

EA# 100-00  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name and address of applicant Mike Weas  
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? No

Location:

County: Gallatin Township: 3S Range: 6E Section: 33

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located: Rocky Creek, East Gallatin River

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction: Rainbow Trout

Is this species native to the drainage? If not, was it introduced legally (i.e. by a fish management agency)?

Was legally introduced.

List species of special concern present in the drainage: None

**RISKS:**

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes \_\_\_ No X Explain:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of wild fish populations?

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

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

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

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

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

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

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

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

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

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

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

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

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

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

Private fish 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 or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:**

None

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

None

**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.**

An introduction of this scope does not warrant an EIS.

**Literature Cited:**

**EA prepared by:** Tim Weiss

**Comments will be accepted until:** N/A

**Comments should be sent to:**

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