

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

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

Location:

County Beaverhead Township 5S Range 12W Section 17

Name of drainage where the pond would be located Grasshopper Creek
(Beaverhead 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:

Pond has no surface discharge to stream and is above floodplain elevation.

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

Comments:

See above.

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

See above.

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

No spawning habitat is available.

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

Yes, via natural attrition in lieu of stocking or a combination of dewatering and piscicide.

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

No, the pond has no surface connection to Grasshopper Creek.

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:

Beaverhead Conservation District

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No

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Comments will be accepted until N/A

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