

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

Name and address of applicant Winnecook Ranch
P.O. Box 641
Harlowton, MT 59036

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes
Location:

County Wheatland Township 8N Range 16E Section 23

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Musselshell

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Brook trout,
rainbow trout

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes

Species of special concern present in the drainage None known

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 x Minor _____ Major _____
Comments:

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction? None _____ Minor x Major _____
Comments: Pond invertebrates become prey.

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location? None _____ Minor x Major _____
Comments: Brook may have some success spawning in spring areas.

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 require different fish species.

Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any.
Screens on 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:
Tom Watkins, 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.

No significant impacts.

EA prepared by: J. Darling

Comments will be accepted until July 13, 1998

Comments should be sent to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Attn: Fisheries Manager
2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105