EA# 16-06
Date: May 10, 2006

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS
# PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

**Name and address of applicant** Legacy Land and Livestock, LLC
Keith Fairbanks
1600 Bond Road
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**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past?** No

**Location: County** Madison **Township** 3S **Range** 6W **Section** 32

**Name of drainage where the pond would be located:** Big Hole River

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

**Is this species legally present in the drainage?** Yes, Introduced by FWP

**RISKS:**
**Inlets to or outlets from the pond?** No. Groundwater only

**Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?**
**None** ___ **Minor** X **Major** ___
**Comments:** Only in event of catastrophic flood and fish escape.

**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:** No spawning habitat available.

**If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?**
Yes. Natural age related mortality in absence of stocking.

**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).**
No action.

**Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any.**
None, other that those already in place, required.

**List any other agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:**
None known.

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

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**Comments will be accepted until** N/A

**Comments should be sent to:**

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