

Date: January 2, 2025

Chief Justice
Montana Supreme Court
215 N. Sanders Street
Helena, MT 59601

Re: Support for Julia Nordlund's Application for Associate Water Judge

Dear Chief Justice,

As a multi-generational ranching family in Broadview, Montana, we know firsthand the importance of responsible water management. Our operation has hundreds of water rights across central and southern Montana. Water is the lifeblood of agriculture and the foundation of what we do every day. That's why we are proud to support Julia Nordlund's application for Associate Water Judge at the Montana Water Court.

Julia comes from a family deeply rooted in Montana's agricultural traditions, and her years of experience working as a Water Master have only strengthened her understanding of the unique challenges we face. Like breeding a herd to thrive in a tough environment, adjudicating water rights takes someone who can balance fairness, precision, and an eye for the bigger picture. Julia has proven she has those qualities.

We've had the opportunity to know Julia and her family personally and can attest to her strong values of hard work and integrity as well as her broad knowledge of the law. Her professional expertise ensures she can navigate the complexities of Montana's water rights with fairness and respect.

Sincerely,

JC Heiken Angus and Sons
Broadview, Montana