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Date: 10/18/2011 10:42:59 AM
Subject: Redistricting Maps of all four bills
Attachments: Combined---Enrolled House, Senate, School, and Passed Congress.pdf

Dear Legislators:
Attached are the redistricting maps of the four bills you passed. There are 29 maps that show substantial detail of these plans. I hope you find them helpful as you discuss these bills with your constituents. Thanks for letting us help you in this long and draining process. If you have questions don't hesitate to call us.
Mike

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Utah Senate

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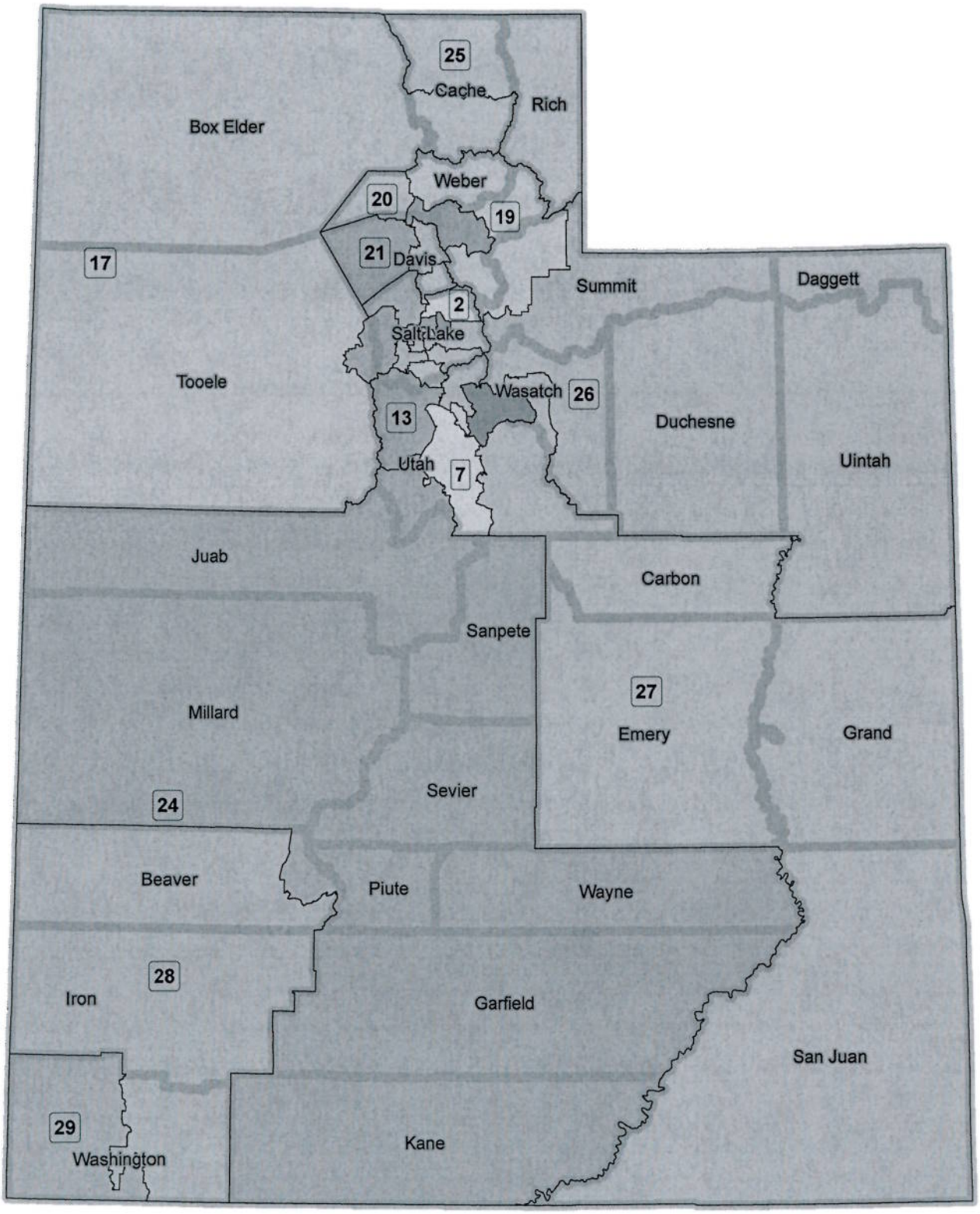

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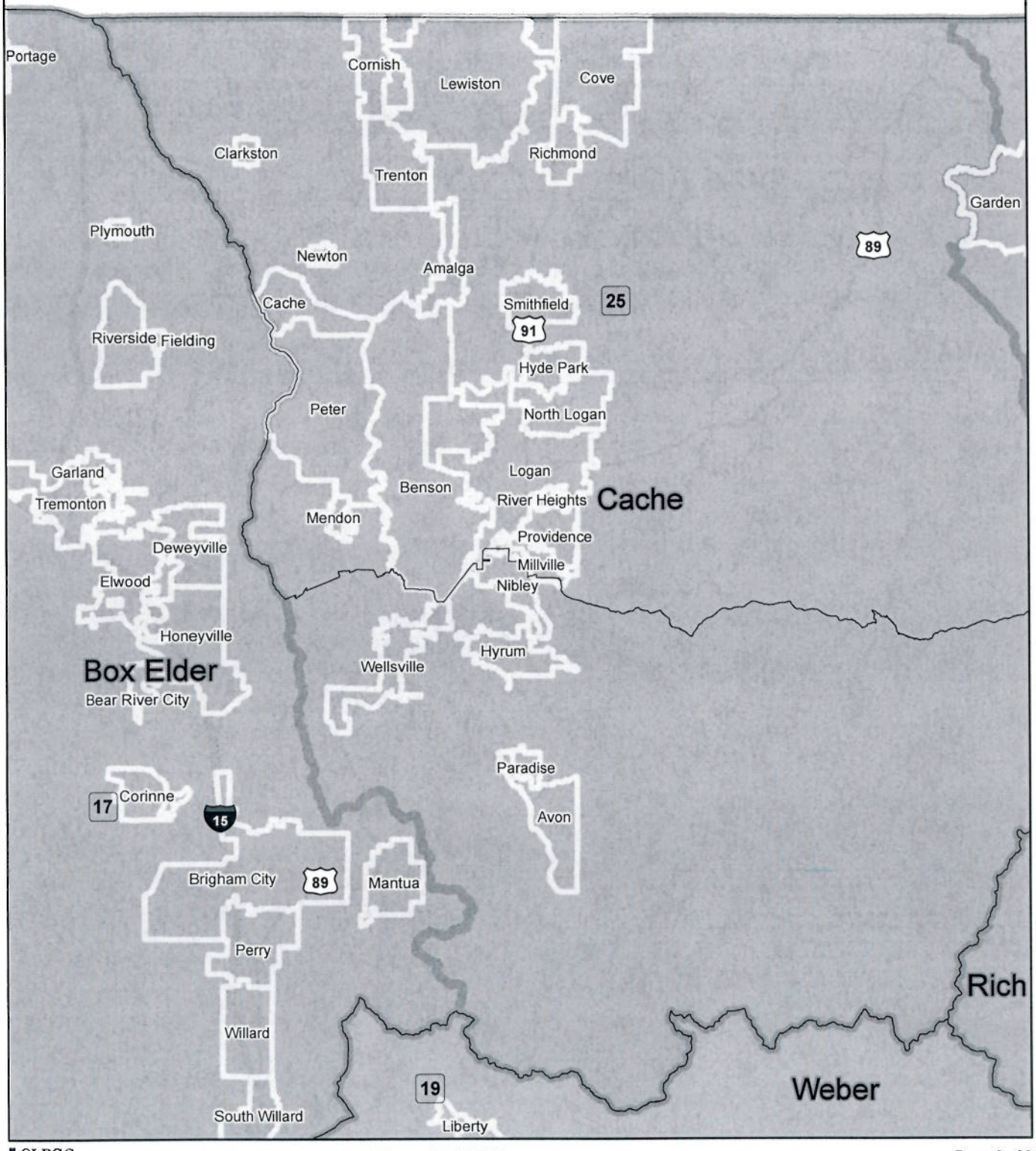

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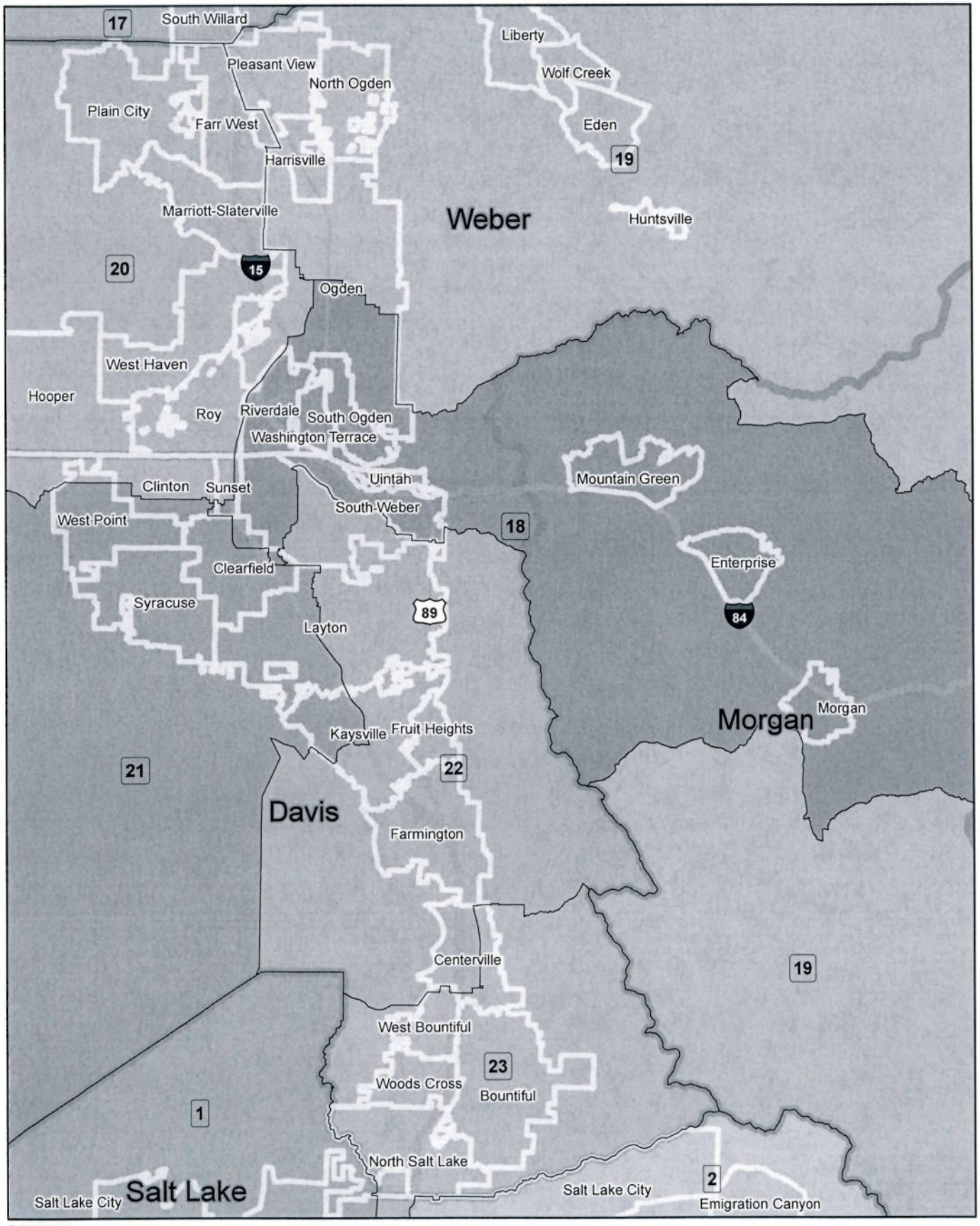

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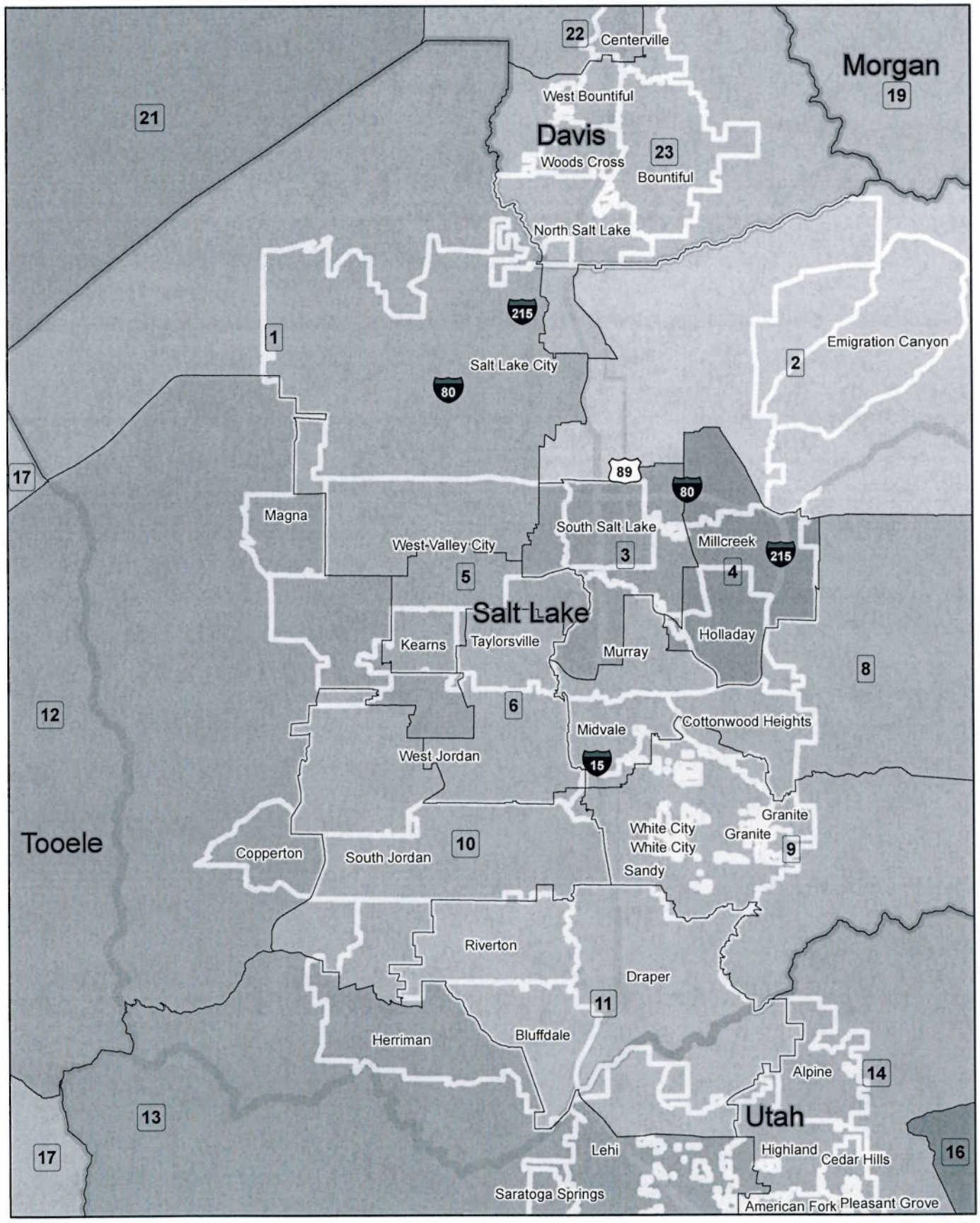

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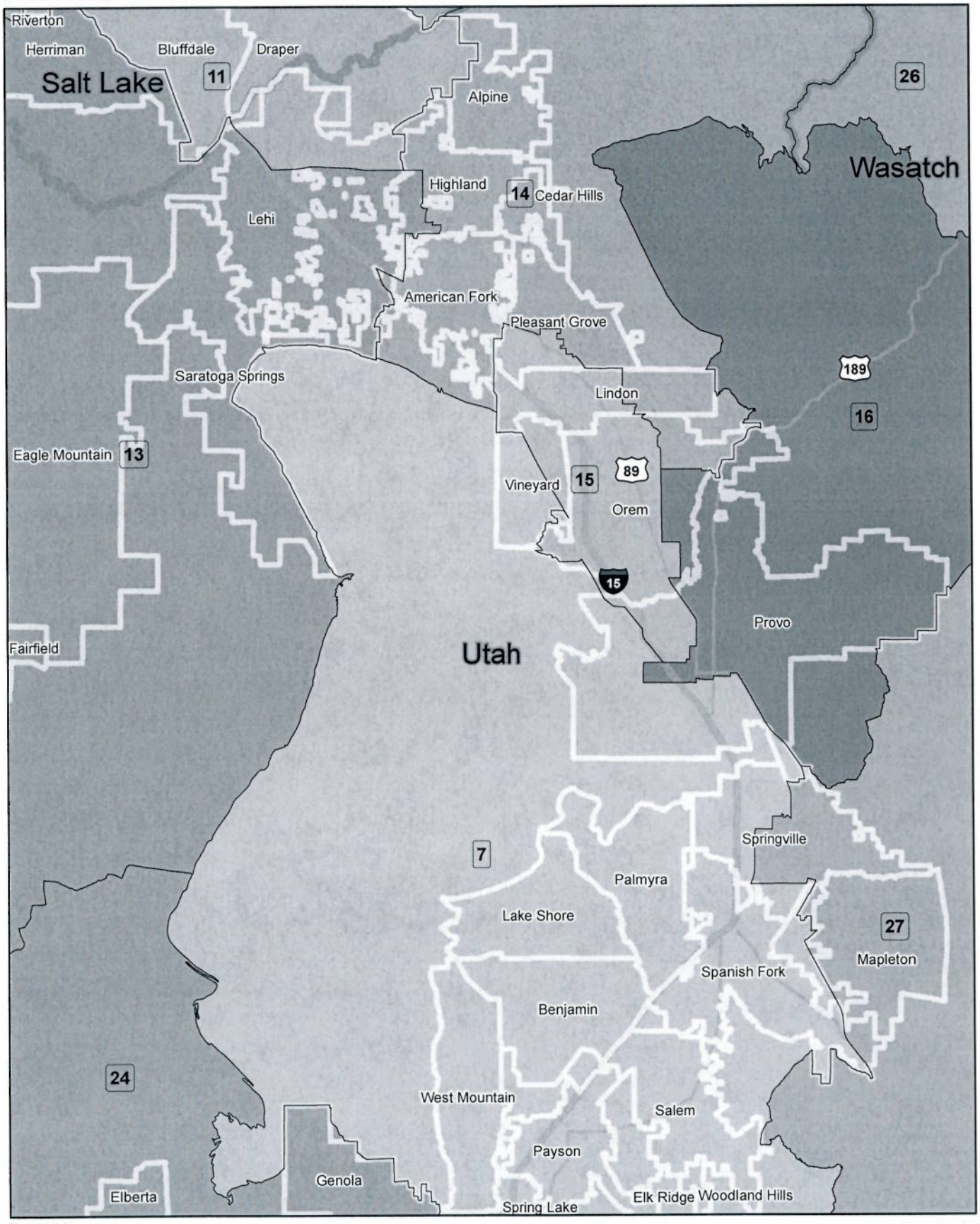

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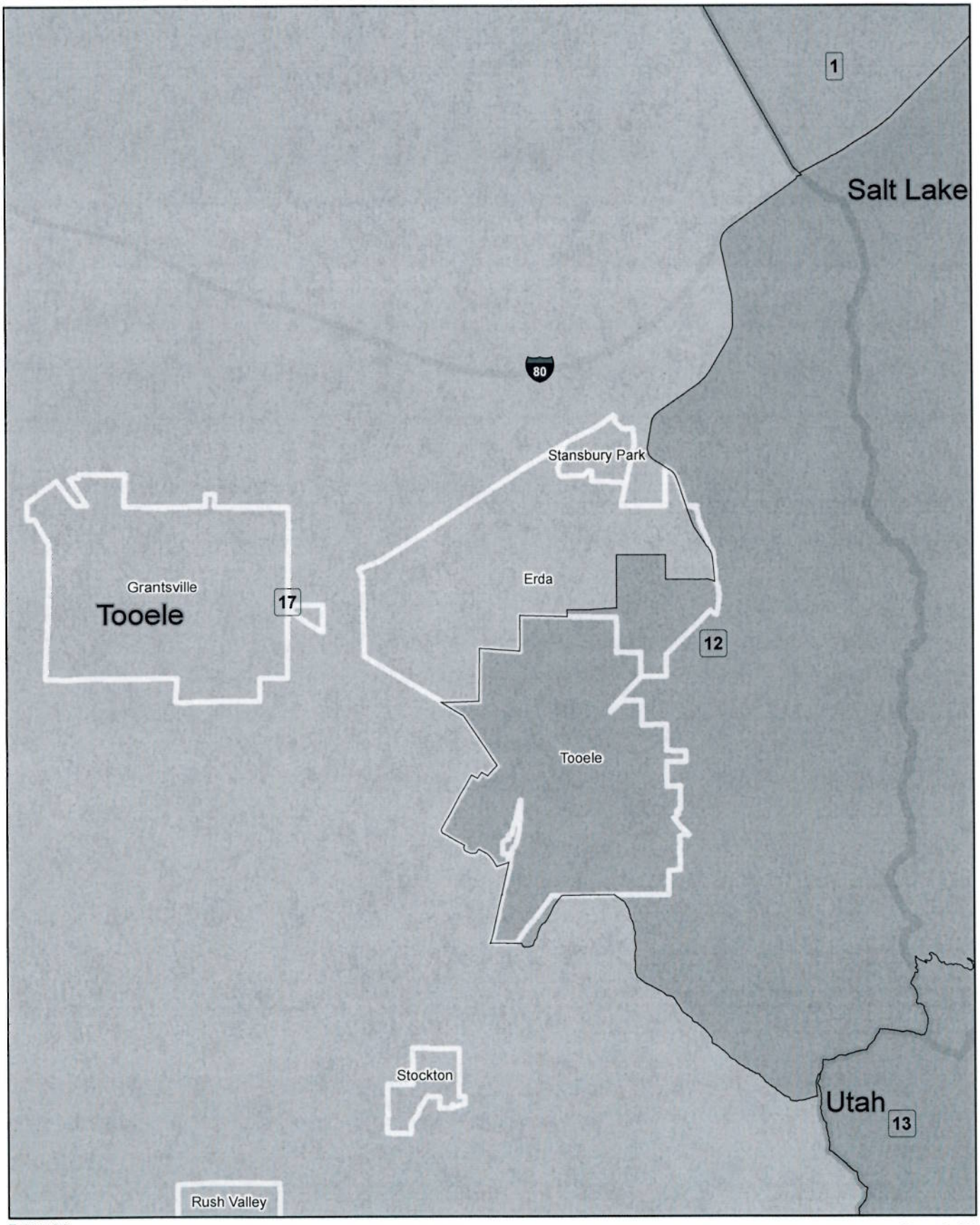

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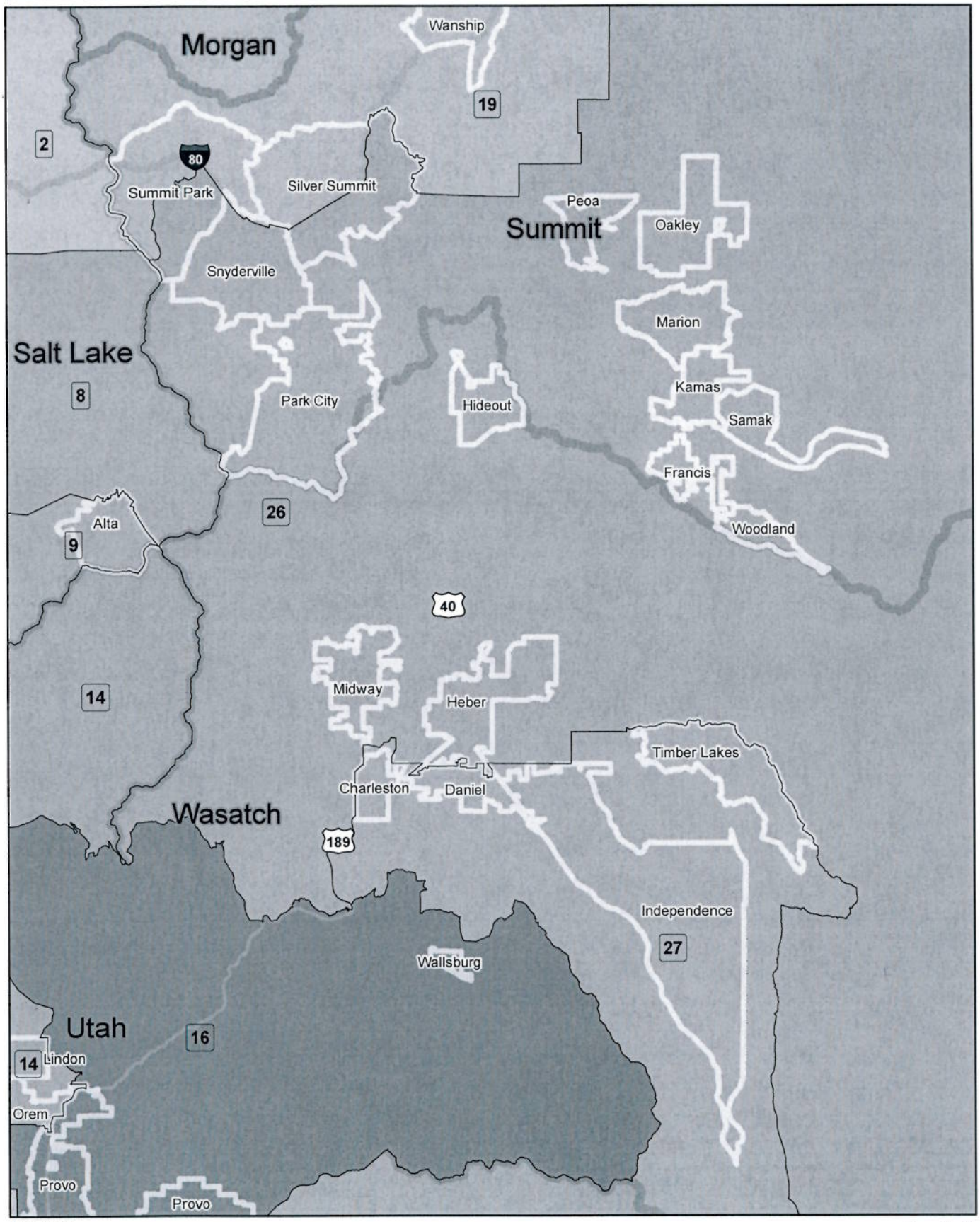

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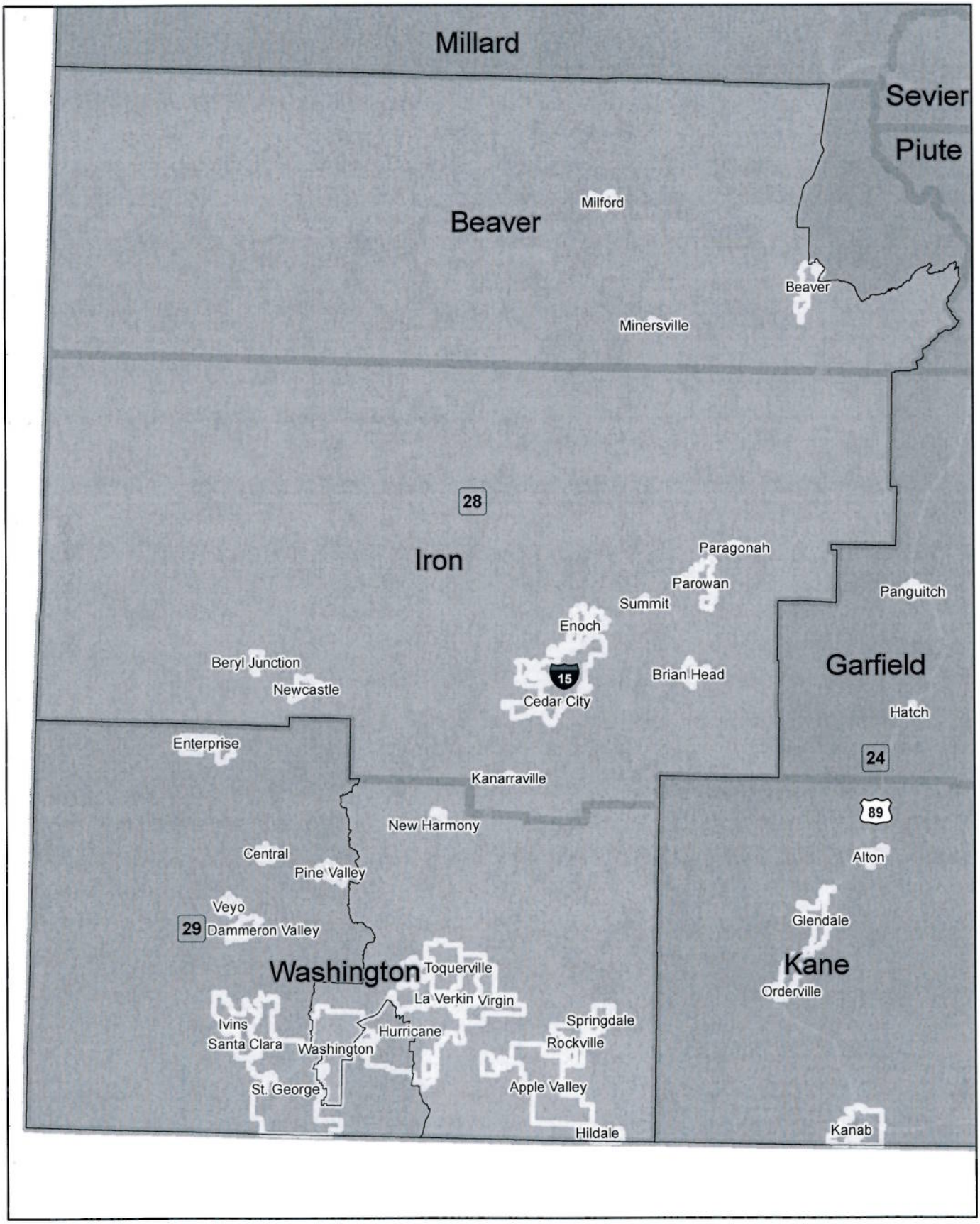

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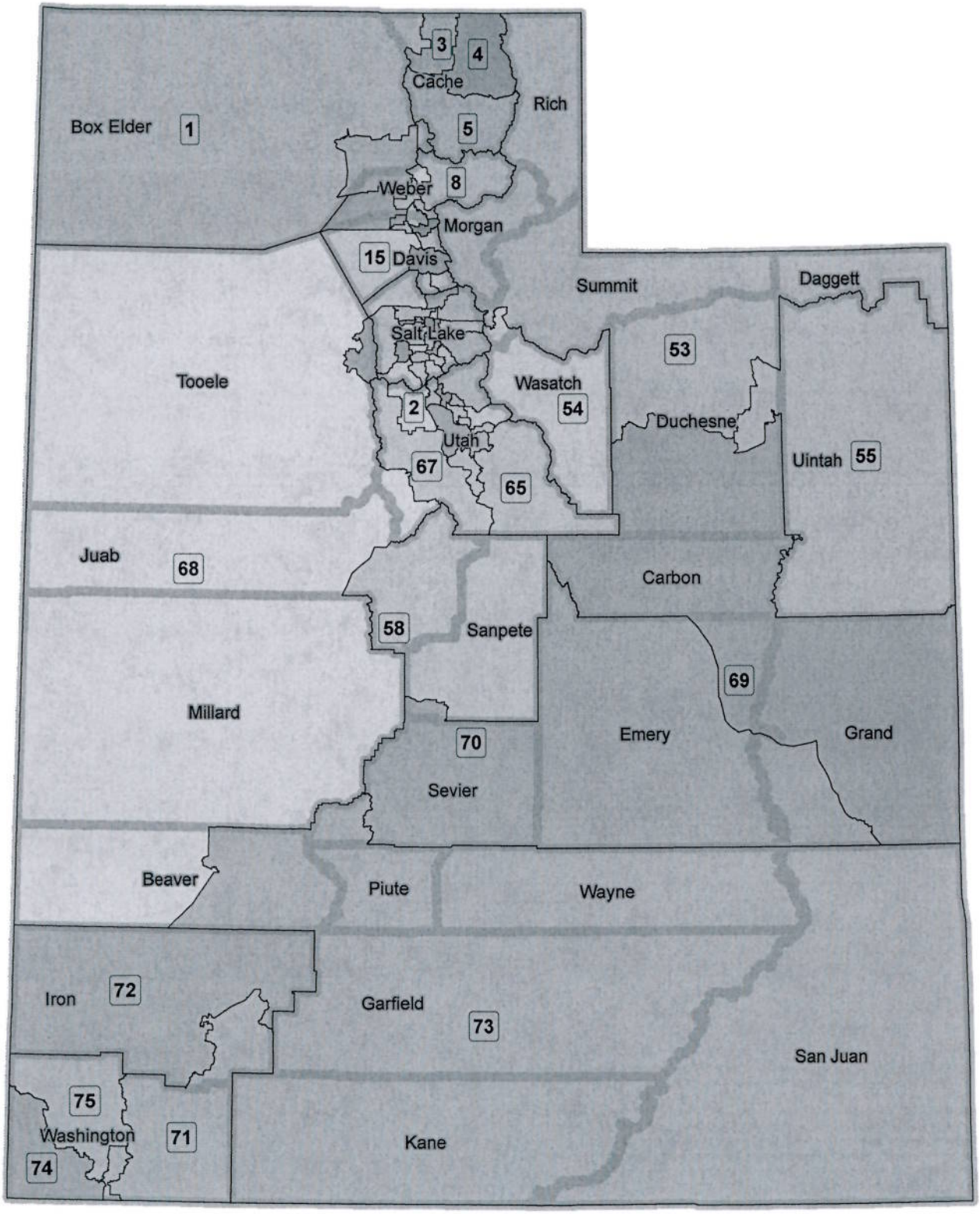

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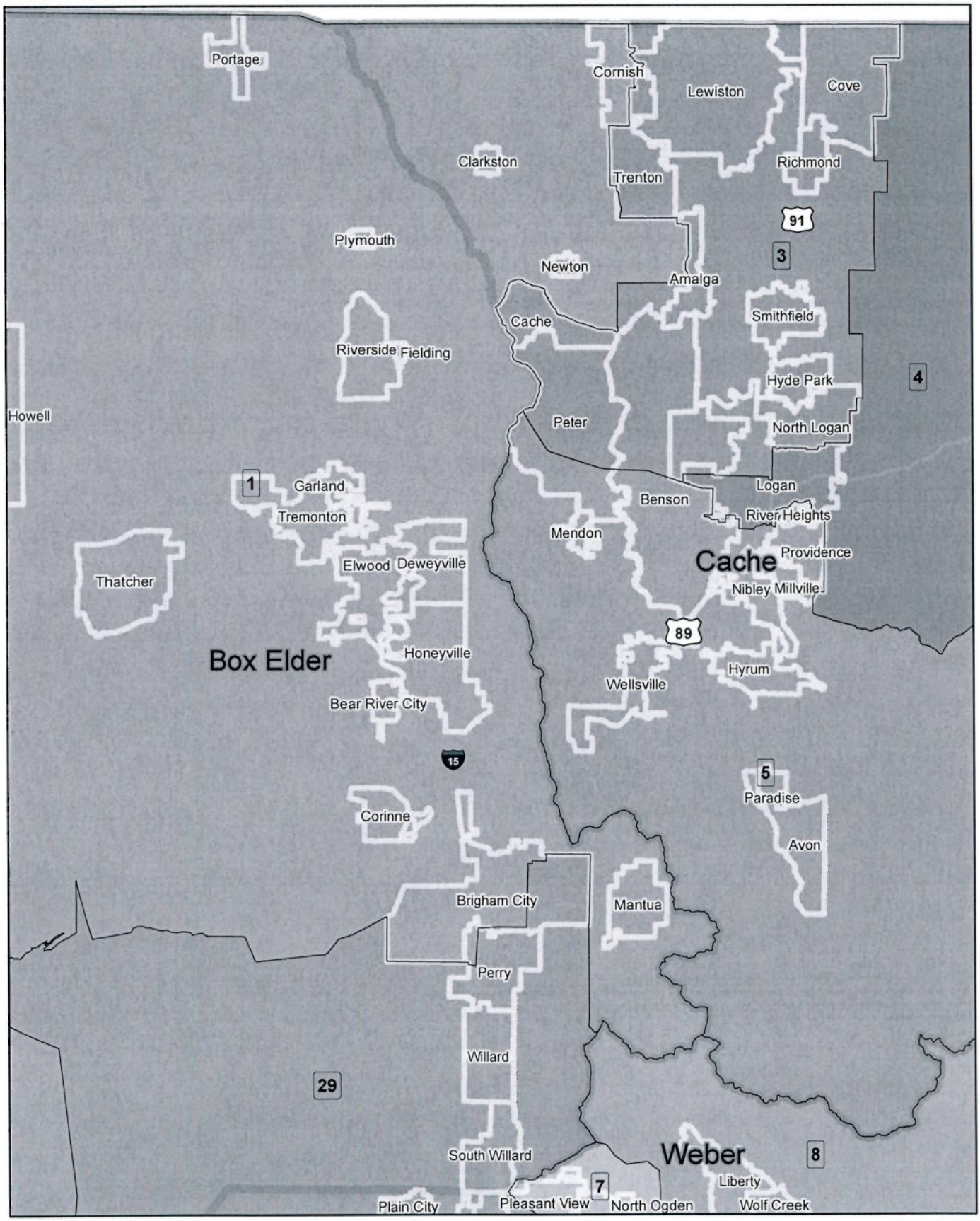

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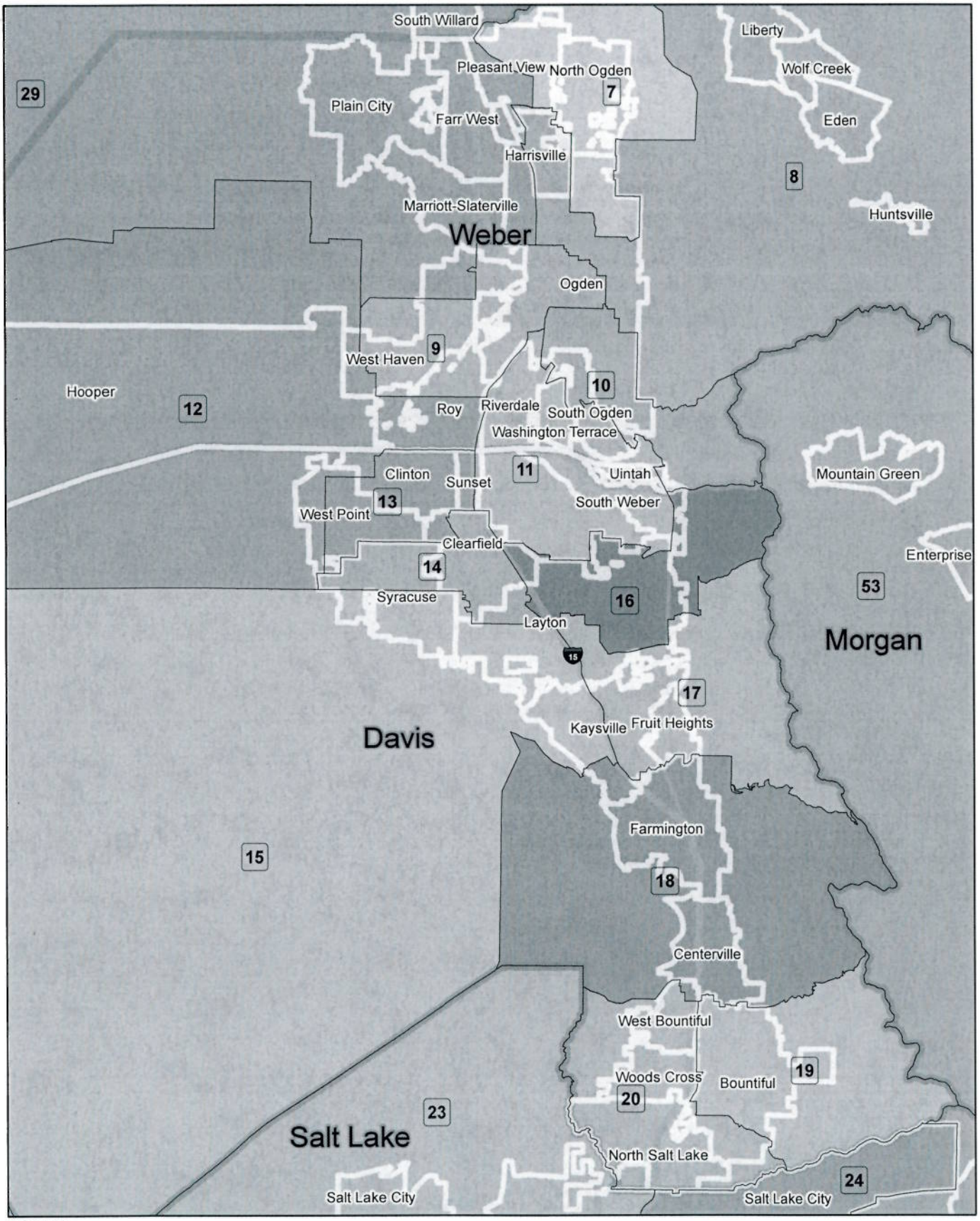

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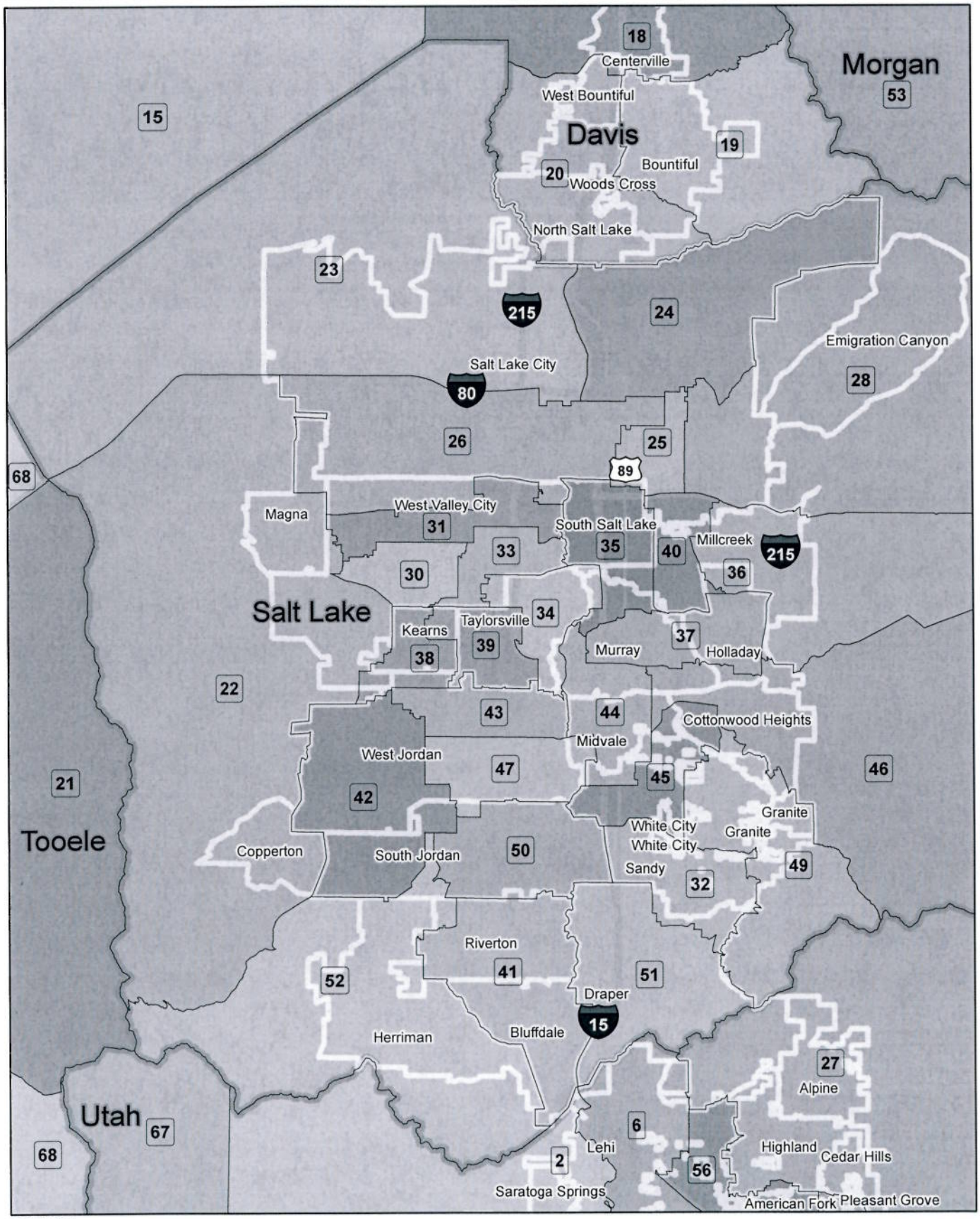

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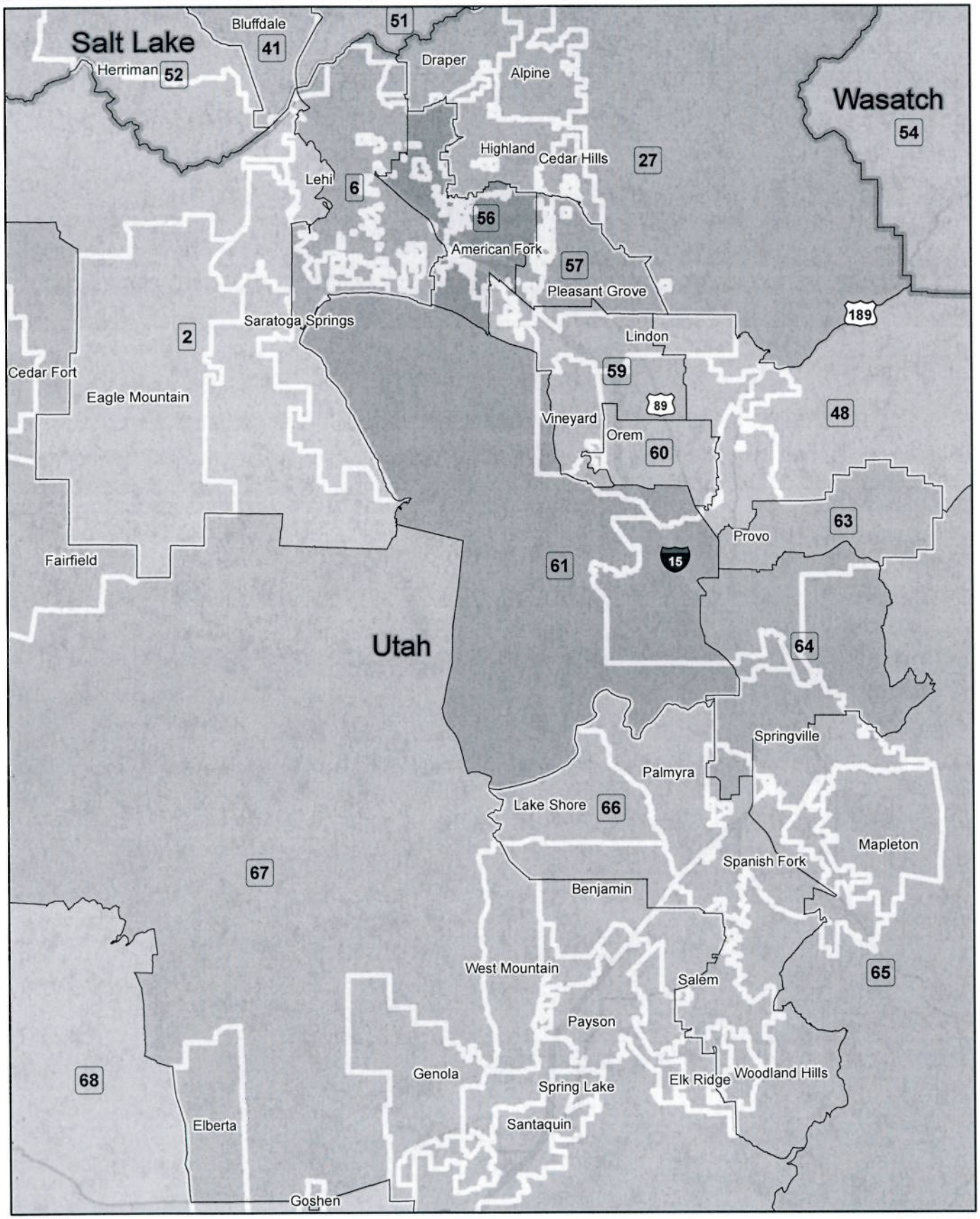

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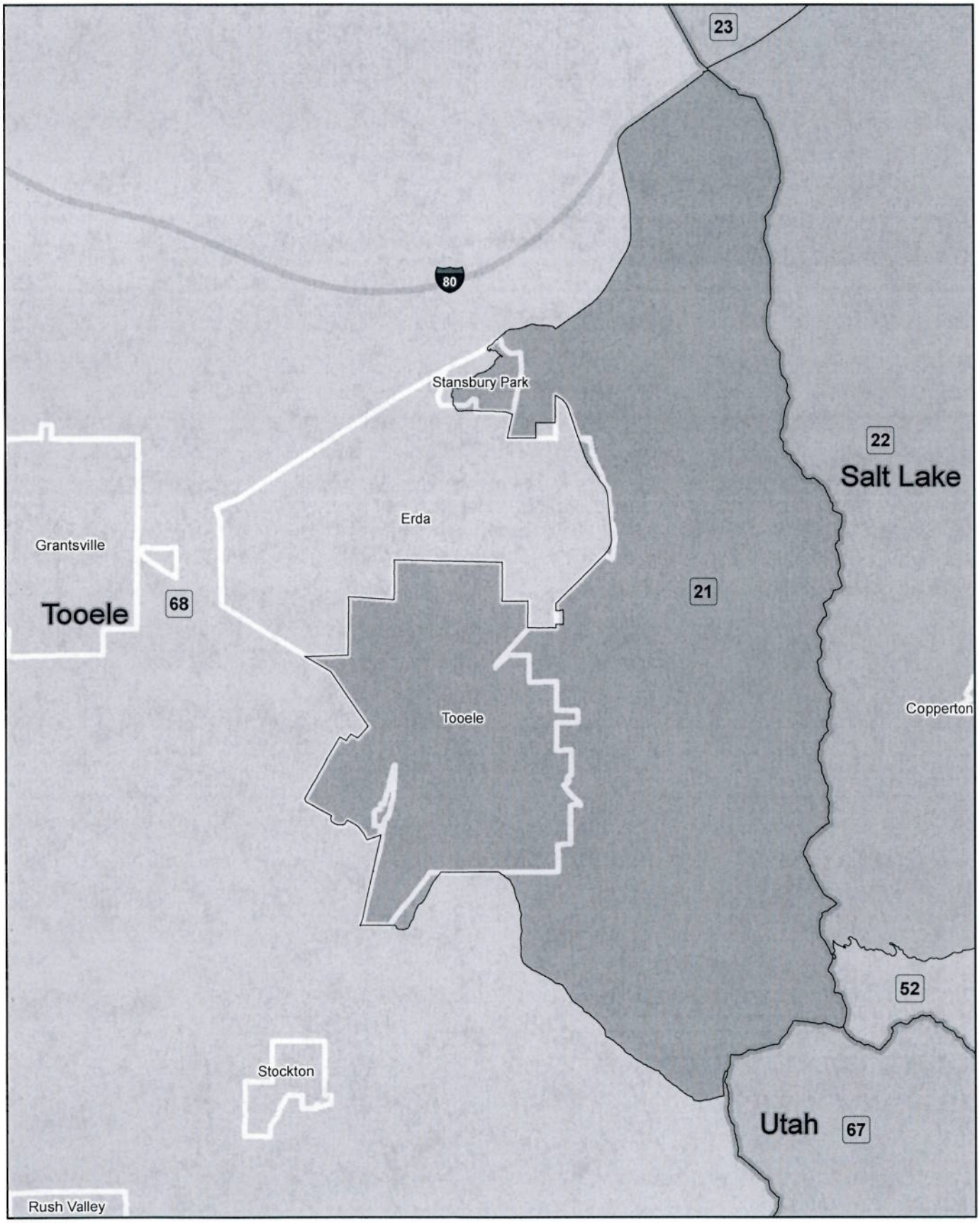

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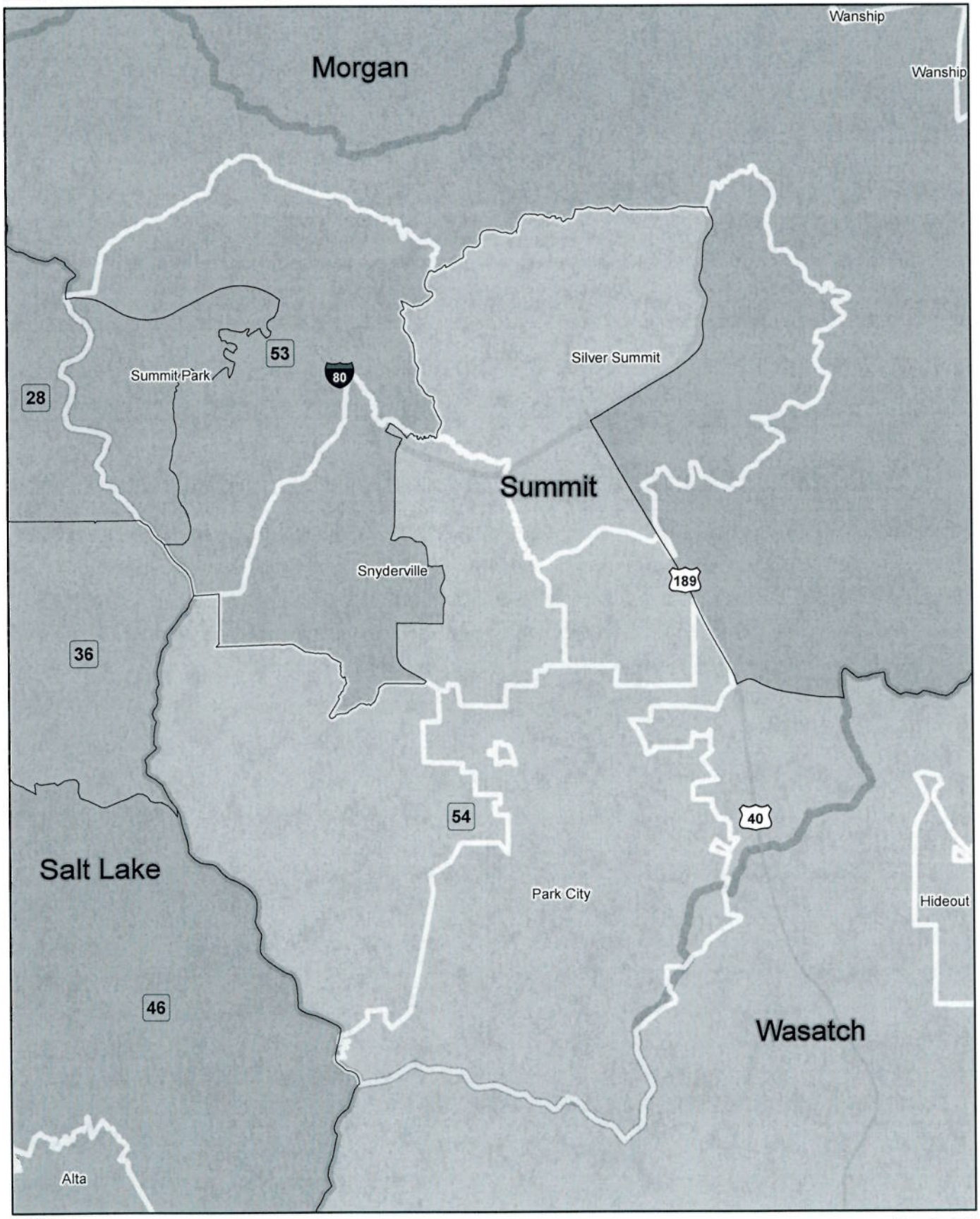

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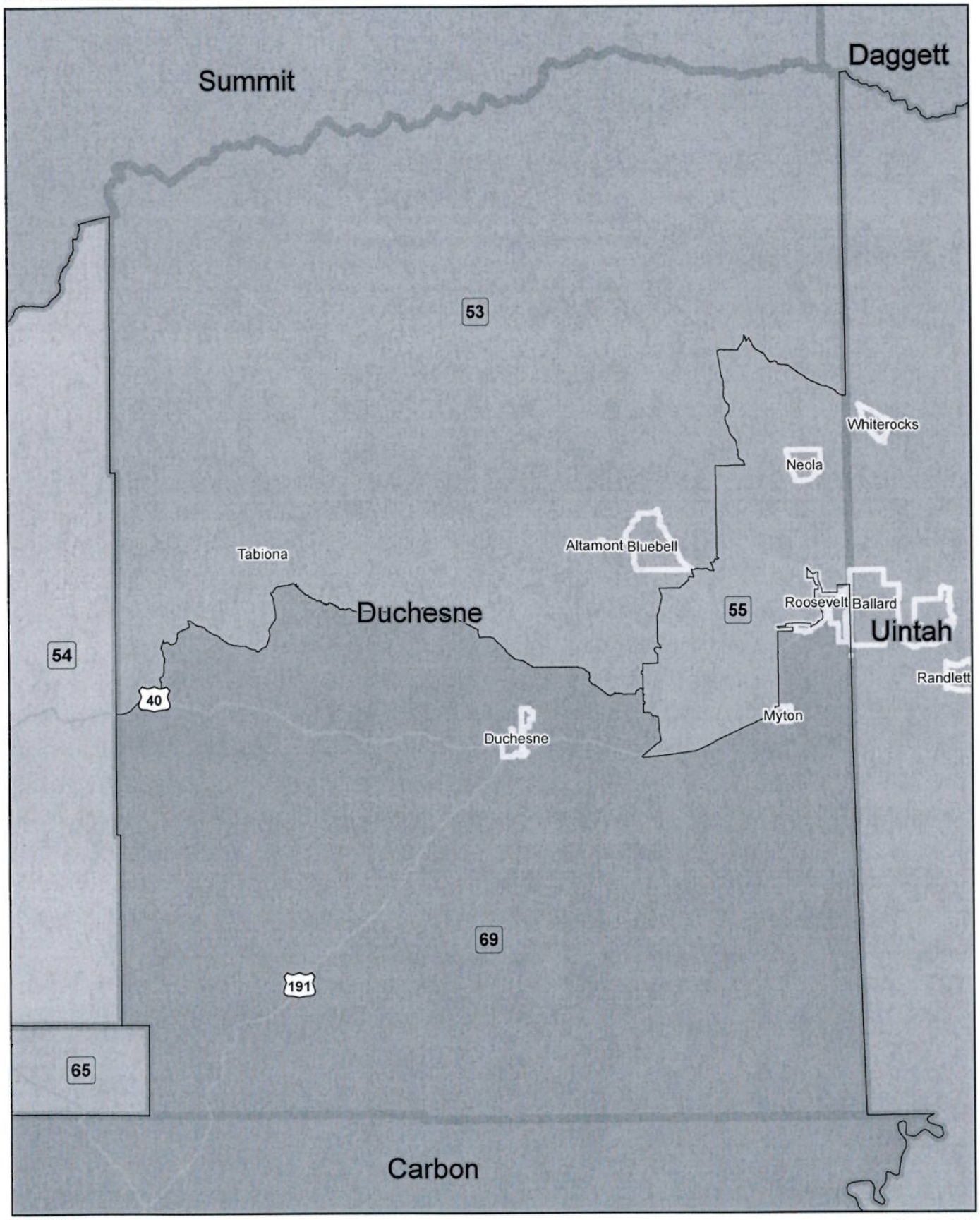

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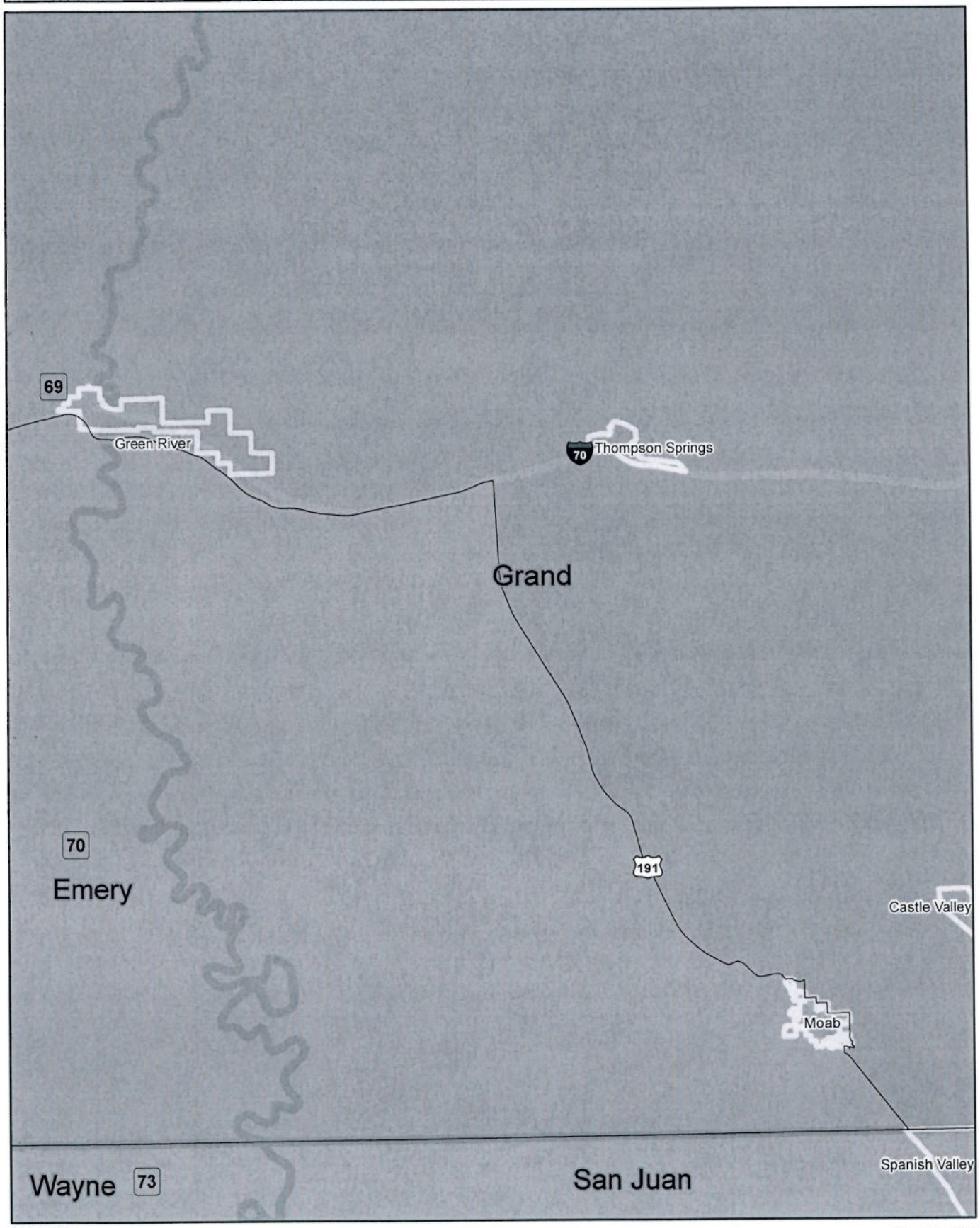

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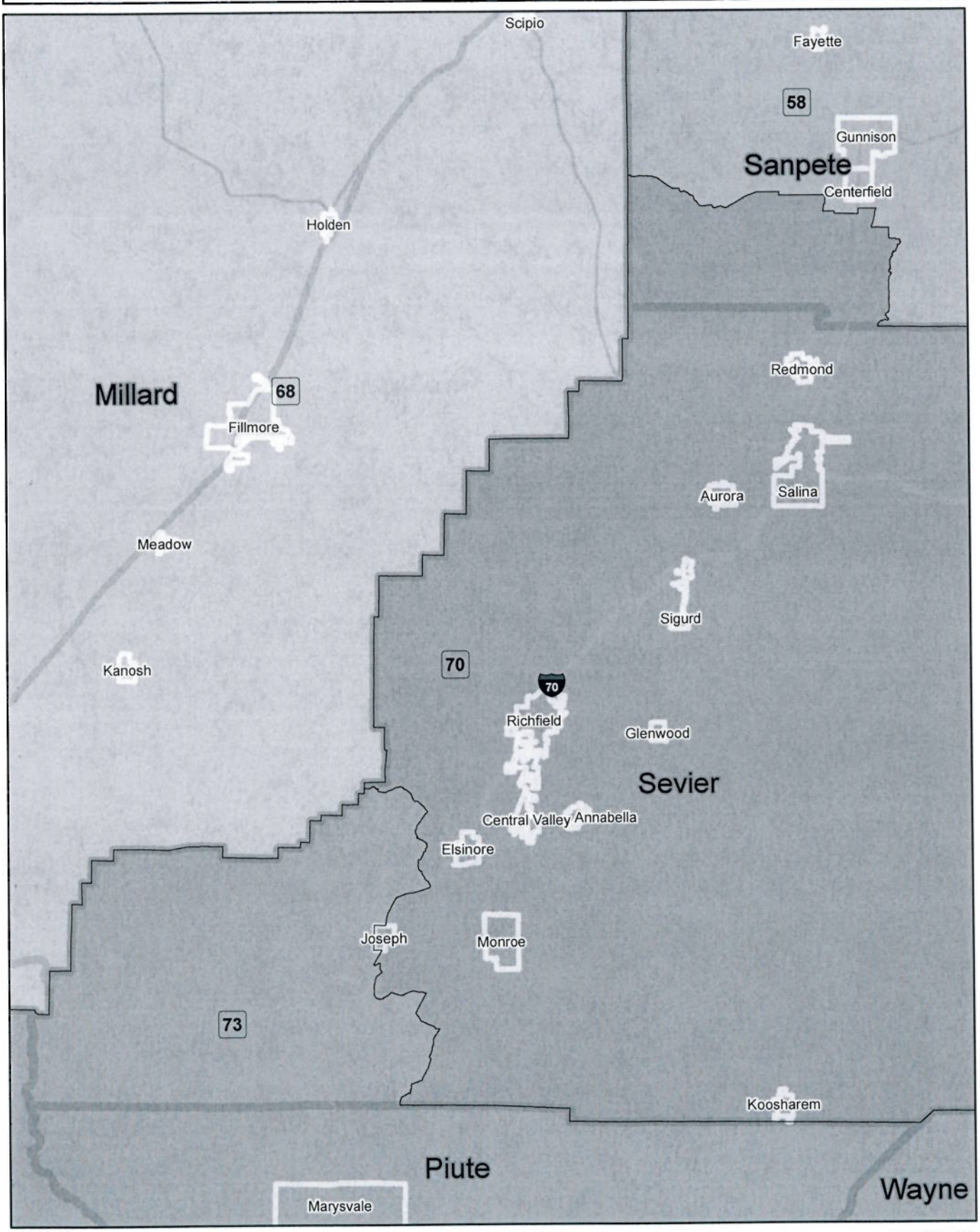

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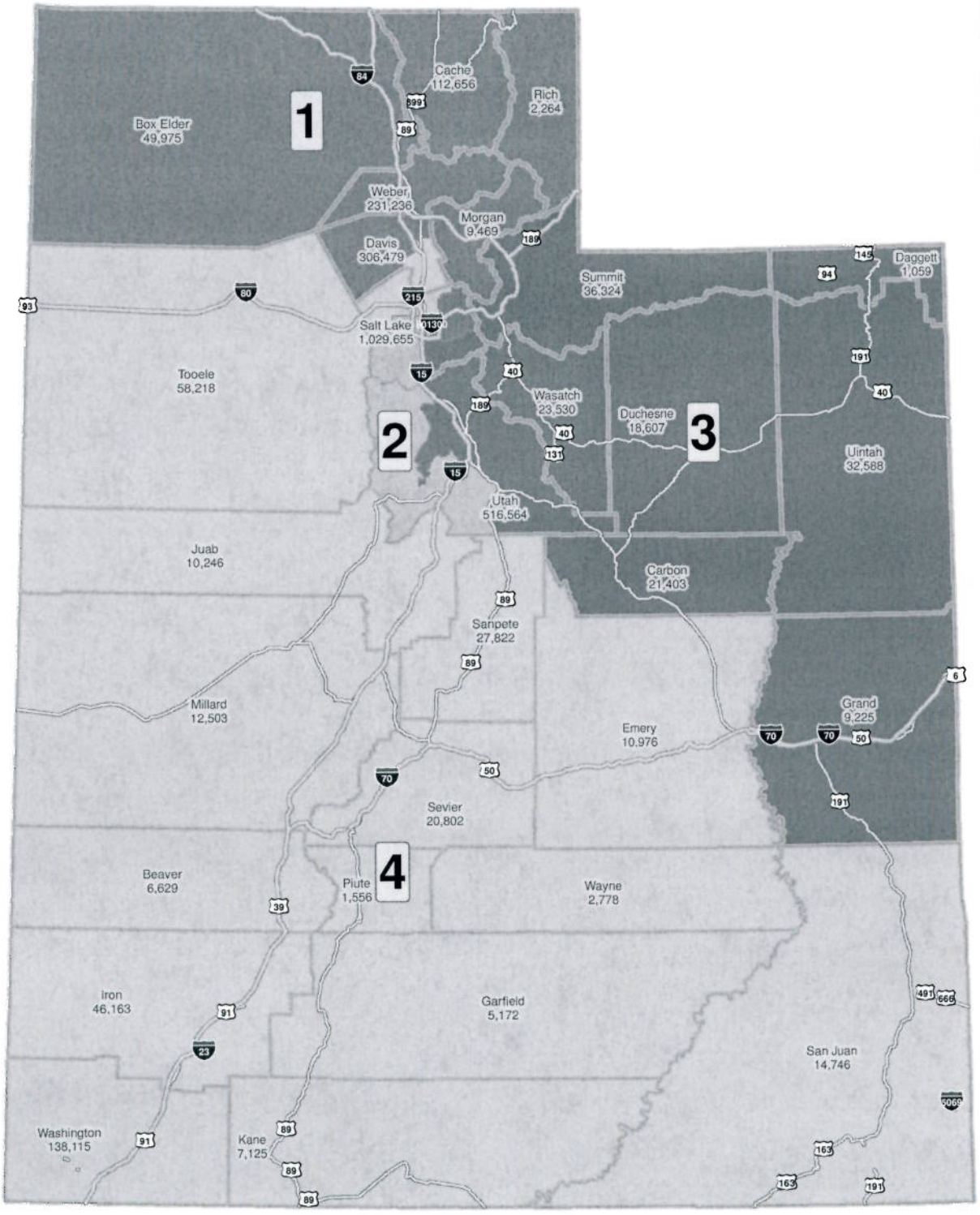

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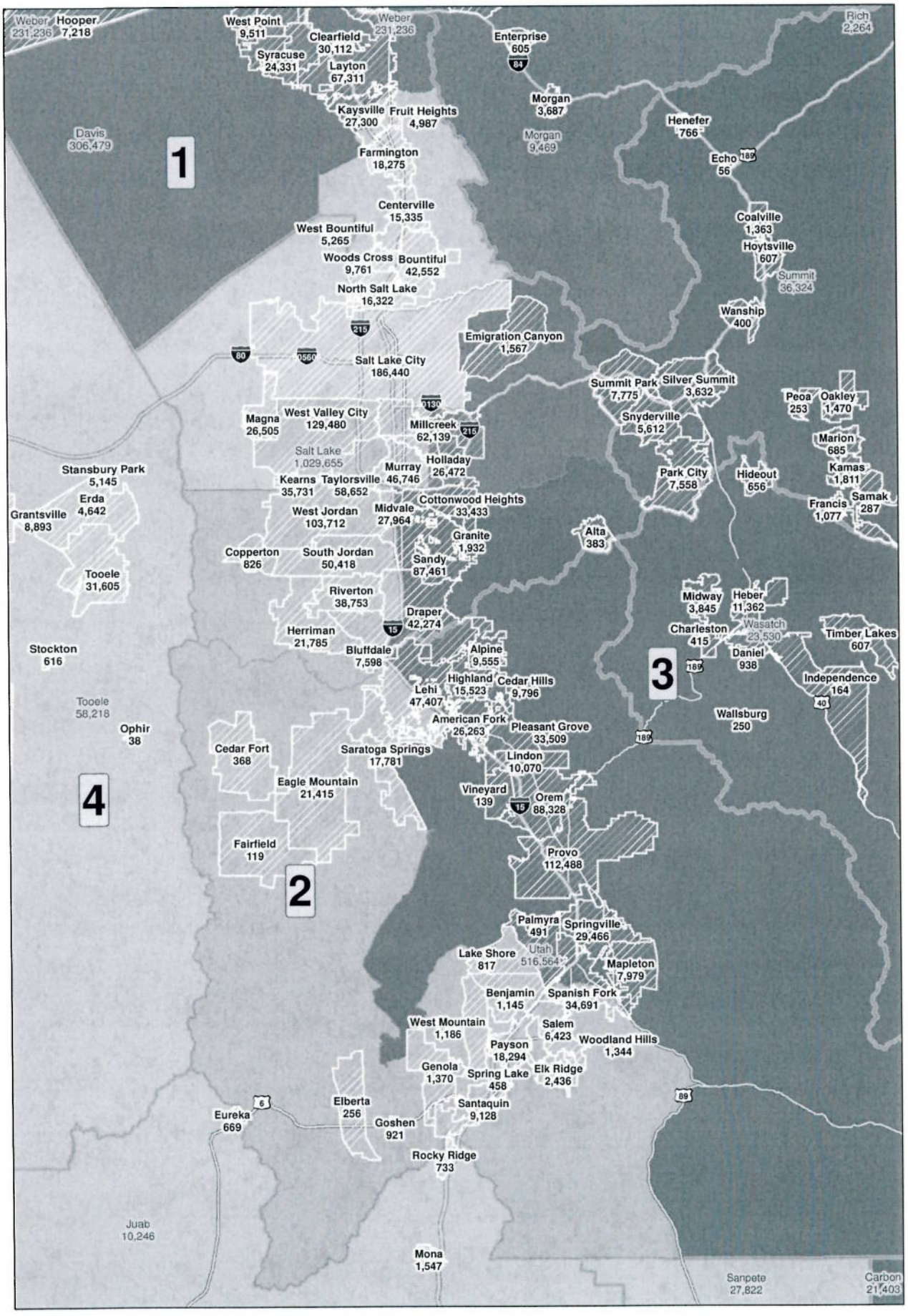

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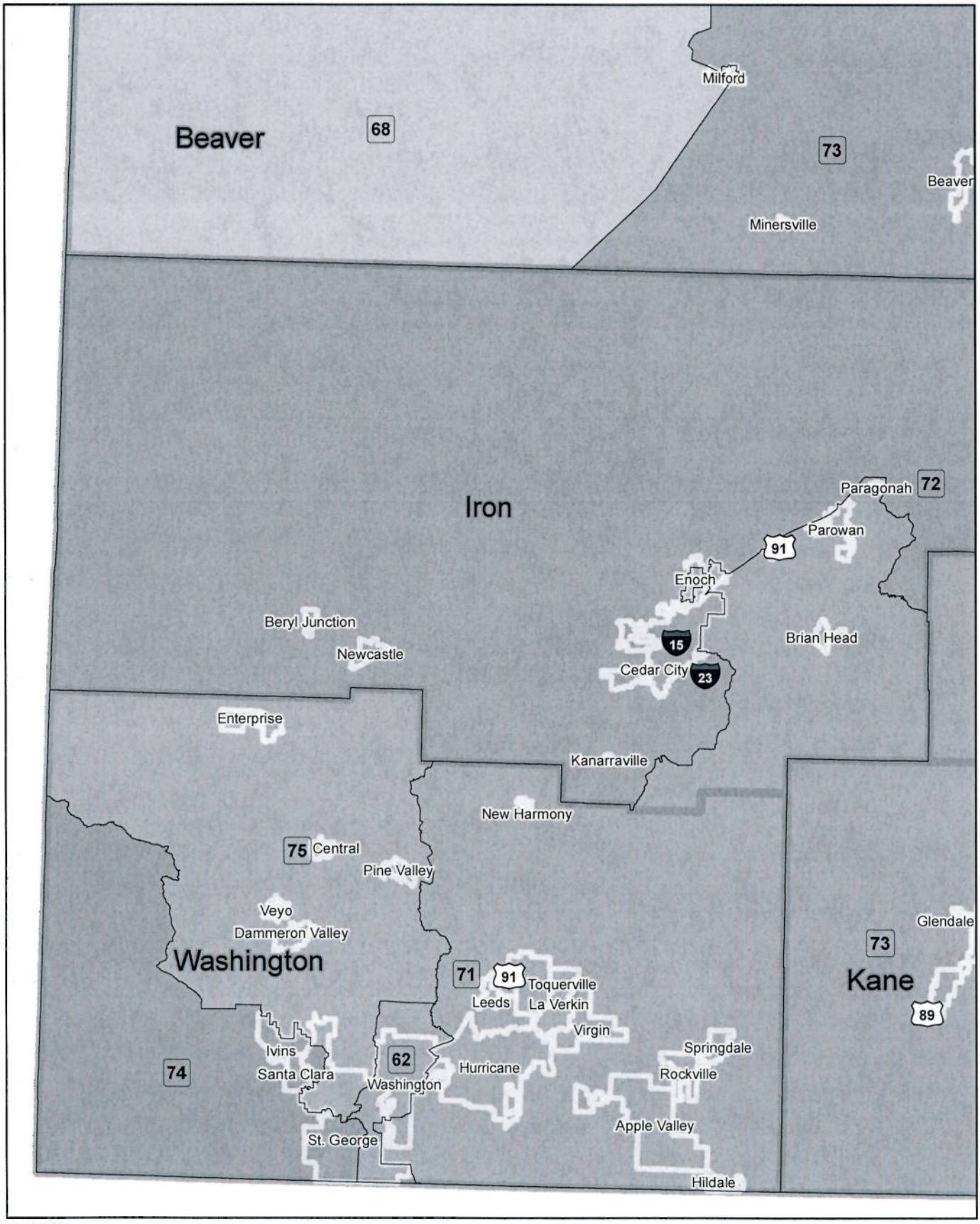

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State Board of Education

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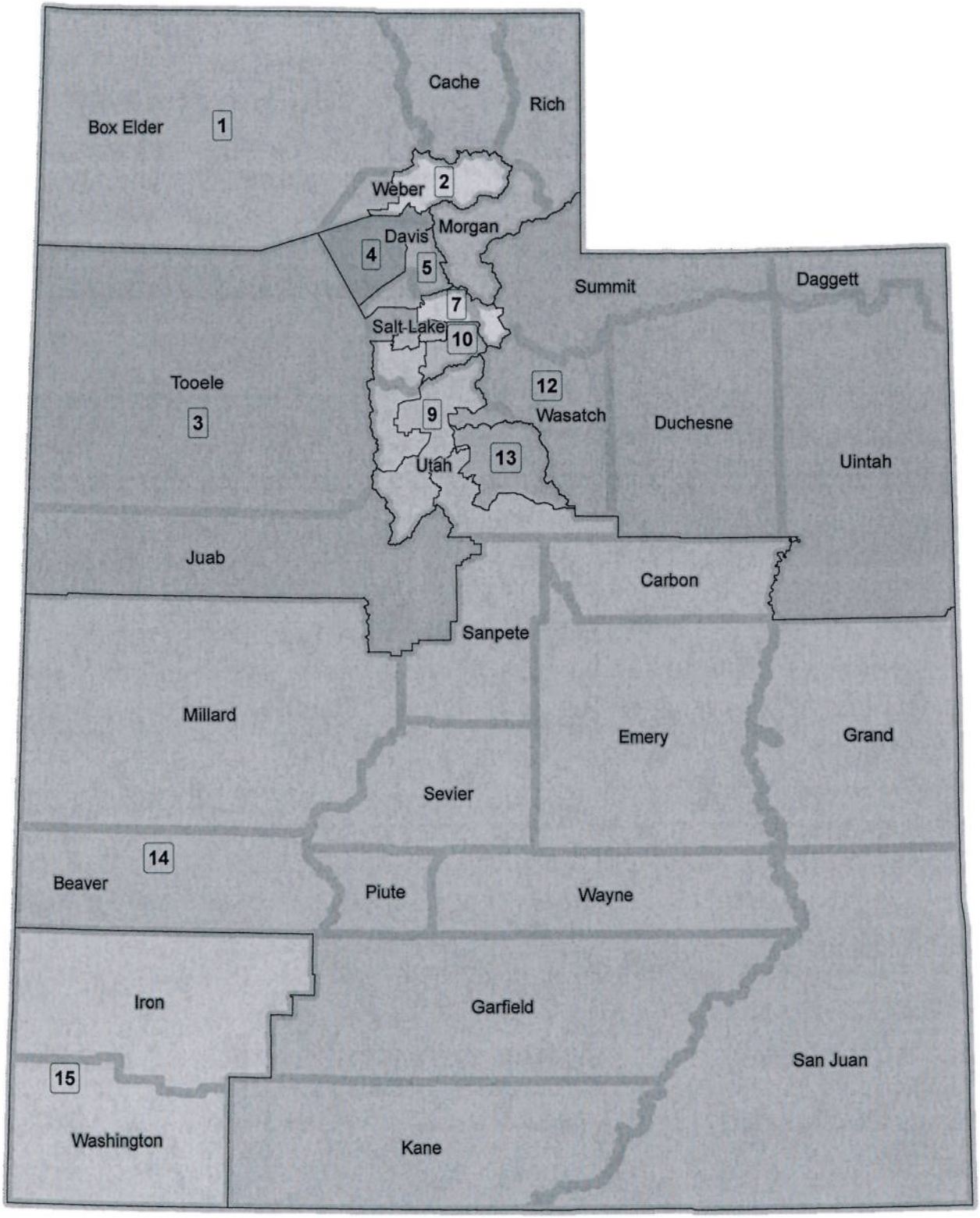

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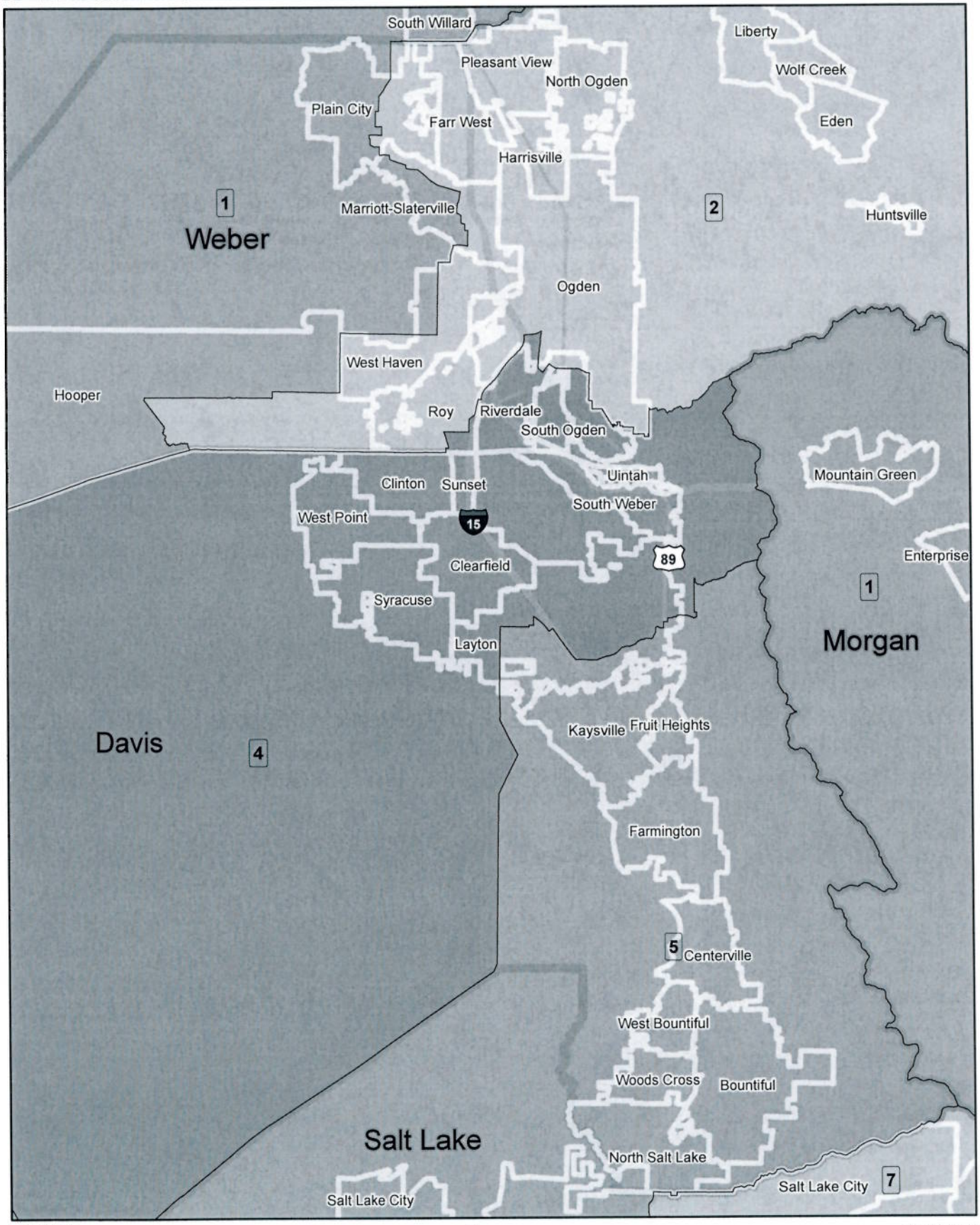

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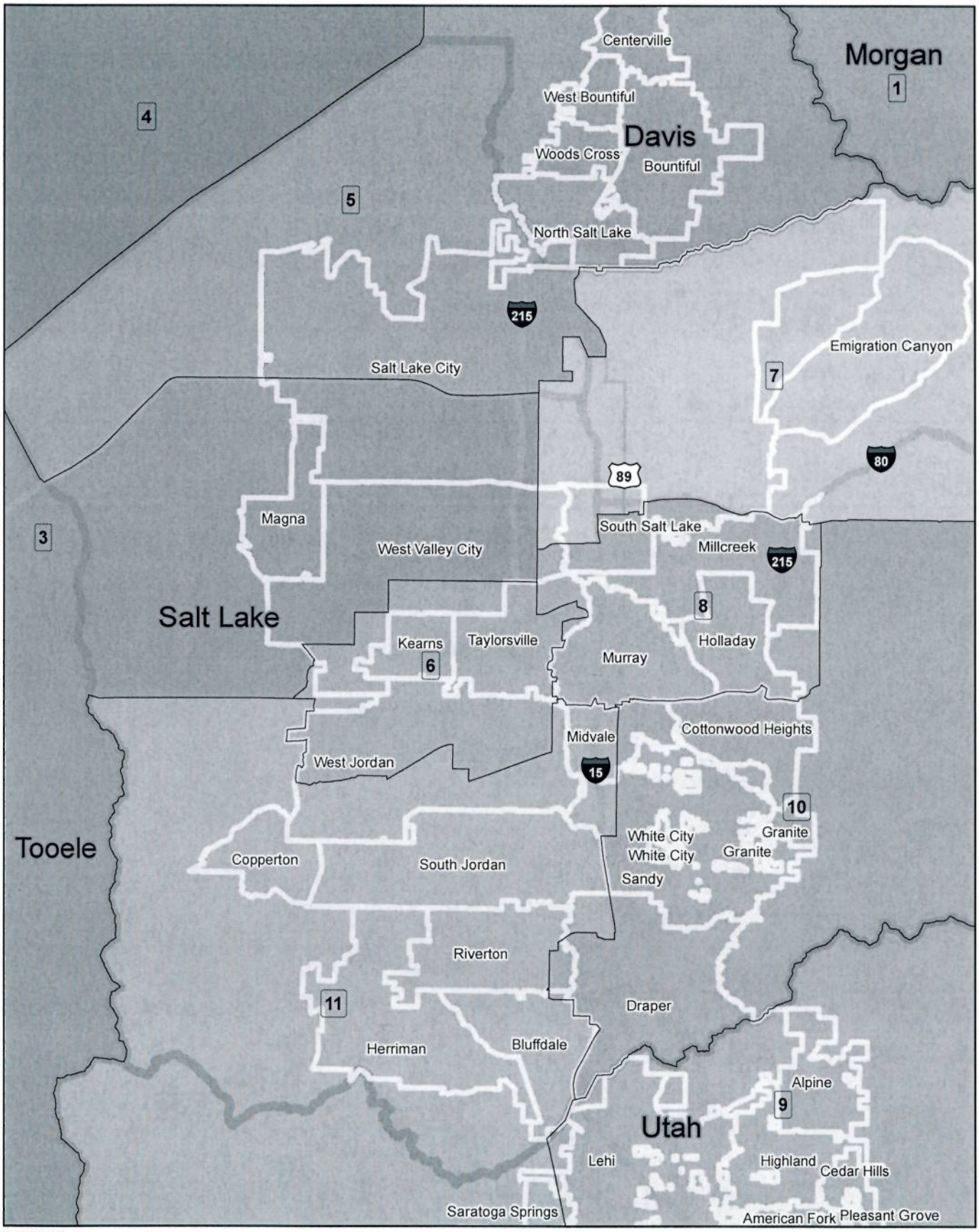

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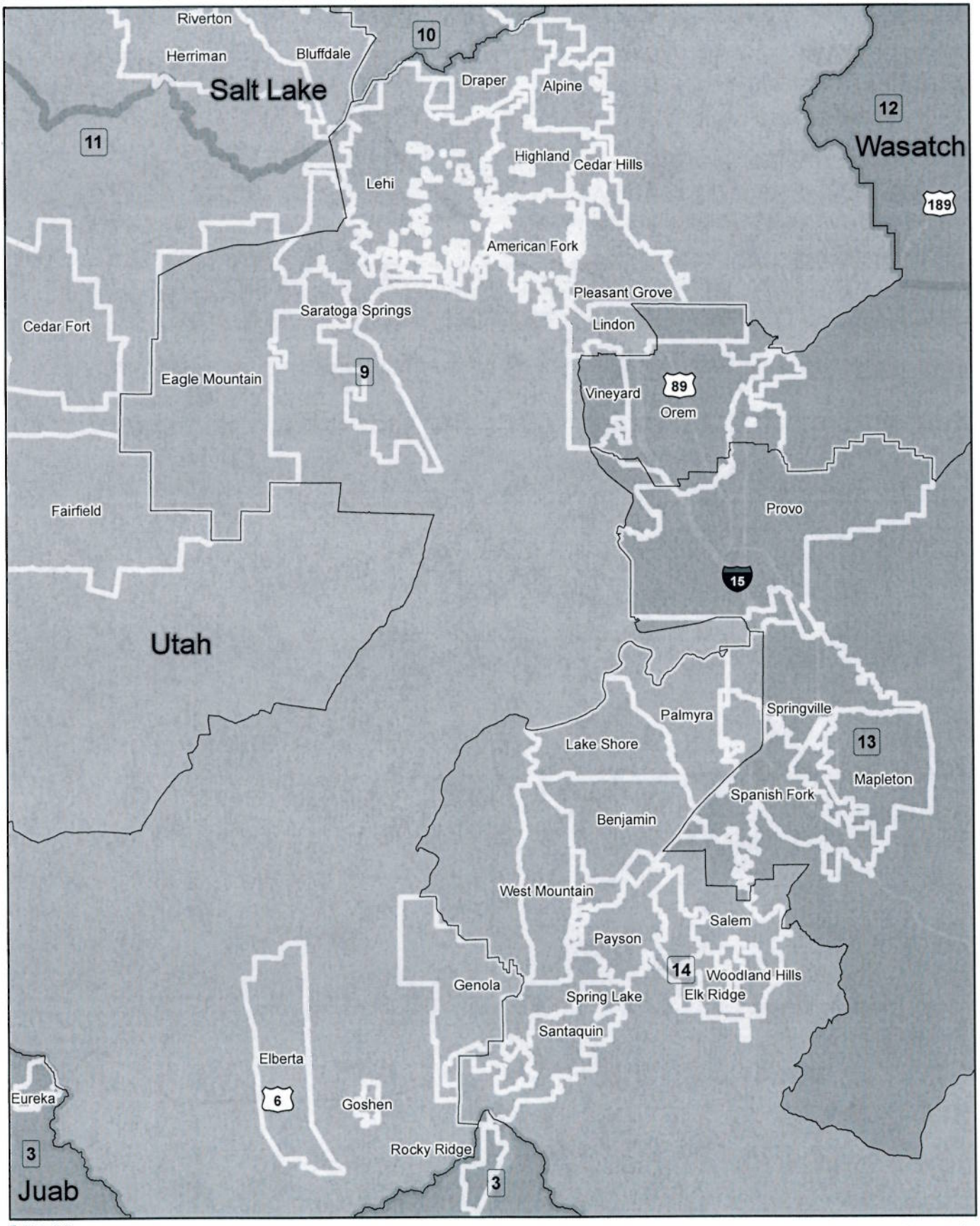

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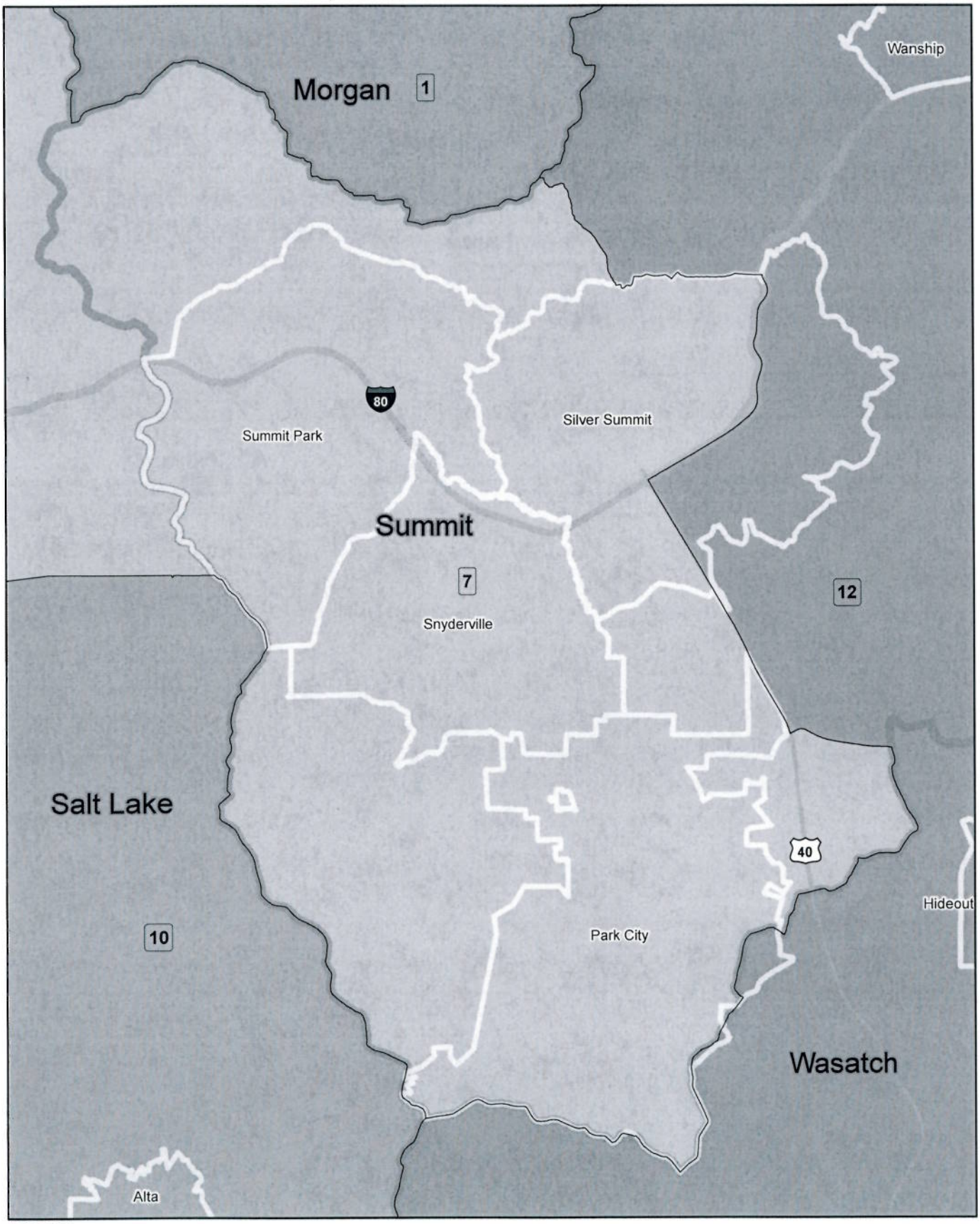

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Davis County
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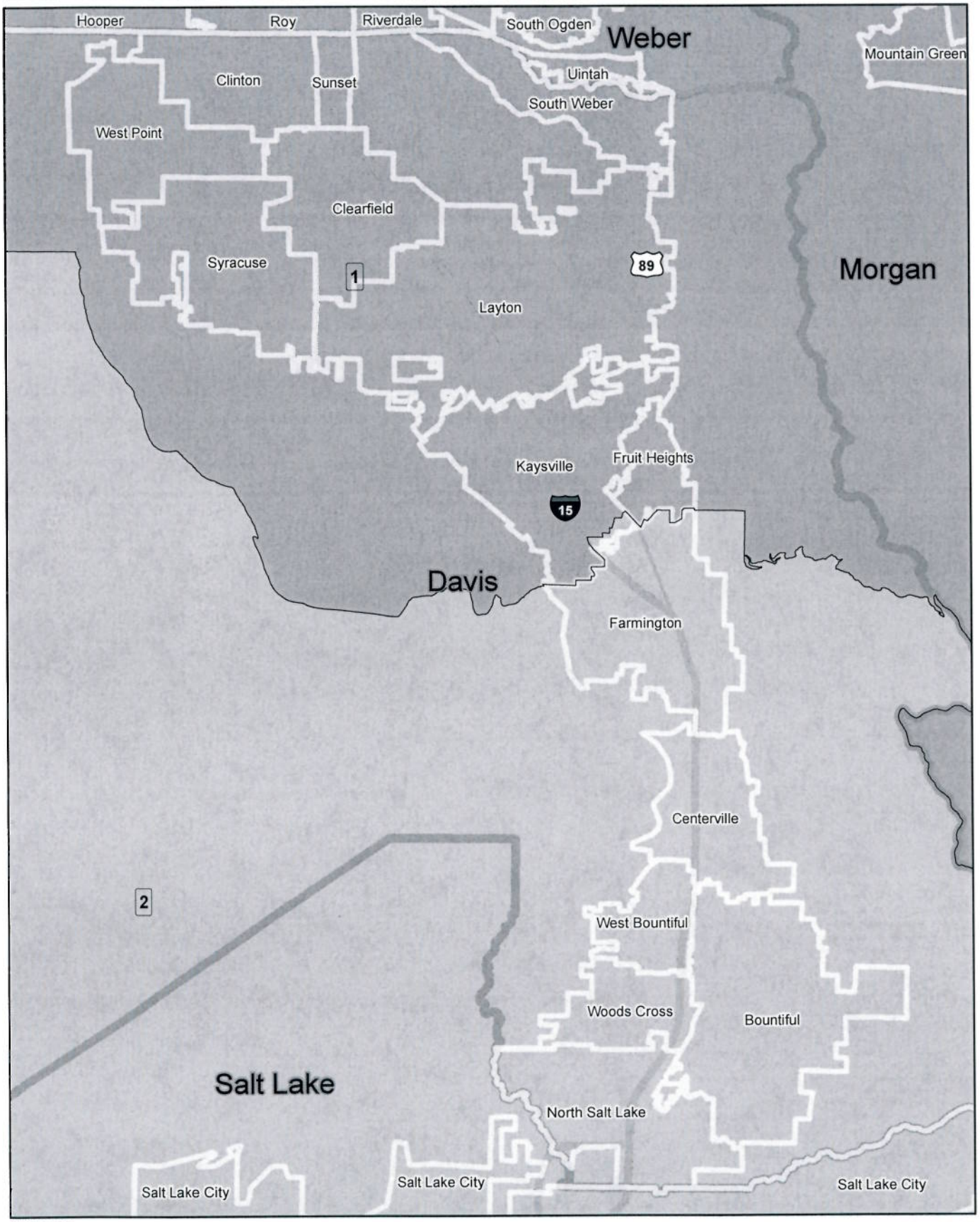

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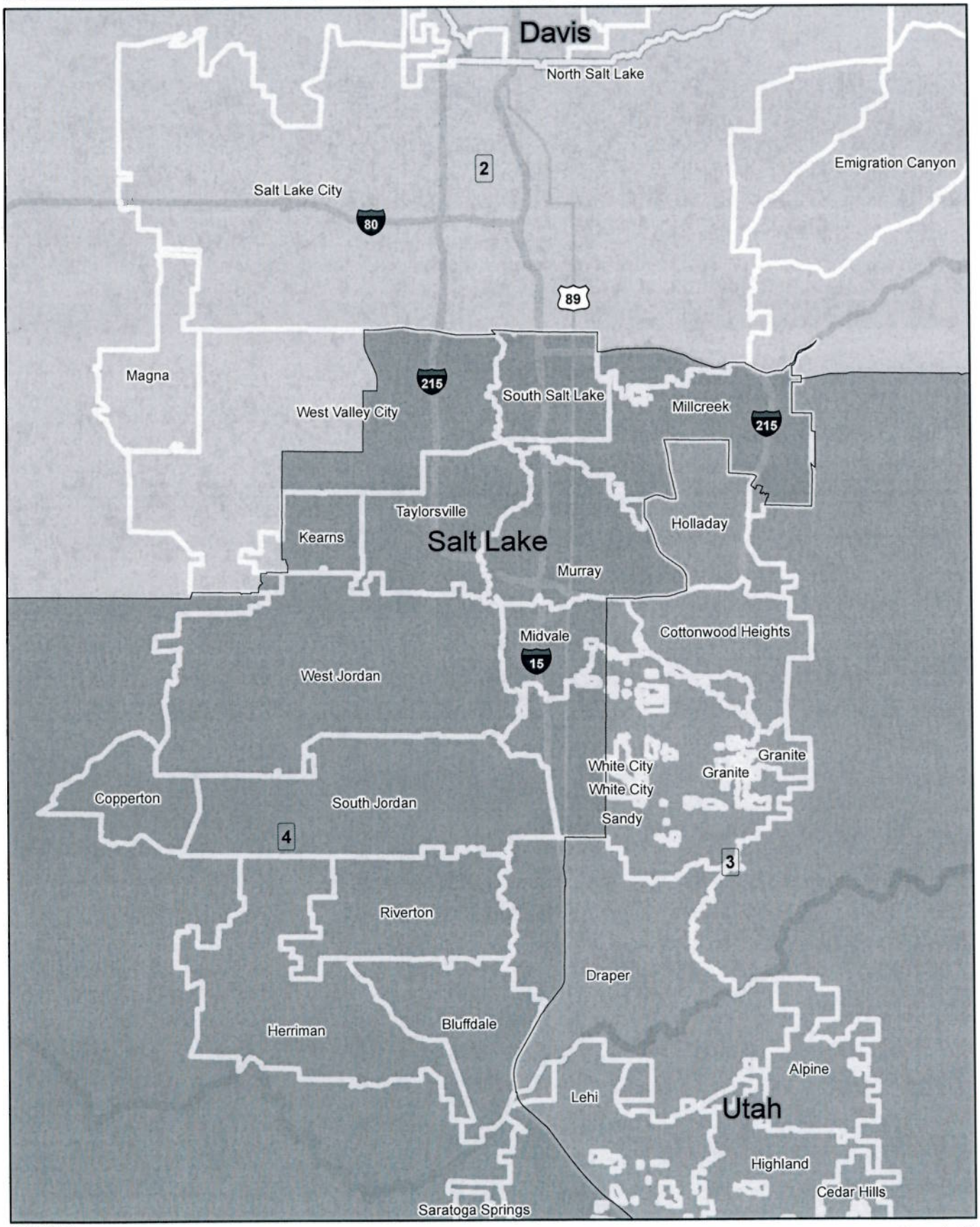

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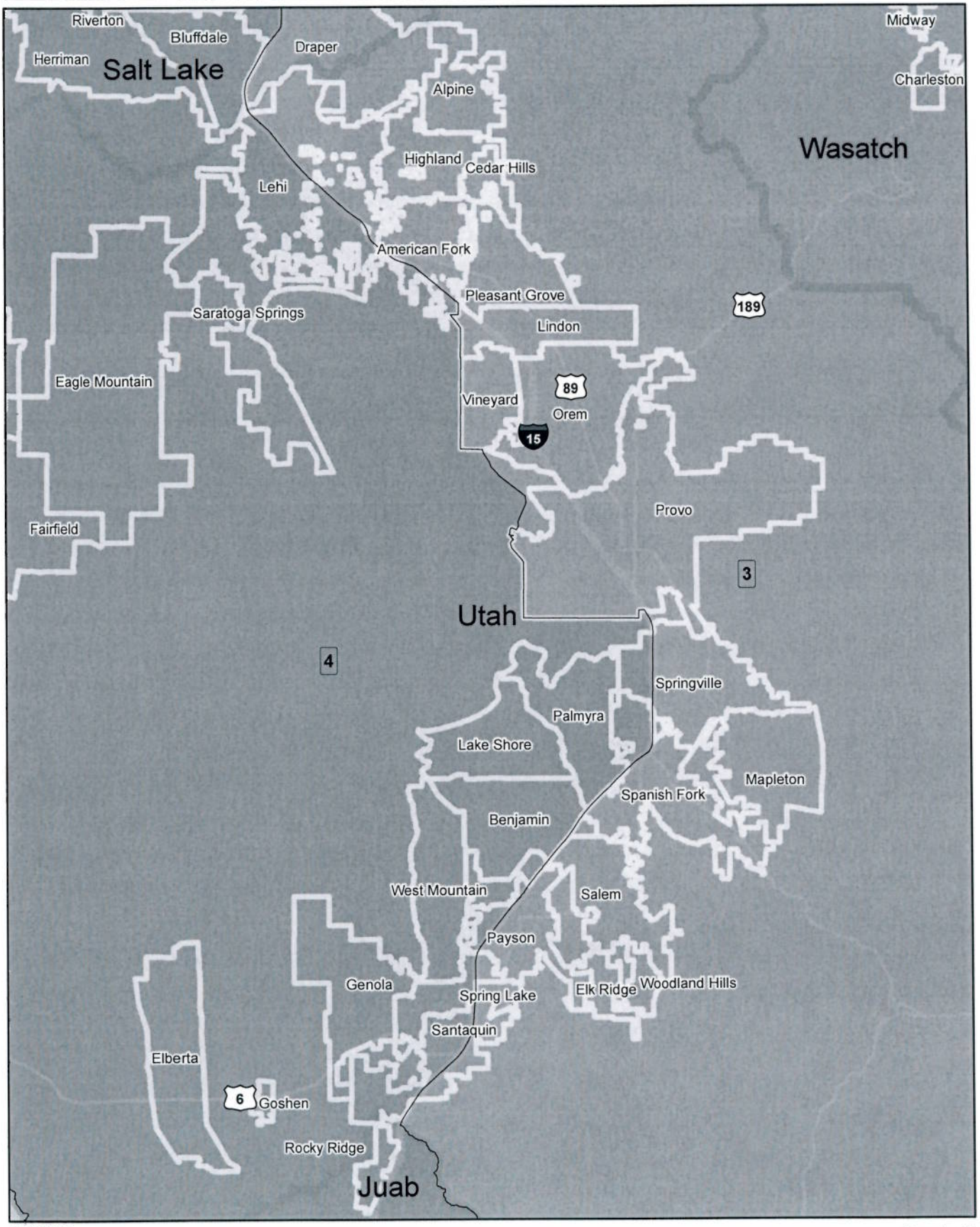

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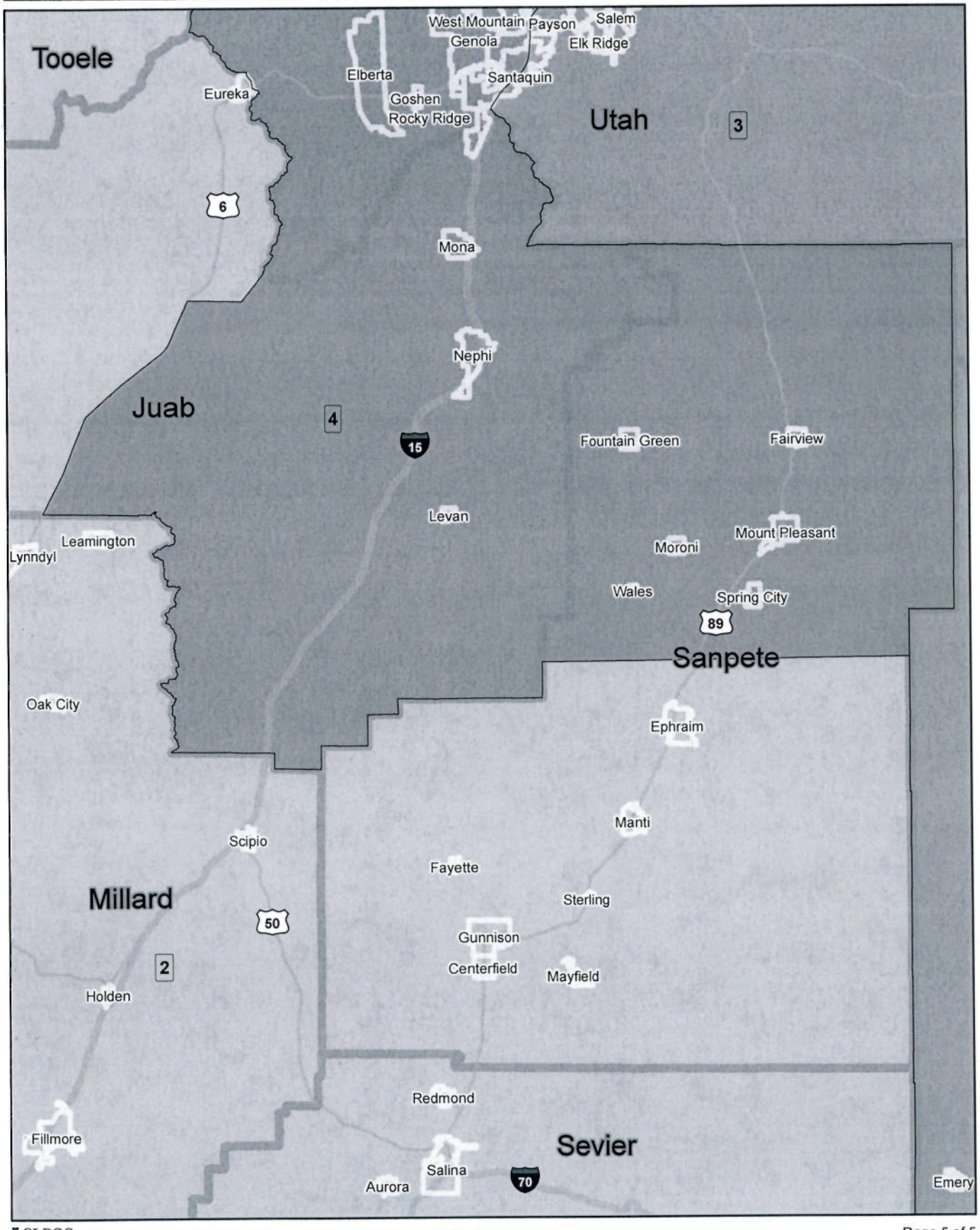

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Please consider the enclosed resolution that Lehi City has adopted for the purpose of redistricting. Lehi City feels it is very important to be included in a whole district due to our size, and being the fastest growing city in Utah County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Bert Wilson
Lehi City
801-362-9999

LEHI

PIONEERING UTAH'S FUTURE

RESOLUTION #: 2011-38

Lehi City 2011 Redistricting Resolution

Whereas, state governments redraw district boundaries every ten years based on the results of the most recent census and reapportionment results, and

Whereas, using results from the 2010 census, the Utah State Legislature is redrawing districts for the United States House of Representatives, the Utah House of Representatives, the Utah Senate, and the Utah State Board of Education, and

Whereas, redistricting ensures that each citizen's vote carries the same weight and preserves the ideal of "one person, one vote", and

Whereas, the Utah legislature has created a redistricting committee made up of legislators from around the state, and

Whereas, there has been established, fundamental core standards to which, the 2011 Redistricting Committee must adhere as they draw maps; namely

1. Congressional Districts must be nearly equal as practical with a deviation not greater than +- .1%

2. State legislative districts and state school board districts must have substantial equality of population among the various districts with a deviation not greater than +-3.5%.

3. Districts will be single member districts.

4. Plans will be drawn to create four Congressional Districts, 29 State Senate Districts, 75 State House Districts and 15 State School Board Districts.

5. In drawing districts, the official population enumeration of the 2010 decimal census will be used.

6. Districts will be contiguous and reasonably compact.

And whereas, the 2010 census tally found that total resident Utah population is 2,763,885, and

Whereas, the same census found that the total resident Lehi City population is 47,407, and

Whereas, the same census found that an ideal district size for a State Senate seat 95,306, for a State House seat 36,852, for a State School Board seat 184,259, and

Whereas, as mentioned above a redistricting plan must take into account traditional redistricting criteria such as compactness, contiguity, and respect for political subdivision lines and communities of interest, and

Whereas, Lehi City is clearly a reasonably compact, contiguous community of interest with political subdivision lines, and

Whereas, the way lines are drawn can keep a community together or split it apart, leaving it without a representative who feels responsible for its concerns, and

Whereas, the way lines are drawn can change who wins an election, and

Whereas, based on census criteria, Lehi City merits representation of 1 State Senate seat, and

Whereas, based on census criteria, Lehi City merits representation of 1 State House seat, and

Whereas, multiple preliminary redistricting proposals for State Senate and State House split up Lehi City in ways that significantly diminish its reasonably compact, contiguous community of interest with political subdivision lines,

Whereas, Lehi City has no direct representation in the State Senate and the State House despite being the third largest city in Utah County, and

Whereas, 2001 redistricting has caused Lehi City to be under represented in State government for the last 10 years, and

Whereas, in the interest of accountability and fairness, Lehi City's citizens merit representation of those who live in Lehi City.

Therefore, let it be resolved that Lehi City strongly urges the Utah Legislature and the 2011 Redistricting Committee to do the following:

Ensure that Lehi City receives one State Senate seat wholly inside Lehi City.

Ensure that Lehi City receives one State House seat wholly inside Lehi City.

Furthermore, let it be resolved that if Lehi City does not receive the representation it merits, we encourage Lehi City businesses, residents and government leaders to use all means at their disposal to fight for merited Lehi City representation.

Furthermore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the redistricting committee and each member of elected and appointed leadership in both the Utah House and Senate, Governor Herbert and Utah County Commissioners.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approved and Adopted by the City Council of Lehi City this 30th day of August, 2011.

Mayor Bert Wilson
Lehi City

Attest:

Marilyn Banasky, City Recorder

From: "Keven Stratton, Sutherland Institute"
To: Patrick Painter,
Date: 9/27/2011 7:45:52 AM
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Dear Rep. Patrick ,

Next Monday (Oct. 3), the Utah Legislature will meet in special session to finalize the much-discussed redistricting process. To better facilitate understanding of this process, the state has put together a new website:

RedistrictUtah.com

I invite you to take a minute to familiarize yourself with the redistricting maps and let your legislator know your opinion.

Cheers!

Keven Stratton
Grassroots Outreach
Sutherland Institute

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P.S. Join us on Oct. 12 for our new *Responsible Citizen Course:* **In Defense of the Family**. See below for details.

New Class: In Defense of Family

Join us Wednesday, Oct. 12, for our brand-new *Responsible Citizen Course*:

In Defense of the Family:
Why Family Policy Matters

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Speaker Lockhart-

I will open with a note of appreciation for the public service you offer. I realize it is a large amount of work. I am contacting you to voice my disappointment over the proposed redistricting map. I live in Salt Lake City. My parents live in Murray and my sister lives in Sandy. If the proposed map is approved, All three households in my family will be in different districts. We live less than 15 miles apart from each other, yet I will be voting for the same person as my relatives in St. George.

This is CRAZY! Please, be compassionate and look at what is best for people on a local level. While all Utahn's share certain common concern over issues such as open space, water, new energy sources (Please support solar energy. My company would love to hire more people if we could have more tax incentive for solar like fossil fuels receive). Beyond those common issues, we choose to live in certain areas of the state which have differing LOCAL issues. How can my representative focus on issues that are urban, which is where I live and give equal attention to rural issues? The proposed map spreads 3 of the 4 districts far too thin.

I won't make accusations of gerrymandering. I will say the map is a shows a blatant disregard for local politics.

Mike Walton
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The final Congressional Redistricting proposal now before you is nothing short of cynical. It virtually disenfranchises the remaining few voters who dare to disagree with the majority and now, finally removes any incentive to even go to the polls. The majority owns 80% of our congressional delegation, 76% of the State Senate and 77% of the House. Now you are about to vote to squash what few remain out of your control, just because you can. Greed is destroying the American economy. And greed is about to destroy Utah democracy. Don't be surprised when nobody shows up to vote. What's the use?

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Governor Calls Special Session for Monday

Salt Lake City – Just after noon today, Governor Gary R. Herbert signed a proclamation convening the Utah Legislature in a Special Session to address seven legislative issues next Monday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m.

"Redistricting is an important responsibility that the Utah Constitution assigns to the Legislature. Several other issues have come to my attention which I have added to the call for the Legislature to consider while they are in special session. These are, in large measure, technical and clean-up amendments to state law."

Among the items the Governor has asked the Legislature to consider are: changes to workers' compensation insurance requirements; modifications to the requirement that certain members of the Board of Regents represent less populous counties; and adding the presidential primary to the regular primary ballot. The complete text of the proclamation can be found at:

http://www.utah.gov/governor/docs/SpecialSessionOctober2011.pdf

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IN OUR VIEW

A really bad pizza recipe

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In the effort to redraw Utah's congressional districts, two of the three Utah County-based lawmakers on the commission charged with making a proposal say they like what's been dubbed the "pizza slice" plan.

That's the plan with the points of the new congressional districts in Salt Lake County.

Never mind that this play would water down Utah County's clout in Washington, without any compensating benefits. And never mind that these lawmakers are supposed to represent their local constituents.

The alternative to pizza is doughnuts. This approach would create poorly named "doughnut holes," or zones encompassing one or more of the main urban areas: Salt Lake County for sure, Utah County being the next obvious choice, and Davis County and its environs a third possibility. In some of these plans, the new Utah fourth district would cover a lot of the state's rural areas.

Note that a district comprising Utah County and a few other small chunks would focus a U.S. representative's attention squarely on this valley. You'd think that area lawmakers would naturally favor the idea.

But no. Rep. Ken Sumsion, R-American Fork, the House chair for the committee, and Rep. Francis Gibson, R-Mapleton, are favoring the pizza slice plan.

"I would like our congressional delegation unified in representing all the interests of Utah," Sumsion says. Defenders of the slice idea say it would force members of Congress to pay attention to rural areas in the four districts, since each slice would include some rural zones.

But it's easy to flip that argument over. A pizza slice plan is likely to turn rural voters into a minority in each district, thus diminishing their clout. The pizza plan could virtually disenfranchise them as representatives respond to the majority.

By contrast, if rural areas make up the bulk of a district, that district will have the undivided attention of at least one member of Congress, and the peripheral attention of all the others. The interests of rural Utah will affect the state, starting with energy development. Nobody will be ignoring those factors.

Is the pizza plan more fair? No. But Gibson frets:

"My initial leanings are that a doughnut hole plan has some negative connotation in what people say gerrymandering is," he said. "I would probably lean into dividing the state more equally."

Of course the dominant GOP wants to avoid charges of gerrymandering. The 2000 redistricting still brings the accusation that it fiddled with the boundaries too much in a vain attempt to defeat Utah's lone D.C. Democrat, Rep. Jim Matheson.

Moreover, the population of districts will be more or less equal regardless which plan is chosen, so equality is not the issue.

When the first rumors of the pizza slice plan came out of the oven, Utah Democrats derided it as blatant gerrymandering. Pizza advocates now seem intent on making prophets of those Democrats. The slices, however they are cut, will look like gerrymandering.

Politicians don't usually hand their opponents so much political ammunition, so it has to be wondered what's in their heads. There's something awkward and forced about Republican claims that the pizza slice plan is fairer or provides some special benefit to rural areas. The argument seems especially out of place when it comes from Utah County Republicans.

There's nothing wrong with asking that Utah County receive appropriate voting power in acknowledgement of its rapid growth in the last decade. We are an urban center of more than a half-million people. That it is plainly a distinct political, geographical, historic and economic entity.

Why would Republican lawmakers from our county be willing to let our influence be diluted in service to a plan whose justifications are really shaky.

Speaker of the House Becky Lockhart, R-Provo, continues to straddle the fence -- another oddity. She heads the dominant party in one chamber and should use her clout to do the right thing. It's one thing to give all sides some say during a debate, but this issue is too important to leave to chance. A bit of muscle should be exercised.

Read more: http://www.heraldextra.com/news/opinion/article_98f55877-58ef-562c-a05e-ebfe64587d2f.html#ixzz1ZMTXADsy

From: Jeremy Grimshaw
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Date: 9/29/2011 9:44:52 PM
Subject: Anger about Redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

Dear Senator Madsen and Representative Painter,

I'm going to give it to you straight. As your constituent, I'm mad as hell about how the redistricting committee went about their business on Tuesday. After a prolonged process--what turned out to be pure theater--of supposed public input and transparency, the committee adopts a plan subjected to *no public scrutiny* and introduced *halfway through the meeting*?!?!

Gentlemen, Utah is a conservative state, and tends to go along with its conservative elected representatives. However, sometimes this power just goes to your head and you overstep your bounds. You did it with school vouchers. You did it with public records. And now you're doing it again. It's pure corruption, and the Utah Republican establishment should be ashamed of itself.

We have learned by sad experience that men, when they get a little authority...

C'mon guys. I don't expect you to forfeit your majority position. But you still have to respect the intelligence and integrity of your constituents. You still represent *ALL* of the people in your districts.

Do the right thing. Play fair. You're better than this.

Best,

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Subject: A slap in the face of the people?
Attachments: Mime.822

I think that it is wrong to divide communities and neighborhoods like the present plan presents. For example dividing Murray into three districts is wrong. That example could be multiplied many times over. My wife is a school teacher of 20 years. She now believes we need to do away with tenure for teachers. Most teachers are very good, but we need to put the needs of the students first before teachers. The same is true about politicians. The needs of incumbents and political party should not come before the needs of the citizens. Thank-you

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Tooele Transcript Bulletin Online

Senate plan carves up county again

by Tim Gillie
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Sloan: "To slap the people of Tooele County with a map like this shows that the public has no place in the process."

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A proposed base plan for new boundaries for state Senate seats is drawing sharp criticism from Tooele County leaders and citizens who hoped redistricting would finally give them a resident senator.

Since the last round of redistricting a decade ago, Tooele County has been split into four senate districts. A decade of growth has now made the county Utah's seventh largest in terms of population, but the newly proposed boundaries would again divide Tooele County, making it the only one of the state's nine most populous counties not to have a population majority in a senate seat.

The new plan was proposed by Sen. Ralph Okerlund, R-Monroe, the Senate co-chairman of the redistricting committee whose current district includes most of Tooele County. The plan splits the county in two: Lake Point, Erda, Stansbury Park and part of Tooele City are put in a district comprised mainly of Box Elder County. That district encompasses the home of Sen. Pete Knudson, R-Brigham City. The remainder of Tooele County is placed in a district that sweeps over the Oquirrh Mountains to take in Magna and part of West Jordan.

The two pieces of Tooele County would each make up only about one third of the population of the two districts.

"Under the proposed plan, Tooele County would make up a minority of two districts and not have a voice in the Senate," said Merrill Nelson, a former state legislator from Grantsville. "Once again, Tooele gets shafted with divided representation."

Nelson, who is also a board member of the Fair Boundaries Coalition, said he got involved in the redistricting process this year because he believes in the process and the integrity of the members of the committee.

"This map impugns the system," said Nelson. "If it is approved, then the cynics and critics win. It will appear that your actual intent was to protect incumbents, as referenced in your comments in today's meeting."

In presenting the plan and explaining the necessity of dipping into Tooele County to fill the population for a Box Elder County-based seat, Okerlund made reference to a decision by the committee to not force Sen. Luz Robles, D-Salt Lake City, and Dan Liljenquist, R-Bountiful, into the same Senate district.

"Eliminating the conflict in the northern part of the state was a driving force in the plan," said Okerlund.

Rep. Doug Sagers, R-Tooele, the only member of Tooele County's current six-member legislative delegation that resides in the county, expressed his dissatisfaction with the new plan.

"I am angry," said Sagers. "This is very disappointing. I cannot support the plan, it is just wrong."

Tooele County Republican Party chairman Chris Sloan, who has attended most of the 17 public hearings held by the committee across the state over the past four months, expressed dismay at the plan.

"All the transparency and public input did not make a difference," said Sloan. "To slap the people of Tooele County with a map like this shows that the public has no place in the process."

Sloan presented the committee with letters from the Tooele County Commission, the Tooele mayor and city council, and the Grantsville mayor dated Sept. 6. All of the letters were critical of the plan.

"It is our opinion that Tooele County has again been allowed to be used simply to fill areas of other seats, leaving us in a position of being in a minority in not just one but both of the Senate districts we've been drawn into," wrote the Tooele County Commission in their letter addressed to the committee members.

The committee failed to take any action on the proposed base plan before adjourning their meeting. They will reconvene on Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. in Room 210 of the Senate Building on the state Capitol campus to continue the discussion of state senate boundaries.

"We will have some revisions to the base map prepared by then," said Okerlund, who admitted he held out little hope for major changes in the Tooele County split.

"When we look at the districts up north, we had to dip into Tooele County to complete the northern senate seat," said Okerlund. "The only other alternative would be to start in Tooele County and draw a map and then change everybody else's boundaries."

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Subject: No to illogical Congress boundaries
Attachments: Mime.822

Representative Patrick Painter, Nephi

Please vote no on the SB3002 gerrymander. Send it back to public hearings for a month. The past week's secret meetings are shameful! It is apparently gerrymandered for no HONEST reason.

North, south, east and west parts of the state should each be kept together. The committee did OK by northern Utah and Uintah Valley (except Summit Co), but nowhere else.

Central, southern, and SE Utah should be with Provo, not with SLC and Bountiful and Tooele!

It looks like any logical boundaries will divide Utah and Davis Counties into a two districts, but they shouldn't be the SB3002 boundaries. Salt Lake City and South Davis County should be with north (or west) Salt Lake County, not with St. George, and Monticello.

The West Jordan / Riverton / Saratoga / Payson district has most of growth areas the next 10 years and will leave their citizens severely underrepresented by 2021.
Payson should be with Provo not with West Valley!

I think you need to go back to the Congress Garber D Plan or something else that keeps districts in each of the four directions and splits my Salt Lake County in no more than two districts.

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Subject: Redistricting
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Dear Utah Legislator:

I'm writing to protest the current redistricting plan. The notion that rural and urban districts should be 'blended' is absurd, as it results in districts that represent neither set of interests well. And in this case, it seems specially designed to silence the voice of the most populous area in the state -- Salt Lake County. As a resident of Salt Lake County, which is now split into four districts, I can assure you that I personally feel totally disenfranchised by the current plan. Specifically, I now reside in the newly formed District 4, drawn by all accounts to ensure the election of Rep Carl Wimmer to Congress. He does not and never will reflect my positions on issues that affect me personally or, more broadly, this country, Utah, or Salt Lake County. Representation is more than one-person-one vote. It also involves ensuring that areas of mutual interest are left intact such that they have a collective voice that can be heard. Salt Lake County will be deprived of that representation in Congress, should you adopt the plan before you.

Ellen

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From: Aaron Rennaker
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Speakers at the Press Conference yesterday in the Capitol protesting redistricting:

Joshua Kanter: Founder of An Alliance for a Better Utah.

Registered Democrat, Donated $20,000+ in 2008 & 2010 election cycle. Obama, Clinton, DSCC, DNC, John Kerry, DCCC

John Hansen: Registered Democrat, SLC

Mayor Peter Corroon: (D) Salt Lake County Mayor. Called redistricting process un-American. Ran for Governor in 2010, major recipient of donations from Bruce Bastian, Howard Dean, AFL-CIO, Labor Unions, supporter of non-partisan "Fair Boundaries" initiative whose maps where drawn by Democrat operative, adviser and former UT Dem Party Exec-Director Todd Taylor.

David Irvine: Donor to Democratic Presidential candidate Wesley Clark, President Barack Obama, DNC. Attorney who has sued Utah and has received millions of dollars from Utah taxpayers in law suits.

Sen. Ross Romero: Senate Minority Leader, Candidate for SLCO Mayor, Democrat

Glenn Wright: "non-partisan Fair Boundaries" Director. Former Summit County Democrat Party Chair, caught using partisan map drawn by UT Democrat Adviser and former Executive Director

Speaker Up & Peace Up Activists; Tim DeChristopher's friends, sat on UTA TRAX to protest coal power.

MaryAnne Martindale: Exec Director of Alliance for a Better Utah, Democrat AG campaign manager, democrat operative, registered democrat. Won't release her salary or fundraising information for Alliance for a Better Utah.

No "legitimate" republicans, tea partiers, independents or non-partisan people spoke at the "non-partisan" rally.

As an observer, I find it offensive that groups would be so blatant in their partisan bias while trying to maintain the "non-partisan" citizens title.

Regards,

Aaron Rennaker