

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

**Name and address of applicant**     Laware Land and Livestock LCC - Bill Laware  
252 Pray Road  
Livinston, MT 59047

**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit** Yes

**Location:**

**County** Park     **Township** 5S     **Range** 9E     **Section** 29

**Name of drainage where the pond would be located** Mill Creek

**Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction** Rainbow Trout Only

**Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage** Yes

**RISKS:**

**Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?**

None     Minor     Major

**Comments:**

A very small chance of hybridization with cutthroat if they should get into the creek.

**Impacts to any life stage of existing fish population due to competition and/or predation?**

None     Minor     Major

**Comments:**

**Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction?**

None     Minor     Major

**Comments:**

**Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location?**

None     Minor     Major

**Comments:**

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

Ponds can be isolated and drained easily.

**Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?**

None.

**Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).**

No action is unnecessary. Could substitute Yellowstone cutthroat for rainbow trout, but not essential at this location.

**Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any.**

Limit species of salmonid to stock to rainbow trout from approved source.

**List any other agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:**

Electronic Bulletin Board  
EQC

**Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required?**   No  

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**Comments will be accepted until**   April 28, 2000  

**Comments should be sent to:** Bruce Rich  
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