

## North Colorado is proposal for new state

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Weld County Commissioners hosted a recent meeting of northeastern Colorado commissioners to propose a new state called North Colorado.

Phillips County Commissioners want to respond to recent news reports regarding this effort to create a new state and to clarify what their response has been thus far.

At the Colorado Counties, Inc. summer conference in Keystone last Tuesday, June 4, Weld County hosted a meeting of northeastern counties which might consider joining them in an effort to carve out a new state comprised of northern and eastern Colorado counties.

Representatives from Logan, Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, Washington, Kit Carson and Cheyenne counties attended the meeting.

The proposed process would start with each interested county putting the issue on the Nov. 5 ballot. A vote would then determine what steps, if any, might be next.

The local county commissioners are monitoring the potential new state formation and plan to attend a follow-up informational/discussion meeting.

At this time, no decision has been made by the Phillips County Board of Commissioners to pursue this beyond the informational meeting.

However, there is an interest in this issue because the commissioners feel the current state legislature no longer holds the same values as rural agricultural residents and property owners.

Commissioners would appreciate input from the county as further consideration is given to the issue.

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West Virginia successfully separated from Virginia 150 years ago, in 1863. Since that time, no other state has been able to successfully secede from their own state, while many have tried.

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