

EA# 1306

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

Name and address of applicant Wally Brownell
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? No

Location: County Gallatin Township 02N Range 04E Section 35

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

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

Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage?

Not native, was legally introduced.

List species of special concern present in the drainage:

Arctic Grayling have been reintroduced to lower Gallatin River Drainage

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes. A screened hand gate feeds pond from Dry Creek, and pond discharges to Dry Creek through an Agridrain structure.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None Minor Major

Comments:

As long as barriers are maintained, pond should remain isolated from Dry Creek.

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:

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 draining the pond.

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

Yes, this pond could act as a reservoir for pathogens.

Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).

Not to issue private pond license.

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

Maintain barriers

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

None

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? An Introduction of this scope does not warrant an EIS.

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Comments will be accepted until N/A

Comments should be sent to: