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No part of Muldoon, including the North Muldoon finger, which has been disenfranchised for many years, should be paired with Eagle River. Evidence of the disenfranchisement of the North Muldoon finger can be found in their dismal voter turnout rate, which at 11.5% for the 2020 assembly election, was less than half of the turn out of the rest of Muldoon which averaged 24% turnout in that same election. Residents of the Muldoon finger are so sure that their vote doesn't count that they largely don't even bother to vote. This is an untenable situation and this gerrymander must not be allowed to continue, particularly in light of the ongoing litigation involved in the statewide Eagle River/Muldoon pairing.

The two areas are not socio-economically integrated at all and do not share similar concerns and anyone that tries to tell you differently is attempting to maintain a previous gerrymander with no concern for the diverse East Anchorage voters whose voices have been, and would continue to be, muffled. East Anchorage is urban with high density housing, city water and sewer, lower on average incomes, a high proportion of title one schools, high racial diversity, and city maintained roads while Eagle River is largely rural, with large lot, low-density housing, well and septic, affluent households, low racial diversity and LRSA. East Anchorage residents rarely go to Eagle River, and it's doubtful that Eagle River residents do much more than drive through Muldoon on their way to town.

This leaves you with two options in the current suite of maps being considered to fill in the Eagle River population - Elmendorf/Fort Rich and the Chugach Mountain area.

I would look closely at the socioeconomic integration of the two areas and carefully consider factors such as similarity in income, racial diversity, housing density, rural v/s urban etc. as both are of similar distance from Eagle River, with those on Elmendorf utilizing the Government Hill gate driving 16 miles from the gate to get to Eagle River and those on the Hillside driving 21 miles from Hilltop ski area to get to Eagle River.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
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	Registered Voters 2020	Votes cast 2020 Muni election (assembly)	Voter turnout %
North Muldoon District 2 (Population 3207)	2,479	285	11.5%
District 5	42,833	10,314	24.1%

