

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

Name and address of applicant Cardwell Store LLC – Kipp Huckaba
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes

Location:

County Jefferson Township 1N Range 3W Section 2

Name of drainage where the pond would be located Boulder River

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

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:

There is low possibility of fish getting into the Boulder and unknown probability of these fish reproducing.

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

Population density in the Boulder and Jefferson is relatively low and if pond fish enter the river, competition is unlikely.

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:

There is no flowing water for trout that reproduce in this pond.

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

Yes, by using a fish toxicant.

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

If a number of similar ponds failed simultaneously there could be a considerable impact to existing fisheries.

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

Not allow stocking.

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:

State of Montana Electronic Bulletin Board
EQC

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No

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Comments will be accepted until June 8, 2000

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