

EA# 20-06

Date: May 19, 2006

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant R. James and Susan Maxner
3753 Reese Creek Road
Belgrade, MT 59714

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? No

Location: County Gallatin Township 10N Range 05E Section 3

Name of drainage where the pond would be located:
Reese 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 the Lower Gallatin River Drainage.

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? No. Isolated, closed Basin Pond

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None X Minor Major

Comments:

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

Comments:

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 or by draining pond.

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). Not to issue private pond license.

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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