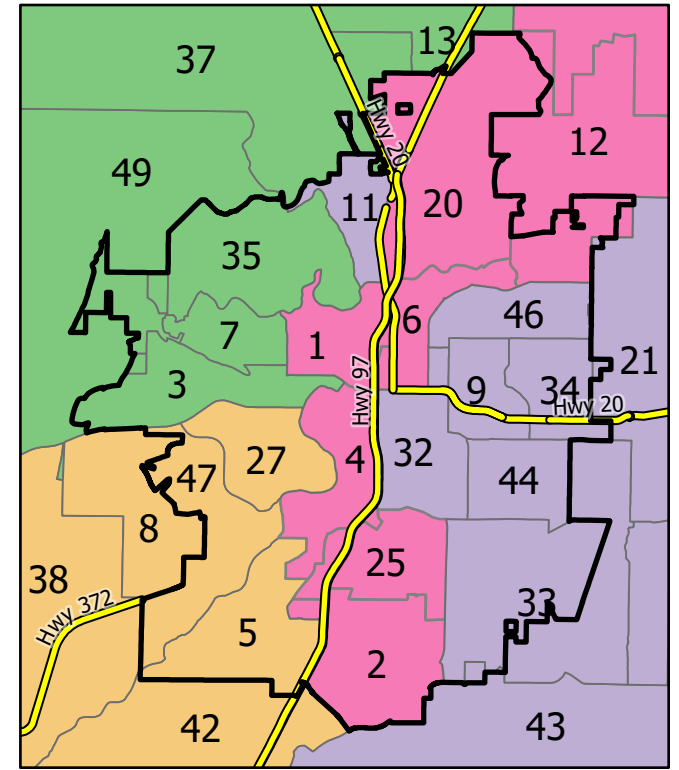
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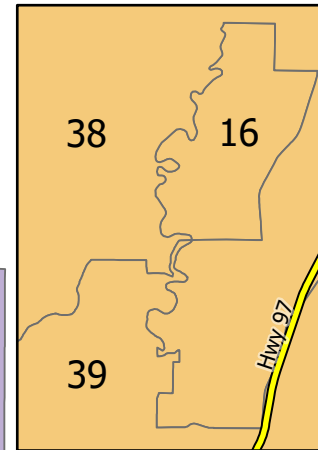
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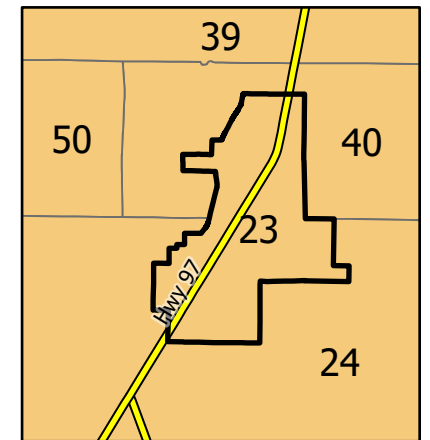
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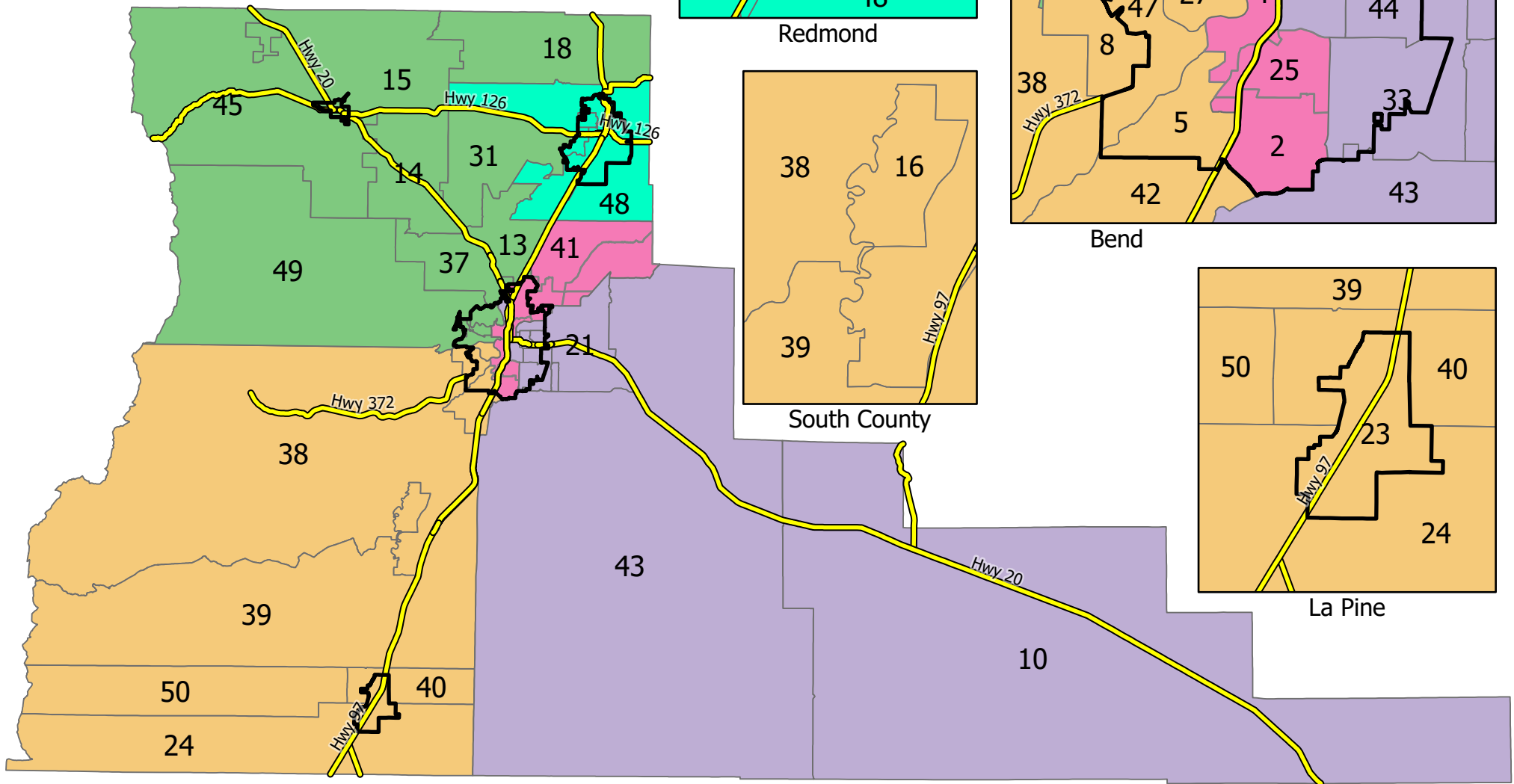
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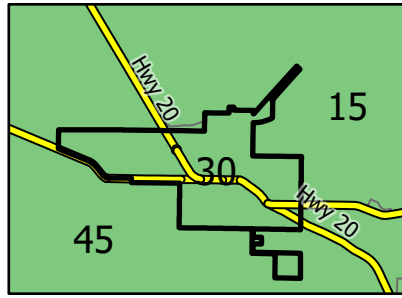


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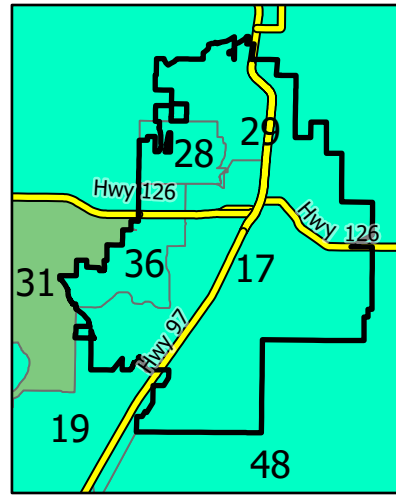


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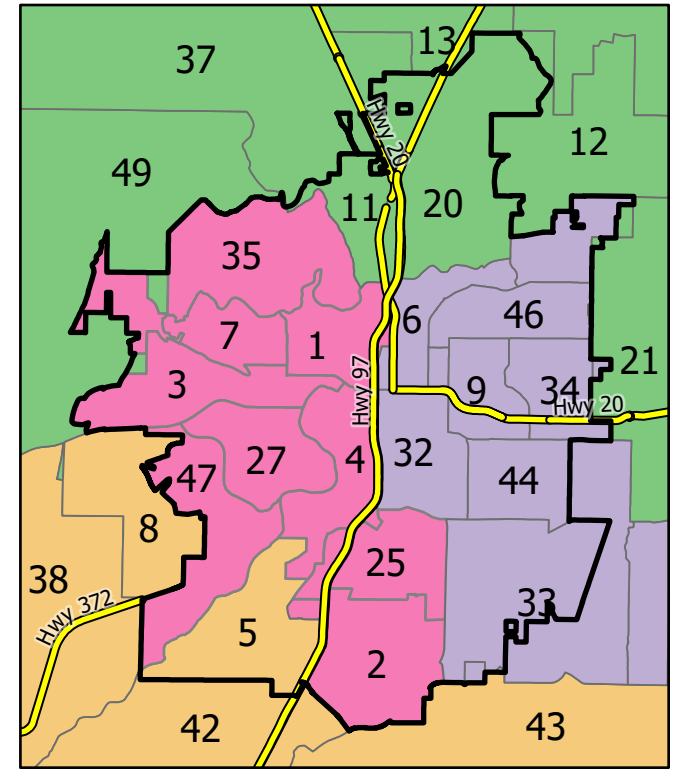
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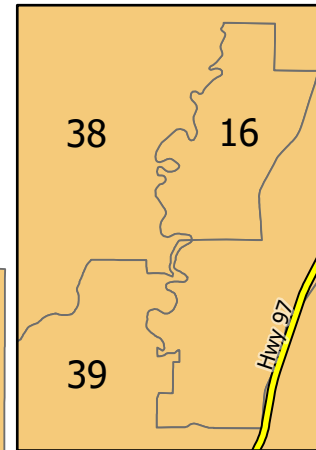
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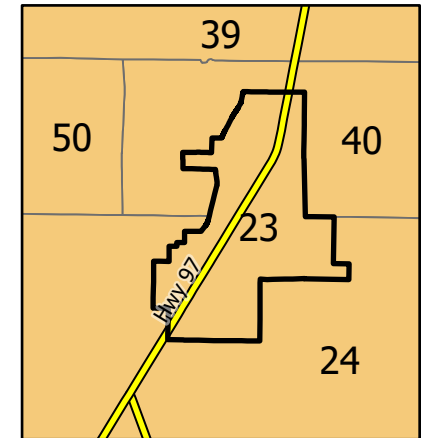
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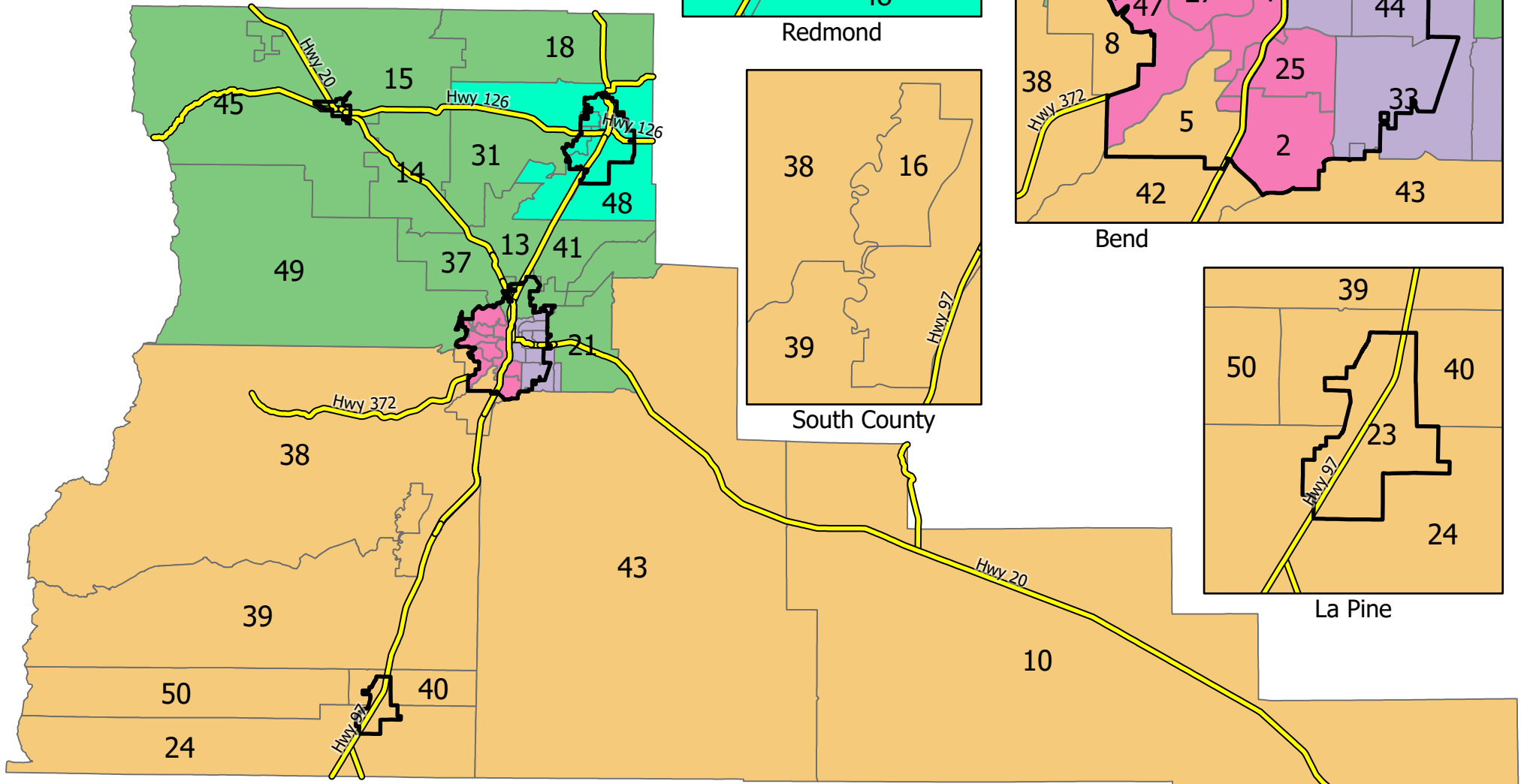
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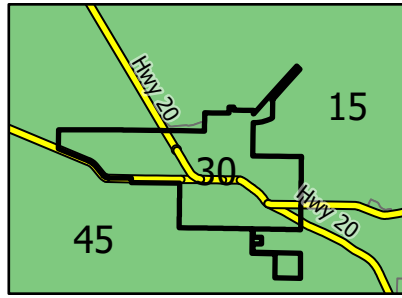


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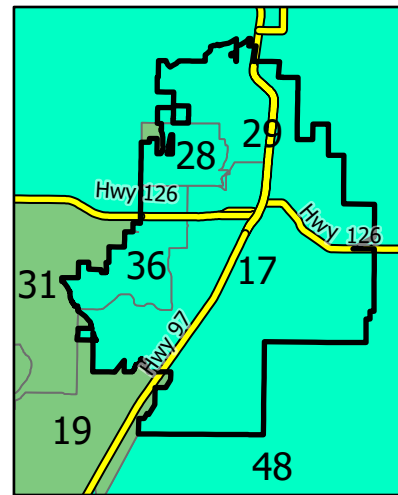


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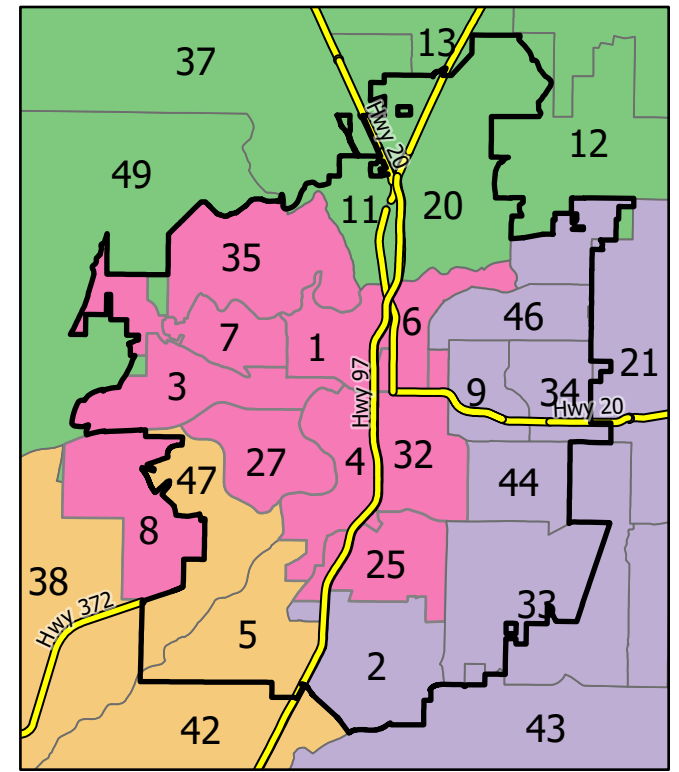
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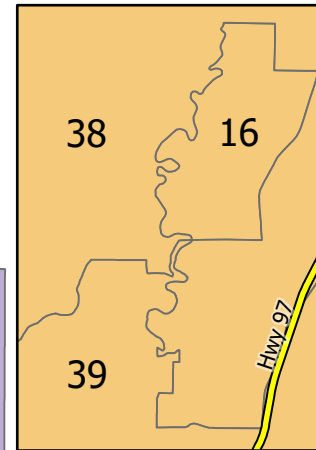
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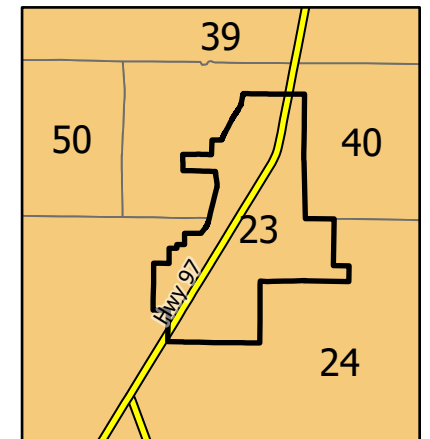
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