

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

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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit Yes

Location:

County Madison **Township** 3S **Range** 2W **Section** 34

Name of drainage where the pond would be located N. Meadow Cr. - Madison

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Westslope Cutthroat Trout

Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage Yes

RISKS:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None Minor Major

Comments:

Unlikely that fish escaping pond would interbreed with wild fish.

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish population due to competition and/or predation?

None Minor Major

Comments:

Young brook trout may be entrained in irrigation ditches and enter pond.

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction?

None Minor Major

Comments:

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location?

None Minor Major

Comments:

If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?

Yes, by chemical treatment.

Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?

Yes, private ponds cumulatively represent a risk to wild aquatic systems.

Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).

Not to issue private pond license.

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

Limit species of salmonid to stock Westslope cutthroat trout from approved source.

List any other agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:

Electronic Bulletin Board
EQC

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No

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Comments will be accepted until April 27, 2000

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