

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant Al Giddings  
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes

**Location:**

County \_\_\_\_\_ Park \_\_\_\_\_ Township 6S Range 8E Section 21  
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Name of drainage where the pond would be located Sixmile Creek  
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Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout

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

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

None \_\_\_ Minor X Major \_\_\_

**Comments:**

Unlikely fish will ever escape from this pond system.

**Impacts to any life stage of existing fish population 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 X Minor \_\_\_ Major \_\_\_

**Comments:**

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

None \_\_\_ Minor X Major \_\_\_

**Comments:**

Fish may be able to reproduce successfully in the artificial channels connecting this sequence of ponds.

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

Yes, would probably require chemical treatment.

**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).**

Not issuing a license would prevent owner from stocking fish. There is no compelling reason not to allow this stocking.

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

Limit species of salmonid to stock to Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout from approved source.

**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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