

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

Name and address of applicant: Jack Stone
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes. Pond was previously licensed for rainbow trout, brown trout and brook trout in 1982.

Does the pond have water rights? This reservoir is associated with stock water statements of claim dated October 10, 1958 and April 17, 1981. The reservoir is approximately 1.5 acres and 17.6 acre-ft.

Location of pond:

County: Fergus

Legal description: T18N, R17E SE 21SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; approx 47.28342; 109.53098

Name of the drainage where the pond is located: Pond is on small intermittent drainage of McClure Canyon. It starts about 2 miles upstream and flows into Duck Creek. This drainage feeds into Warm Spring Creek about 4 miles downstream.

Fish species proposed for introduction: rainbow trout, brook trout, and brown trout
Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes – pond was previously licensed for these species.

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage: None

RISKS:

This pond was previously licensed and stocked with trout. Trout are currently in the pond. There should not be any new impacts.

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes No **Explain:**

The dam is on a coulee. Outlet is screened. During high flow events it is possible fish would escape the pond. Inlet small stream is not trout habitat.

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

Comments: Trout stocked in this pond are unlikely to have genetic impacts on the non-native brown, brook and rainbow trout in Warm Springs Creek and its tributaries.

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

Comments: May eat minnows or other fish if present in pond.

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: Reproduction unlikely. Inflow stream is intermittent.

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

Yes It should be possible to drain this small pond or chemically treat.

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 additional fish. Trout are currently present in pond. Under no action trout numbers would become reduced as population ages.

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:

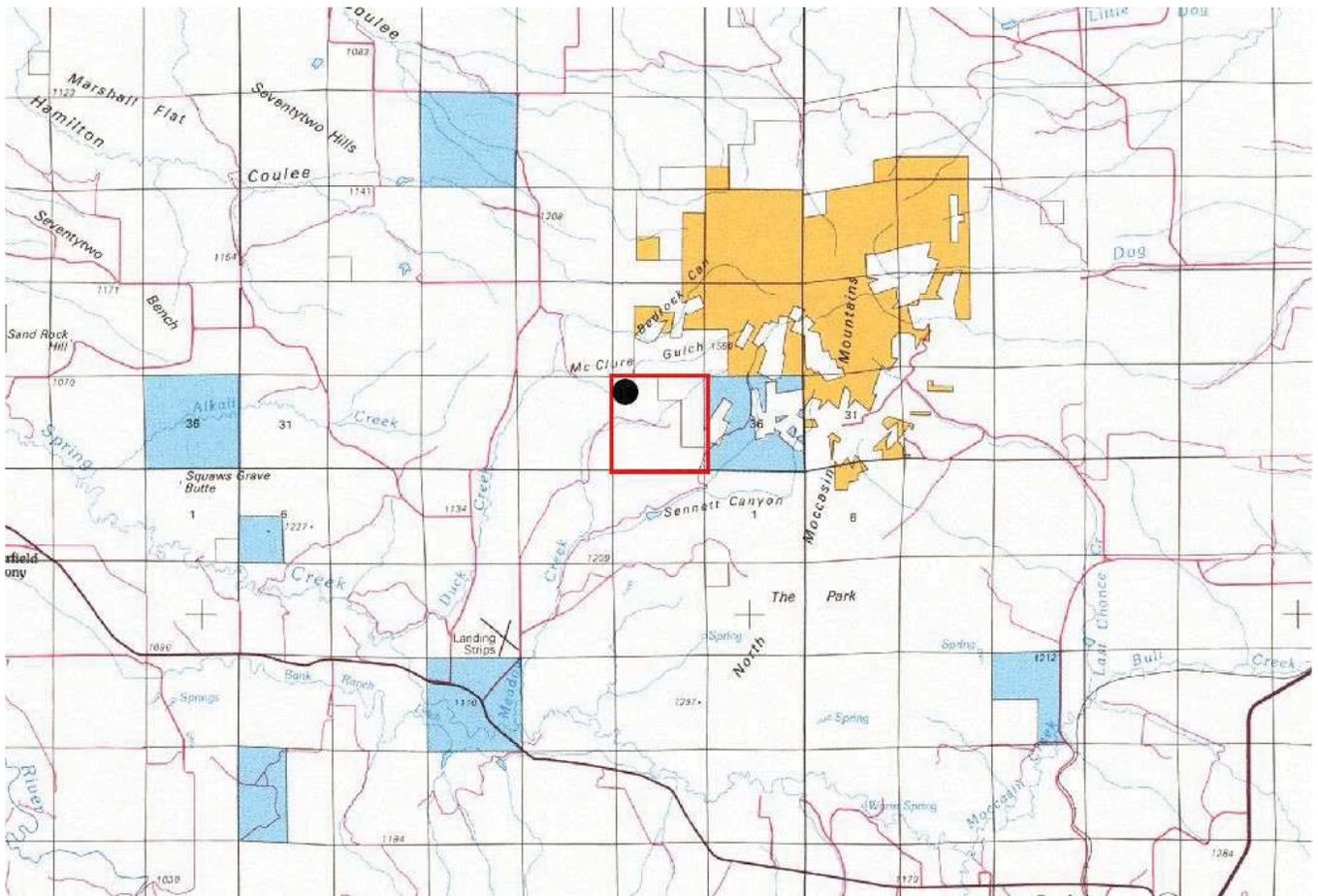
None

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; Minor impacts expected.

EA prepared by: Anne Tews

DATE: 6/17/10



Pond location indicated by red outline and black dot.

DECISION RECORD

FISH POND LICENSE

DECISION: Issue

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

APPROVED SPECIES: Rainbow trout, brook trout, brown trout.

LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:

DECISION REASONING:

- Pond meets all other requirements for Private Pond License.**
- Other (specify) Pond does not meet criteria for private pond permit but impacts should be minimal.**



George Liknes
Regional Fisheries Manager

6/30/2010
Date