

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

**Name and address of applicant:** Rominger Farms, Inc.

**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit?** No

**Does the pond have water rights?** Yes, this pond has a statement of claim water right # 41Q 158073-00 for a stock water use and a priority date of November 1, 1959. This water right includes the amount of water consumptively used for stock watering purposes at the rate of 30 gallons per day per animal unit. Animal units shall be based on reasonable carrying capacity and historical use of the area serviced by this water source.

**Location of pond:**

**County:** Chouteau

**Legal description:** T23N, R5E, S36, N 47.71223, W 111.02750

**Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:** Pond is located on an unnamed coulee approximately 3 miles upstream of the Missouri River.

**Fish species proposed for introduction:** Trout

**Is this species legally present in the drainage?** Yes.

**Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:** : None in dry coulee. Blue sucker, sauger, pallid sturgeon, paddlefish, sicklefin chub and sturgeon chub have been sampled in the Missouri River downstream of this coulee.

**RISKS:**

**Inlets to or outlets from the pond?** Yes  No  **Explain:** Water enters the pond from runoff of melting snow or major rain events in the drainage. Outflow is via a 30 inch culvert and an overland spillway. Trout could escape during overflow from this reservoir.

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

Comments: Adverse genetic impacts are considered unlikely. The proposed species are not native to the Missouri River. Rainbow, brook and brown trout are present in the Missouri River 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?**  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  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: 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. D. Hamlin

**DATE:** June 2, 2011



**Rominger Farms, Inc. Pond Photo 1**



**Rominger Farms, Inc. Pond Photo 2**

**DECISION RECORD  
FISH POND LICENSE**

**DECISION: Issue**

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

**EA #/Title: Rominger Private Pond EA**

**APPROVED SPECIES: Rainbow trout and brown trout**

**LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:**

**DECISION REASONING:**

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



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