

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

Name and address of applicant: Wyley P. Good
Box 1297
Fort Benton, MT 59442

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

Does the pond have water rights? This pond has a statement of claim # 41O 178145-00 with a stock use with a priority date of December 31, 1945 held by Wyley P. Good. This water right includes a reservoir record with no storage volume, depth, or surface area. The reservoir record locates the pond at T25NR6ES5NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$. The aerial photo suggests its location at T25NR6ES5,E $\frac{1}{2}$,NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Location of pond:

County: Choteau

Legal description: T25N,R6E,S5,E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

GPS Location: N 47.950349 W -110.978741

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:

Pond is located on West Dry Fork Coulee, which has an intermittent stream draining to Dry Fork Coulee, which drains to Teton River near Fort Benton, MT.

Fish species proposed for introduction:

Largemouth bass, white, black crappie, fathead minnow.

Is this species legally present in the drainage?

Yes - in the Teton and Marias River drainage.

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:

Sauger and Blue sucker are found in the drainage.

RISKS:

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

Comments: No significant impacts are expected.

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

Comments: These species are already present in the drainage or have been planted in nearby farm ponds in the past.

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.

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

Minor Major

Comments: These fish may spawn successfully in the pond.

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. Other species were requested that were not approved based on FWP policy.

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: George Liknes **DATE:** 5/17/2011

Comments will be accepted until: No formal comment period was established because this action was deemed not to be controversial. Comments will be accepted at any time.

Comments should be sent to:

George Liknes, Regional Fisheries Manager, MFWP, 4600 Giant Springs Rd., Great Falls, 59405



Figure 1. Aerial Photo of Wyley P. Good Private Pond #1.

DECISION RECORD

FISH POND LICENSE

DECISION: Issue

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

EA Title: Wyley P. Good Private Pond License

APPROVED SPECIES: Largemouth bass, white, black crappie, fathead minnow.

LICENSE RESTRICTIONS: None.

DECISION REASONING:

- Pond meets all other requirements for Private Pond License.



George Liknes
Regional Fisheries Manager

5/17/2011

Date