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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
SUPREME COURT CAUSE NO. _____**

<p>Trout Unlimited, Appellant and Objector, v. James R. Melin, Appellee and Claimant.</p>	<p>CASE 43B-0148-R-2020 43B 194537-00 43B 194539-00 43B 194540-00 43B 194541-00 43B 194542-00 43B 194543-00 43B 30160105</p>
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE is hereby given that Trout Unlimited, Appellant and Objector, in the above-named matter filed in the Montana Water Court, Yellowstone Division, Yellowstone River Above and Including Bridger Creek, Basin 43B, as Case No. 43B-0148-R-2020, and pursuant to Rule 25, W.R.Adj.R. and Mont. Code Ann. § 85-2-235(3), hereby appeals to the Montana Supreme Court from the order entered in

such action on the 21st day of January 2025, entitled *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order* (Doc. 54).

Pursuant to Rule 25 W.R.Adj.R., the water right numbers for which is appeal is taken are:

- 43B 194537-00
- 43B 194539-00
- 43B 194540-00
- 43B 194541-00
- 43B 194542-00
- 43B 194543-00
- 43B 30160105 (Generated in the order on appeal.)

THE APPELLANT FURTHER CERTIFIES:

1. That this appeal is not subject to the mediation process required by Mont. R. App. P. 7.
2. That this appeal is not an appeal from an order certified as final under Mont. R. Civ. P. 54(b).
3. That a copy of this Notice of Appeal is being served upon counsel of record, every party not represented by counsel, and the Clerk of the Water Court of the State of Montana.
4. That all available transcripts of the proceedings in this case have been ordered from the court reporter contemporaneously with this filing of this notice of appeal.
5. That included herewith is the filing fee prescribed by statute.

DATED this 27th day of January 2025.

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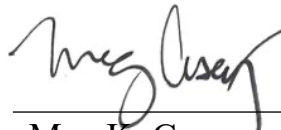
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have filed a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court; and that I have served true and correct copies of the foregoing Notice of Appeal upon the Montana Water Court, each attorney of record, and each party not represented by an attorney in the above-referenced Montana Water Court action, as follows:

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