

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

Name and address of applicant: Edward M. Wood
189 Belt Creek Road
Belt, MT 59412

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes. This is a renewal application for permit #4-1327 or #4-1258.

Does the pond have water rights? This pond has a statement of claim water right # 41Q 30048657 for a ground water use and a priority date of May 28, 2010.

Location of pond:

County: Cascade

Legal description: T19N, R6E, S23, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Latitude/Longitude: N 47.39482, W 110.92708

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located: Pond is located in the Belt Creek drainage.

Fish species proposed for introduction: Rainbow trout

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes.

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage: None known

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes ___ No X **Explain:**
Water and water levels are controlled by groundwater levels.

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

Comments: Adverse genetic impacts are considered unlikely. The proposed species are not native to Belt Creek. Rainbow trout are present in the Belt Creek drainage. Trout that would escape from this pond should have little negative impact on the genetics of non-native trout populations.

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

Comments: No other fish exist in this pond.

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction?
___ None X Minor ___ Major

Comments: Trout will consume some invertebrates in pond.

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

Comments: No inlet stream or available spawning habitat exists.

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

Yes. This pond could be chemically treated or species removed through attrition.

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. Minor impacts expected.

EA prepared by: Paul Hamlin

DATE: 7/07/10



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**DECISION RECORD
FISH POND LICENSE**

DECISION: Issue

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

EA Title: Edward M. Wood Private Pond EA

APPROVED SPECIES: Rainbow trout

LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:

DECISION REASONING:

- Pond meets all other requirements for Private Pond License.**



George Liknes
Regional Fisheries Manager

7/26/2010

Date