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Subject: RE: Judge Brown as Chief Water Judge

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Dear Chief Justice Mike McGrath,

I strongly urge Judge Brown to be installed as the Chief Water Judge to the Montana Water Court. I have been employed by the DNRC for 6.5 years, having spent 6 of those years in Water Adjudication. During my time with Adjudication, I found Judge Brown to be very knowledgeable and wise in his decisions. He considers all aspects of a case and makes conscientious rulings.

When I have not agreed with a ruling, Judge Brown has been very approachable by those in adjudication to discuss his ruling. He is willing to teach and help others understand why a ruling must be the direction he has chosen. Following discussion, I have found his rulings to be correct and my disagreement stemmed from my lack of knowledge.

I continue to work with water rights for the DNRC Trust Lands causing me to work closer with the Water Court system. I strongly endorse Judge Brown as Chief Water Judge as he brings great knowledge and gives confidence to the decree process and future distribution process.

Please install Judge Brown as the next Chief Water Court Judge.

Thank you for your time.



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