

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant Elk Grove Homeowners Association
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes

Location:

County Gallatin Township 2S Range 4E Section 26

Name of drainage where the pond would be located Elk Grove Slough (W. Gallatin 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 X Minor Major

Comments:

Closed basin pond with little to no chance of escapement to state waters.

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 X Minor Major

Comments:

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

Yes, by chemical means.

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

Yes, although this pond poses little threat, cumulatively, private fish ponds pose risks to wild fisheries.

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

No action.

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:

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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