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Dept. of Transportation:

Please let us keep our Mountain Time in Mercer County, North Dakota!

I am a 72 year old native of this County and love our laid back, easier & slower life style. Being born and raised on a farm, I can appreciate the farmers wanting to stay on Mt. time. Also, many (if not the majority) of industrial workers in our County favor Mountain Time also.

This feeling was very evident among those of us who attended the hearing at the Beulah Civic Center on 9/20/00.

The little children who must get on a school bus at 6:45 AM now, are a real concern if we would advance our time to Central Time - let alone another hour on Daylight Saving Time!

These are just a few of the reasons we want to stay on Mountain Time.

Thank You & Sincerely,
Hilda M. Backfish