

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

Name and address of applicant Patrick E. Donovan
Iron Horse at Whitfish, LLC
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit?

Location:

County Flathead Township 31N Range 22W Section 13

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Whitefish Lake

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Westslope cutthroat trout

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes

Species of special concern present in the drainage Westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout

RISKS:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None Minor Major

Comments:

No fish present.

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

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 X Minor Major

Comments:

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

Yes, 1.3 acre pond.

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).

No action; limit species.

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

None.

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.

Small, closed-basin pond.

EA prepared by: Jim Vashro

Date: 8/21/00

Comments will be accepted until 9/5/00

Comments should be sent to:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Attn: Fisheries Division
490 N. Meridian Rd.
Kalispell, MT 59901

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