

EA# 84-06

Date: October 16, 2006

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

Name and address of applicant: Gary Tschache
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Bozeman, MT 59715

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

Location: County Gallatin Township 2S Range 5E Section 13

Name of drainage where the pond would be located:
Sourdough Creek (Bozeman), 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

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? No. Safe, closed basin "backyard" 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, via hand-netting fish from pond, it is very small.

Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? Yes, cumulatively private ponds do 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? An introduction of this scope does not warrant an EIS.

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Comments will be accepted until: N/A