

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

**Name and address of applicant:** Larry Houck  
4250 Lower River Road  
Great Falls, MT 59405

**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit?** Yes

**Location of pond:**

**County:** Cascade

**Legal description:** T19N R3E Sec 14, SE1/4

**Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:**

Pond is located on unnamed intermittent tributary to Missouri River near Big Bend, approximately 10 miles upstream from Great Falls.

**Fish species proposed for introduction:**

Rainbow trout

**Is this species legally present in the drainage?**

Yes - in Missouri River.

**Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:**

None.

**RISKS:**

**Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations:**  None  Minor  Major

Comments: No significant impacts are expected.

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

Comments: These species are already present in drainage.

**Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction?**  None  Minor  
Major

Comments: Fish will consume some invertebrates in pond.

**Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location:**  None  Minor  Major

Comments: Trout unlikely to spawn successfully due to intermittent inlet stream.

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

Yes.

**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).**

Do not stock.

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

Species restrictions.

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

None.

**List all agencies and individuals 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.**

No. Impacts expected to be very minor.

**EA prepared by:** Adam Strainer **DATE:** 6/29/2007

**Comments will be accepted until:** No formal comment period was established because this action was deemed not to be controversial. Comments will be accepted at any time.

**Comments should be sent to:** George Liknes, MFWP, 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls MT 59405

**DECISION RECORD  
FISH POND LICENSE**

**DECISION: Issue**

- Private Pond License**
- Commercial Pond License**
- One Time Permission to Plant Letter**
- Denial**

**EA# Title Larry Houck Private Pond**

**APPROVED SPECIES: Rainbow Trout**

**LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:**

**DECISION REASONING:**

- Pond meets all other requirements for Private Pond License.**
- Other (specify)**



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George Liknes  
Regional Fisheries Manager

6/29/2007

Date