

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

Name and address of applicant Buffalo Jump Ranch & Mgmt Co LLC
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes
Location:

County Sweet Grass Township 2N Range 14E Section 5

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Big Timber Ck

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Rainbow trout,
brook trout

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes

Species of special concern present in the drainage Yellowstone
cutthroat trout

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 _____ Minor x Major _____
Comments: Brook trout may spawn if springs are adequate.

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 October 13, 1998

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