

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

Name and address of applicant:

Big Hole Canyon Ranch LLC
David Pepe
441 East Kingsway
Winter Park, FL 32789

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? No, is new construction

Location:

County: Beaverhead **Township:** 1N **Range:** 9W **Section:** 32

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located: Big Hole River and Canyon Creek

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)?

Yes, introduced by MFWP

List species of special concern present in the drainage:

Arctic grayling, westslope cutthroat trout, burbot, lake trout and western pearlshell mussel

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes___ No X **Explain:**

Static level pond in shallow water table

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of wild fish populations?

None___ Minor X Major___

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

Only in event of catastrophic flood and pond washout

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

None___ Minor X Major___

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

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

None___ Minor X Major___

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

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

None X Minor ___ Major ___

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

No spawning habitat available

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

Yes, through age induced mortality in the absence of stocking and/or use of a licensed piscicide

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).

No action

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

None other than specification of species and location

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

Unknown

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 X If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.

Literature Cited:

EA prepared by: Richard Oswald

Comments will be accepted until: NA

Comments should be sent to:

Email Address: