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DECISION RECORD

Transfer of Westslope Cutthroat Trout from Jumping Creek and North Fork Deep Creek to Tyrell Creek (Smith River Drainage)

Receiving Waters:

Name: Tyrell Creek, Pole Creek and Hound Creek Reservoir
Location: T15N, R1W sec 23,26,35,34 and T14N, R1W sec 9, 16
County: Cascade County

Donating Waters:

Name: North Fork Deep Creek
Location: T15N, R5E sec19
County: Meagher County

Name: Jumping Creek
Location: T12N, R8E sec8
County: Meagher County

Fish Species Proposed for Introduction: Wild westslope cutthroat trout from Jumping Creek and N. Fk. Deep Creek (Smith Drainage) will be transferred to Tyrell Creek (Smith Drainage). In the fall of 2000, Hound Creek Reservoir, Tyrell Creek, and Pole Creek were treated with rotenone to remove non-native and undesirable fish species. Non-native fish that survived the treatment were removed using nets and electrofishing equipment from 2001 to 2006. This transfer will restore westslope cutthroat trout to approximately 5 miles of stream and should create a robust fishery in Hound Creek Reservoir.

Description of Public Notification/Review Process: The Environmental Assessment was posted on the web on 5/22/2008. The comment period ended 6/22/2008. There was an internal review and the transfer was approved by the FWP Fish Health Committee pending fish disease sampling results.

Summary of Public Comments: No comments were received

Recommendation: Transfer westslope cutthroat trout as described in the environmental assessment and adopt the Draft EA unchanged as the Final EA along with this Decision Notice.

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Date