

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

**Name and address of applicant:**

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

**Location:** Gallatin River watershed

**County:** Gallatin    **Township:** 1N    **Range:** 3E    **Section:** 12 SW

**Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:** Randall Creek – 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)?**

Not native to area. Introduced to the area legally.

**List species of special concern present in the drainage:** N/A

**RISKS:**

**Inlets to or outlets from the pond?** Yes X No \_\_\_ **Explain:** Pond has a screened inlet and a screened outlet.

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

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

**Comments required for minor or major impacts:** Escapement potential for fish is minimal and if it occurs minor genetic impacts to existing wild fish populations could be expected.

**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:** Escapement potential for fish is minimal and if it occurs minor impacts to existing wild fish populations could be expected.

**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:** Aquatic life forms in the pond may potentially be impacted. The pond is man-made.

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

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

**Comments required for minor or major impacts:** Very low likelihood that trout can reproduce successfully in this pond.

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

Yes. The pond could be treated chemically or the fish could be allowed to age out over time.

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

Yes. Private ponds constitute a cumulative impact to wild fisheries and aquatic systems.

**Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).**

No action would mean owner could not legally stock fish at this location.

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

Stocking of rainbow trout only and from an approved source.

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

This EA is sufficient to identify all relevant issues and risks associated with this small-scale introduction of rainbow trout to a private pond. No other inquiry is necessary to protect the environment in this case.

**Literature Cited:**

N/A

**EA prepared by:**

Mike Vaughn FWP Fisheries Biologist

**Comments will be accepted until:**

N/A

**Comments should be sent to:**

N/A

**Email Address:**