

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

Name and address of applicant: Marc E. Lee
13701 Banner Road SE
Olalla, WA 98359

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? YES

Location of pond:

County: Meagher

Legal description: T22N,R1W,S17,SW¼SW¼NE¼

Latitude\Longitude: 47.662314, -111.760527

Water Right: 41K 34980 00

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:

In the Spring Coulee drainage, a tributary of Muddy Creek in the Sun River watershed.

Fish species proposed for introduction:

Rainbow trout.

Is this species legally present in the drainage?

Yes, distributed throughout the Sun River drainage. Also, this pond had been previously permitted by Mr. Lee and has previously contained rainbow trout. He did not receive a renewal notice.

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:

None in Muddy Creek or Spring Coulee. Arctic grayling and westslope cutthroat trout are present in Sun River drainage, but are at no risk from fish planted at this location.

RISKS:

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

Comments: This trout species is already present and has access to the Spring Coulee drainage in the Sun River watershed. Adverse genetic impacts are considered unlikely.

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

Comments: See above.

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

None Minor Major

Comments: Trout will consume some invertebrates in pond.

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

Minor Major

Comments: Low potential for reproduction in this pond.

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

Yes. The outlet is screened to reduce the potential for fish escaping to Spring Coulee and downstream waters.

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. Extremely minor impacts expected.

EA prepared by: George Liknes

DATE: 5/14/2009

**DECISION RECORD
FISH POND LICENSE**

DECISION: Issue

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

EA# Marc E. Lee Private Pond

APPROVED SPECIES: Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

LICENSE RESTRICTIONS: None.

DECISION REASONING:

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



George Liknes
Regional Fisheries Manager

5/14/2009

Date