

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

**Name and address of applicant:** Cole Brothers  
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**Is approval for a private pond permit application recommended?** Yes

**Location of pond:**

**County:** Carter                      **Legal description:** T16S R59 E Sec 22

**Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:**

Pond is located in the North Butte Creek drainage that flows into the Little Missouri Drainage.

**Fish species proposed for introduction:**

This is a pond that has been previously permitted for both rainbow trout. in previous years. The owner would like to add Black or White Crappie to the pond license.

**Is this species legally present in the drainage?**

Crappie are found in some private ponds in the drainage and in small numbers in the Little Missouri drainage

**Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:**

Sturgeon chub exist in the Little Missouri River down stream of this site.

**RISKS:**

**Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations:**

None    Minor    Major

Comments:      No significant genetic impacts are expected.

**Impacts to any life stage of existing fish populations due to competition and/or predation?**

None  Minor  Major

Comments: Due to the lacustrine nature of this species, little impact is expected if escapment of crappie occurred.

**Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction?**

None  Minor  Major

Comments: Fish will consume some invertebrates in pond.

**Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location:**

None  Minor  Major

Comments: Crappie will reproduce in the pond.

**If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?** Yes.

**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).**

Do not stock.

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

**List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:**

None.

**List all agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:**

Notification via State of Montana electronic bulletin board.

**Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? YES/NO? If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.** No. Impacts expected to be minor.

**EA prepared by:** June 9, 2006 **DATE:**

**Comments will be accepted until:** June 23, 2006

**Comments should be sent to:**

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