EA# 15-06
Date: May 5, 2006

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS
PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant Ken and Shelly Williams
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? No

Location: County Gallatin **Township** 2S **Range** 6E **Section** 31

Name of drainage where the pond would be located:
Sourdough 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.

RISKS:
Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes. Outlet is an Agridrain structure discharging to dry ground

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?
None ___ **Minor** X **Major** ___
Comments: A catastrophic flood, unlikely, may capture pond

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 X **Minor** ___ **Major** ___
Comments:

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, by chemical means

Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?
Yes, although this pond poses little risk, cumulatively, private fish ponds do post 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:
None

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No. 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:

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