

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

Name and address of applicant: Bahnmilller Family Limited Partnership
769 Blankenbaker
Big Sandy, MT 59520

Is approval of private pond permit application recommended?

Pond was licensed to Ernest Bahnmilller (#4-719) on 21 April 1969. Was originally authorized for stocking rainbow and brook trout. Pond will be re-licensed to family partnership and authorized species will be expanded to include largemouth bass, crappie, perch, and fathead minnows.

Location of pond:

County: Chouteau
Legal description: T27N R11E Sec 3, SW1/4

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:

Pond is located about 15 miles SW of Big Sandy, MT near Dry Fork Coulee. Dry Fork Coulee drains to the Missouri River near Coalbanks Landing.

Does pond have legal water rights? (describe) Unknown. Pond originally licensed in 1969.

Fish species proposed for introduction:

Rainbow trout, brook trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, white crappie, fathead minnows.

Is this species legally present in the drainage? No fish present in local area. These species present in Missouri drainage.

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:

None in local area. Several species in Missouri River.

RISKS:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations: None Minor Major

Comments: No significant impacts are expected. No outlet stream.

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish populations due to competition and/or predation?

None Minor Major

Comments: These species are already present in Missouri drainage.

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction? None Minor Major

Comments: Fish will consume some invertebrates in pond.

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location: None Minor Major

Comments: Trout unlikely to spawn successfully due to lack of inlet stream. Other species would likely reproduce.

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

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). Do not stock.

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

Species restrictions.

List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction: None.

List all agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction: None.

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? YES/NO? If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.

No. Impacts expected to be very minor.

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