

Honorable Chief Justice:

We, Rollie and Jennifer Schlepp, would like it to be known of our support for Julia Nordlund for the position of Associate Water Judge of the Montana Water Court. We have known Julia in several ways, she is a steady friend of our daughters. Jennifer has taught and coached her for several years as she was going through school in Conrad. Rollie has been a board member of Montana Farmer's Union, CPA, and farmer/rancher and has never heard a negative word from his peers that have dealt with Julia in water court.

They report that she is knowledgeable, efficient, and professional. We have known Julia many years, first as our kids' classmate, teammate, and growing up in Conrad, MT. As a youth, Julia was a hard worker, on their family farm as well as in school and sports. She stood out as a leader: steady and methodical goal planning and execution, reliability, and a stickler for fair play and honesty. She was interested in practical matters and strived to find solutions, in social situations as well as academic challenges by diffusing situations and getting her peers to find positive solutions.

Later in college and her early career, Julia stayed true to her goals and worked hard. She insisted that work and school came first, then recreation. She loved her college and career path and set goals to continue to excel. Family is at the center of her world, and she is surrounded by grandparents, parents, husband and children that all work together and strive for excellence in their variety of careers. Julia would be a great choice for Associate Water Judge and would do the upmost to serve Montana with pride.

Rollie and Jennifer Schlepp