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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

WILD MONTANA, and MONTANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION,

Petitioners,

v.

GREG GIANFORTE, in his official capacity as GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONTANA; and CHRISTI JACOBSEN, in her official capacity as SECRETARY OF STATE

Respondents.

Cause No. DV-25-2023-411

RESPONDENT CHRISTI JACOBSEN'S MOTION TO DISMISS PETITIONERS' PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE

Respondent, Christi Jacobsen, in her official capacity as Secretary of State, by and through her counsel of record, moves the Court, pursuant to Montana Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 12(b)(6) and/or Rule 12(b)(1) for an Order dismissing the Secretary of State as a party from Petitioners' *Petition for Declaratory Judgment and Application for Writ of Mandate*.

A proposed Order has been submitted for the Court's consideration.

DATED this 14 day of 54, 2023.

MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Clay R Leland, hereby certify that on the H day of July, 2023, I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - RESPONDENT CHRISTI JACOBSEN'S MOTION TO DISMISS PETITIONERS' PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE - to the following persons at the addresses set out below their names:

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