

EA# 93-06

Date: November 16, 2006

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

**Name and address of applicant:** L&G Partnership/Walking P Ranch  
Fred Goldberg and Carolyn Lakewold  
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**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past?** No

**Location:** County Madison Township 5S Range 1W Section 34

**Name of drainage where the pond would be located:**  
Odell Creek, Madison Drainage

**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 are present in the Madison River

**RISKS:**

**Inlets to or outlets from the pond?** No. Closed basin pond.

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

None  Minor  Major

**Comments:**

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

**Comments:**

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

None  Minor  Major

**Comments:**

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

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

**Comments:** Artificial recirculating stream feeds pond and may provide a marginal spawning habitat.

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

Yes, via natural mortality in the absence of stocking – if natural reproduction is absent.

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