

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

Name and address of applicant James C. or Pegge J. Bays  
HC 88, Box 3740  
Big Timber, MT 59011

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

County Sweet Grass Township 2N Range 18E Section 5

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Sweet Grass Ck

Name(s) of 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:**

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations? None x Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments:

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish populations due to competition and/or predation? None x Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments:

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction? None \_\_\_\_\_ Minor x Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: Pond invertebrates become prey.

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location? None x Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments:

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).  
Deny permit or require different fish species.

Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any.  
Screens on inlet and outlet.

List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:  
N/A

List all agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:  
Ron Carlson, Warden  
Dennis Hagenston, Warden Captain  
Dick Ellis, Regional Supervisor

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.

No significant impacts.

EA prepared by: J. Darling

Comments will be accepted until May 18, 1998

Comments should be sent to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Attn: Fisheries Manager  
2300 Lake Elmo Drive  
Billings, MT 59105