

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

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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit No

Location: County Gallatin Township 1S Range 7E Section 5

Name of drainage where the pond would be located
Bridger Creek, East Gallatin River Drainage

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Rainbow Trout

Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage Not native, legally introduced

List species of special concern present in the drainage: None

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? No. Pond drains to Bridger Creek via a perforated horizontal pipe through an agridrain structure.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None ___ Minor X Major ___

Comments: A catastrophic flood at Bridger Creek could potentially capture this pond and allow pond inhabitants to be released to Bridger Creek.

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

Comments: see above

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

None ___ Minor X Major ___

Comments: see above

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, via chemical removal

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

Yes, although this pond introduction poses minimal risk, cumulatively private ponds do pose threats 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.

None

List any other agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:

Montana DNRC

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No. An introduction of this scope does not warrant a full EIS.

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Comments will be accepted until N/A

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