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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Recommendation Of Bina Peters for Associate Water Judge Position  
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Garth French and I am a farmer/rancher in Central Montana. I am submitting public comment on behalf of Bina Peters who is currently practicing law at River and Range Law in Bozeman, MT. My ranch has multiple water rights in the 41S basin and has issue remarks that have to be addressed during the current adjudication of the 41S basin. Bina has been helping me navigate the process since the winter of 2022. She has proven to be very insightful and straightforward throughout the process. She shows an exceptional understanding of not only water law, but how the process stresses producers financially and emotionally. She has been given us great advice on each of the cases as they have been presented to us. Without her assistance, our operation would have had difficulty getting these cases resolved. While I would greatly miss her guidance on my remaining cases, I feel that her knowledge of water law and her experience with helping producers navigate the process, make her uniquely qualified to rule on future Water Court cases. The Water Court would benefit greatly by appointing a person of her caliber. Without reservation, I would recommend that Bina Peters be appointed to the open Associate Water Judge position.

If you have any questions about Bina or my experiences with her counsel, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

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