

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

Name and address of applicant David & John Wimberly (Pond 2)
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit Yes

Location:

County Madison Township 5S Range 5W Section 14

Name of drainage where the pond would be located Lower Ruby River

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Rainbow 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:

Wild trout populations in the lower Ruby River are dominated by brown trout.

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish population due to competition and/or predation? None

Minor Major

Comments:

None barring catastrophic failure of pond.

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

Creation of an aquatic habitat and fish population in artificial location.

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

No fluvial spawning habitat component.

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

Yes, through combined pond drawdown and piscicide.

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

Yes, through production of new thermal and nutrient effluents and possible creation of an environment favorable to whirling disease from the cumulative summation of private ponds in lower Ruby valley's.

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

No action.

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

Limit species of salmonid to stock rainbow trout from approved source.

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

EQC
State of Montana Electronic Bulletin Board.

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No

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Comments will be accepted until September 11, 2000

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