

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

**Name and address of applicant:** Joe Fretheim  
658 S. Telstad Road  
Shelby, MT 59474 9228

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

**Does the pond have water rights?** Yes, this pond has a statement of claim water right # 41P 159678 00 for a stock water use and a priority date of December 31, 1932. It includes a reservoir record that identifies the dam height at 26 feet, a depth of 21 feet, 1.31 surface acres and a capacity of 11 acre-feet. 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:** Toole

**Legal description:** T29N, R2E, S5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  or S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lot 1, NE $\frac{1}{4}$

**Latitude/Longitude:** N 48.30276°, W 111.49395°

**Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:** Pond is located in the Marias River drainage.

**Fish species proposed for introduction:** Rainbow trout and brook trout. The pond was previously licensed by Marvin Fretheim (Private Pond License # 4-608 issued 7/11/1967 and expired 2/28/2007) for rainbow and brook trout.

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

**Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:** None in the Marias River upstream of Tiber Dam.

**RISKS:**

**Inlets to or outlets from the pond?** Yes \_\_\_ No X **Explain:** Water enters the pond from surface runoff. There is no outlet structure for the pond. Excess water would flow over and around the dam structure.

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

Comments: Adverse genetic impacts are considered unlikely. The proposed species is not native to the Marias River drainage. Rainbow trout or brook 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: Rainbow trout or brook 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 eliminated 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:** March16, 2012



**Figure 1. Photos of Joe Fretheim Private Pond.**



**Figure 2. Photo of Joe Fretheim Private Pond.**

**DECISION RECORD  
FISH POND LICENSE**

**DECISION: Issue**

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

**EA Title: Joe Fretheim Private Pond**

**APPROVED SPECIES: Rainbow trout and brook trout**

**LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:**

**DECISION REASONING:**

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



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Date