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Letter of Recommendation for Julie Nordlund for the position of Associate Water Court Judge.

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a retired DNRC hydrologist who had the pleasure of working alongside Julie Nordlund in several capacities. When I ran the State's water commissioner training program between 2000 and 2019, Julie was our "go-to" for Water Court assistance in the late Twenty-Teens. Her vast knowledge of water right law and contentious water distribution issues was extremely helpful during the trainings. In addition to her excellent presentations, she always made herself available to address issues brought forward by new and experienced water commissioners.

I also worked with Julie in the highly contested Bitterroot River tributary One Horse Creek, in 2018 and 2019. She was appointed as a Special Master to resolve dissatisfied water user conflicts and develop a temporary water user's agreement. Her professional demeanor and thorough knowledge of water rights, decree enforcement, and distribution issues helped quell emotions of the water users, particularly evident in the somewhat highly charged public meeting she presided over.

I fully support Ms. Nordlund for the Associate Water Judge position. I think her experience, relatability with the public and water commissioners, and knowledge of water law and real world on-the-ground issues would greatly benefit the water users of Montana.

Sincerely,

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