

Shoigu Asks Putin to Return Piece of Greater Moscow

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A map showing the territory incorporated into the capital July 1.

Moscow region Governor Sergei Shoigu has asked President Vladimir Putin to return part of the land recently incorporated into Moscow's territory.

The areas in question are sparsely populated parts of the Odintsovsky and Krasnogorsky districts, whose inclusion in expanded Moscow has disrupted the work of administering the areas, Vedomosti reported, citing city and regional officials.

Since Moscow's July 1 expansion, previously integrated local infrastructure, housing, utilities, roads, engineering networks and power-supply facilities have been artificially split, despite being managed by a single operations entity, deputy head of the Moscow region government Dmitry Kurakin told the business daily.

In some cases, certain properties are now located on two different federal subjects, creating

a host of legal problems, Kurakin added.

The expansion project saw Moscow's territory more than double. The new area includes two cities, Troitsk and Shcherbinka, 19 smaller municipalities and 232,000 residents, all of which are now part of Moscow.

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