

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

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

Location:

County _____ Park _____ Township 8S Range 7E Section 1

Name of drainage where the pond would be located Cedar Creek

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 X Major ___

Comments:

Fish will be introduced into a secure new pond with minor risk to the wild population if fish were assisted to escape.

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish population due to competition and/or predation. None X Minor ___ Major ___

Comments:

Pond is secure and fishless.

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

None X Minor ___ Major ___

Comments:

No effects are expected.

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location.

None ___ Minor X Major ___

Comments:

It is possible that stocked fish could reproduce naturally utilizing spring flows and other water sources at the head of the pond.

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

Pond can be dewatered. Physical or chemical removal is very feasible.

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

No. At this location, it is unlikely that cumulative impacts could be measured.

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

No pond license would preclude stocking fish. There is no reason not to allow this stocking at this location.

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

Limiting species of salmonid to stock to rainbow trout from approved source to reduce potential harm should fish somehow escape.

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

None.

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No

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Comments will be accepted until N/A

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