

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

HEIDI KELLERHALS,

Plaintiff,

V.

MAIRA RUELAS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-01279-NONE-EPG

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

(ECF No. 2)

Plaintiff, Heidi Kellerhals, is proceeding *pro se* in this action. (ECF No. 1.) On September 8, 2020, Plaintiff submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 2.) Plaintiff has made the requisite showing under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). Accordingly, her application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED.

As to the status of the complaint, Plaintiff is advised that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), the Court must conduct an initial review of a *pro se* complaint filed *in forma pauperis* to determine whether it is legally sufficient under the applicable pleading standards. The Court must dismiss a complaint, or portion thereof, if the Court determines that the complaint is legally frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). If the Court

1 determines that the complaint fails to state a claim, leave to amend may be granted to the extent
2 that the deficiencies in the complaint can be cured by amendment. The complaint will be screened
3 in due course and Plaintiff will be served with the resulting order.

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: September 10, 2020

/s/ *Eric P. Groj*
7 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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