

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 Beaverhead Township 5S Range 12W Section 19

Name of drainage where the pond would be located Grasshopper 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 X Minor Major

Comments:

Pond is on an elevated bench far from adjacent streams.

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

Comments:

See above.

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

None X Minor Major

Comments:

See above.

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

None X 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 age related attrition on use of piscicides.

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).

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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