Apache County

Hand Count/Early Ballot Audit Report

Synopsis:

Pursuant to ARS §16-602(B), Apache county conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the November 3, 2026, General Election. Apache County has 35 vote centers. Based upon the state required 2% formula for hand count audits, the ballots cast at two vote centers were hand counted.

On October 1, 2026, after the local L&A testing, representatives from the Apache County Democratic and Republican parties met to do a preliminary selection of early ballot batches for the hand count audit.

On November 4, 2026, representatives from the Apache County Democratic and Republican parties met to draw the vote centers, early ballot batches and races to be counted. The Vote Centers selected are:

Klagetoh	229 ballots
Cottonwood	371 ballots

The early ballot batches selected are:

A0049	50 ballots
A0028	50 ballots
A0247	50 ballots
A0185	50 ballots

On November 5, 2026, the Apache County Recorder's office reported approximately 17,000 early ballots were submitted by voters for the November 3, 2026, General Election. 17000*.01=170 ballots required to be hand counted. In total, 200 early ballots were hand counted.

After the vote centers and early ballot batches were selected the races to be counted were selected. The races selected are:

Race Category	Race Description
Statewide Candidate	Corporation Commissioner
Statewide Ballot Measure	Proposition 144
Federal Candidate	U. S. Representative in Congress District 2
Statewide Legislature	State Representative District 6
Statewide Candidate	Attorney General

Two boards consisting of three members from the Democratic and Republican parties conducted the hand count audit. The boards were instructed how to use the stacking method for counting.

The results of each hand count audit matched the tabulated results with zero discrepancies. All batches hand counted were tabulated on a DS850, which is the only tabulator used to tabulate ballots from the November 3, 2026, General Election. The results are attached.

November 6, 2026

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Master Vote Center and Race Selection Worksheet

Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

SECTION A. SELECTED VOTE CENTERS (LISTED IN ORDER SELECTED)

Klagetoh

Cottonwood

SECTION B. NUMER OF RACES TO COUNT PER CATEGORY

RACE CATEGORY	TICK MARK TALLY	NUMBER OF RACES PER CATEGORY
1. Statewide Candidate	I	7
2. Statewide Ballot Measure	I	8
3. Federal Candidate	I	1
4. State Legislative	I	2
5. Statewide Candidate	I	7

SECTION C. RACES TO BE COUNTED

RACE TO BE COUNTED	CATEGORY OF RACE
1. Corporation Commissioner	Statewide Candidate
2. Proposition 144	Statewide Ballot Measure
3. U. S. Representative in Congress Dist. 2	Federal Candidate
4. State Representative Dist. 6	State Legislature
5. Attorney General	Statewide Candidate

AGGREGATE – VOTE CENTER HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT – TOTAL FROM ALL VOTE CENTERS

Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate — Race: Corporation Commissioner

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Klagetoh	310	310	0
Cottonwood	455	455	0
Totals:	765	765	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure — Race: Proposition 144

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Klagetoh	220	220	0
Cottonwood	343	343	0
Totals:	563	563	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Race Category: Federal Candidate — Race: U.S. Representative in Congress Dist 2

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Klagetoh	225	225	0
Cottonwood	363	363	0
Totals:	588	588	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Race Category: State Legislative — Race: State Representative Dist. 6

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Klagetoh	284	284	0
Cottonwood	431	431	0
Totals:	715	715	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Race Category: Statewide Candidate — Race: Attorney General

Vote Center	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Klagetoh	223	223	0
Cottonwood	353	353	0
Totals:	576	576	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0 %

Additional Comments: _____

VOTE CENTER HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Vote Center: Klagetoh Ballots in Batch: 229 Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate** Race: Corporation Commissioner

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Hill, Jonathon	133	133	0
Pratte, Clara	123	123	0
Heap, Ralph	17	17	0
Thompson, Kevin	33	33	0
Cease, Mike	4	4	0
Totals	310	310	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: **Statewide Ballot Measure** Race: Proposition 144

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	109	109	0
No	111	111	0
Totals	220	220	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: **Federal Candidate** Race: U.S. Representative in Congress Dist 2

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Nez, Jonathan	196	196	0
Crane, Eli	23	23	0
Goodwin, Curtis	6	6	0
Totals	225	225	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: **State Legislature** Race: State Representative Dist 6

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	142	142	0
Teller, Ian	121	121	0
Trachsel, Brendan	21	21	
Totals	284	284	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate** Race: Attorney General

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Mayes, Kris	180	180	0
Petersen, Warren	43	43	0
Totals	223	223	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:

VOTE CENTER HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Vote Center: Cottonwood Ballots in Batch: 371 Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate** Race: Corporation Commissioner

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Hill, Jonathon	194	194	0
Pratte, Clara	200	200	0
Heap, Ralph	11	11	
Thompson, Kevin	41	41	0
Cease, Mike	9	9	
Totals	455	455	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:_____

Race Category: **State Legislature** Race: Proposition 144

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	144	144	0
No	199	199	0
Totals	343	343	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:_____

Race Category: **Federal Candidate** Race: U.S. Representative in Congress Dist 2

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Nez, Jonathan	344	344	0
Crane, Eli	16	16	0
Goodwin, Curtis	3	3	0
Totals	363	363	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:_____

Race Category: **State Legislature** Race: State Representative Dist 6

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	191	191	0
Teller, Ian	223	223	0
Trachsel, Brendan	17	17	
Totals	431	431	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:_____

Race Category: **Statewide Candidate** Race: Attorney General

	Optical Scan		
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Mayes, Kris	292	292	0
Petersen, Warren	61	61	0
Totals	353	353	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred:_____

AGGREGATE - EARLY BALLOT HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT – TOTAL FROM ALL BATCHES

Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate — Race: Corporation Commissioner

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0049	82	82	0
2 A0028	88	88	0
3 A0247	91	91	0
4 A0185	85	85	0
Totals:	346	346	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure — Race: Proposition 144

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0049	49	49	0
2 A0028	48	48	0
3 A0247	50	50	0
4 A0185	48	48	0
Totals:	195	195	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Race Category: Federal Candidate — Race: U.S. Representative in Congress Dist. 2

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0049	49	49	0
2 A0028	50	50	0
3 A0247	49	49	0
4 A0185	49	49	0
Totals:	197	197	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Race Category: State Legislative — Race: State Representative Dist. 2

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0049	54	54	0
2 A0028	44	44	0
3 A0247	73	73	0
4 A0185	30	30	0
Totals:	201	201	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Race Category: Statewide Candidate — Race: Attorney General

Batch	Hand count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
1 A0049	50	50	0
2 A0028	50	50	0
3 A0247	48	48	0
4 A0185	48	48	
Totals:	196	196	0
			Aggregated Margin
Margin % = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count x 100			0%

Additional Comments _____

EARLY BALLOT-HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Batch Counted: 1 # of Ballots in Batch; 50 Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate Race: Corporation Commissioner

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Hill, Jonathon	18	18	0
Pratte, Clara	17	17	0
Heap, Ralph	21	21	0
Thompson, Kevin	26	26	0
Cease, Mike	0	0	0
Totals	82	82	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure Race: Proposition 144

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	23	23	0
No	26	26	0
Totals	49	49	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Federal Candidate Race: U.S. Representative in Congress Dist 2

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Nez, Jonathan	22	22	0
Crane, Eli	27	27	0
Goodwin, Curtis	0	0	0
Totals	49	49	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative Race: State Representative Dist 6

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	20	20	0
Teller, Ian	19	19	0
Trachsel, Brendan	15	15	0
Totals	54	54	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate Race: Attorney General

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Mayes, Kris	19	19	0
Petersen, Warren	31	31	0
Totals	50	50	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Totals Carried to Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

EARLY BALLOT-HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Batch Counted: 2 # of Ballots in Batch; 50 Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate Race: Corporation Commissioner

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Hill, Jonathon	14	14	0
Pratte, Clara	12	12	0
Heap, Ralph	28	28	0
Thompson, Kevin	33	33	0
Cease, Mike	1	1	0
Totals	88	88	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure Race: Proposition 144

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	35	35	0
No	13	13	0
Totals	48	48	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Federal Candidate Race: U.S. Representative in Congress Dist 2

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Nez, Jonathan	12	12	0
Crane, Eli	36	36	0
Goodwin, Curtis	2	2	0
Totals	50	50	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative Race: State Representative Dist 6

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	15	15	0
Teller, Ian	16	16	0
Trachsel, Brendan	13	13	0
Totals	44	44	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate Race: Attorney General

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Mayes, Kris	14	14	0
Petersen, Warren	36	36	0
Totals	50	50	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Totals Carried to Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

EARLY BALLOT-HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Batch Counted: 3 # of Ballots in Batch; 50 Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate Race: Corporation Commissioner

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Hill, Jonathon	37	37	0
Pratte, Clara	39	39	0
Heap, Ralph	6	6	0
Thompson, Kevin	7	7	0
Cease, Mike	2	2	0
Totals	91	91	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure Race: Proposition 144

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	12	12	0
No	38	38	0
Totals	50	50	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Federal Candidate Race: U.S. Representative in Congress Dist 2

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Nez, Jonathan	41	41	0
Crane, Eli	7	7	0
Goodwin, Curtis	1	1	0
Totals	49	49	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative Race: State Representative Dist 6

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	31	31	0
Teller, Ian	35	35	0
Trachsel, Brendan	7	7	0
Totals	73	73	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate Race: Attorney General

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Mayes, Kris	38	38	0
Petersen, Warren	10	10	0
Totals	48	48	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Totals Carried to Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

EARLY BALLOT-HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Batch Counted: 4 # of Ballots in Batch; 50 Election: November 3, 2026, General Election

Race Category: Statewide Candidate Race: Corporation Commissioner

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Hill, Jonathon	6	6	0
Pratte, Clara	6	6	0
Heap, Ralph	35	35	0
Thompson, Kevin	36	36	0
Cease, Mike	2	2	0
Totals	85	85	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure Race: Proposition 144

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	33	33	0
No	15	15	0
Totals	48	48	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Federal Candidate Race: U.S. Representative in Congress Dist 2

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Nez, Jonathan	7	7	0
Crane, Eli	42	42	0
Goodwin, Curtis	0	0	0
Totals	49	49	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: State Legislative Race: State Representative Dist 6

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Peshlakai, Mae	10	10	0
Teller, Ian	8	8	0
Trachsel, Brendan	12	12	0
Totals	30	30	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide Candidate Race: Attorney General

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Mayes, Kris	11	11	0
Presmyk, Walter "Les"	37	37	0
Totals	48	48	0

Comments on why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Totals Carried to Aggregate Early Ballot Audit