

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS
PRIVATE POND APPLICATION**

Name and address of applicant _____
David Watson
Lodge Grass, MT 59050

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? yes

Location:

County Big Horn Township 7S Range 35E Section 34

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Little Bighorn

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Largemouth bass

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes, in other ponds

Species of special concern present in the drainage Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the Wyoming portion of the drainage.

RISKS:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations? None x Minor _____ Major _____

Comments:

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish populations due to competition and/or predation? None _____ Minor x Major _____

Comments: If the largemouth bass were to escape from the pond, they would represent a new predator in the system.

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction? None x Minor _____ Major _____

Comments:

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location? None_____ Minor x Major_____

Comments: Largemouth bass should be able to reproduce in the pond. Effects confined to the pond.

If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?
yes

Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?
no

Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).
Deny permit or allow other fish species.

Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any.
Screening of inlet and outlet.

List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:
N/A

List all agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:
Regan Dean, Warden
Dennis Hagenston, Warden Captain
Dick Ellis, Regional Supervisor

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No. If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.
Potential impacts are insignificant.

EA prepared by: J. Darling

Comments will be accepted until N/A

Comments should be sent to: N/A