

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

Name and address of applicant: James W. Gardner
PO Box 2088
Arvada, CO 80001

Is approval for a private pond permit application recommended? Yes

Location of pond:

County: Fergus

Legal description: T17N R17E Sec 7, SW ¼ SE ¼

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:

The pond is located on an unnamed tributary of Warm Spring Creek about 2/3 mile above where it enters the creek. Warm Spring Creek enters the Judith River, which enters the Missouri River just upstream from the PN Bridge (Judith Landing).

Fish species proposed for introduction:

Smallmouth bass, rainbow trout, brook trout were requested by the landowner. FWP policy prohibits stocking smallmouth bass in traditional private ponds.

Is this species legally present in the drainage?

Yes, in the Missouri River and the Judith River drainage.

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:

None are known in this unnamed drainage. Blue suckers are found in the Judith River.

RISKS:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations:

None Minor Major

Comments: No significant impacts are expected. The unnamed drainage has a flow of approximately 1 – 2 cfs downstream from the pond. The pond outlet will be screened, which will prevent fish from reaching downstream ponds and Warm Spring Creek. If the screen or dam fail the small number of trout in the pond would have little impact on the genetic structure of the trout population in Warm Spring Creek.

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. No fish have been observed in the unnamed drainage.

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: Anne Tews, Fisheries Biologist **DATE:** April 27, 1999

EA modified by: Geroge Liknes, Fisheries Manager **DATE:** May 2, 2008

**DECISION RECORD
FISH POND LICENSE**

DECISION: Issue

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

EA# Title James W. Gardner Private Pond

APPROVED SPECIES: Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout

LICENSE RESTRICTIONS: Outlet will be screened.

DECISION REASONING:

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



George Liknes
Regional Fisheries Manager

5/2/2008
Date