

**From:** [Mayo Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [Bird, Rob](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Position of Associate Water Judge at the Montana Water Court  
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Dear Montana Water Court,

Please find below my letter in support of [Bina R. Peters, River and Range Law, PLLC, Bozeman, Montana](#) for the position of Associate Water Judge at the Montana Water Court.

I am a land owner in the Dearborn River Valley west of Augusta along the borders of the Lewis and Clark National forest and proximity of the Scape Goat Wilderness water sheds. I have been a land owner in Montana for over 25 years and have spent my life time involved in agriculture and hydroelectric power generation as a Chief Executive Officer of those domestic and international companies.

My experiences with Bina Peters has been nothing less than outstanding. In my professional career, I have had the experience of navigating the regulations and requirements of numerous regulatory bodies and understand both the necessity and importance of diligence, efficiency, fairness and clarity in verbal and written communication. Bina Peters is excellent in all facets including prompt response and attention to detail along with care of her clients.

I believe Bina, in my personal and professional experiences, has distinguishing herself during her decade in private practice which focuses exclusively on water rights and water use issues and representing, actual water users including large property holders, farmers, ranchers, developers, municipalities, ditch companies such as myself as owner of the Diamond Bar X Ranch established in 1924.

I am available if you have any questions or need for further contribution of my experiences with Bina Peters.

My best wishes,  
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