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Chief Justice Swanson  
Montana Supreme Court  
215 N. Sanders Street  
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Re: *Letter of Support for Julia Nordlund*  
Application for Associate Water Judge

Dear Chief Justice Swanson:

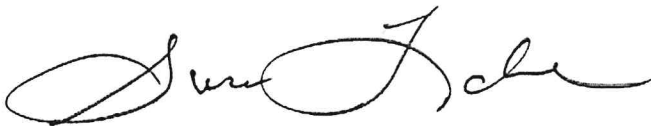
I am writing this letter of support for Julia Nordlund. During this final push to finish the state adjudication process I know how important hiring the right person is.

I have spent some time researching the candidates and my reason for this endorsement is her background in farming and ranching, her empathy for the people involved in this complex and many times contentious process and her years of experience in water law.

Julia knows it is important to know the law and just as important the ability to relay that knowledge to the citizens of Montana who are caught up in the process. It is important to remain steady and respectful and that is a quality that comes up time and again with people she has worked with.

Her experience will allow her to hit the ground running and that is a benefit to all of us as this important work comes to a long sought after conclusion. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Lake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "S" and "L".

Susan Lake