

EA# 53-060

Date: August 1, 2006

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant: Will King  
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? No

Location: County Gallatin Township 1N Range 4E Section 32

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

**RISKS:**

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes. Outlet is an agridrain structure, draining to dry ground. No inlet.

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, via draining pond or age related mortality in the absence of stocking.

**Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?** Yes, private fishponds, cumulatively, pose risks 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