

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

Name and address of applicant: Gallatin River Ranch
Homeowners Association
PO Box 899
Manhattan, MT 59741

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit No

Location: County Gallatin Township 2N Range 3E Section 21

Name of drainage where the pond would be located
Gallatin River

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: Arctic Grayling have been reintroduced to this drainage.

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes. No inlet, but pond drains to dry gulch perched high above Gallatin River floodplain.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None Minor Major

Comments:

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

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

None Minor Major

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

None 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 introduction poses minimal threat, cumulatively, private fish ponds do 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.

None

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

None

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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