

EA# 17-06

Date: May 10, 2006

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant      Sherwin Scott  
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? No

Location: County Madison Township 6S Range 4W Section 28

Name of drainage where the pond would be located: Ruby River

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

Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage: Yes, by FWP

**RISKS:**

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes. Discharges into wetland/swale to irrigation ditch

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None \_\_\_ Minor X Major \_\_\_

Comments: Only in event of catastrophic flood

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: Spawning habitat is not available

**If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?**  
Yes. Via natural age related mortality in the 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 needed beyond those already in place.

**List any other agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:** Ruby Valley Conservation District

**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:**