

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

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

County Sweet Grass Township 1N Range 14E Section 15, NE1/4, SE1/4

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Yellowstone River

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Yellowstone cutthroat 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: Concerns about this pond's proximity to the Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery led to the restriction of raising only Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

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).  
Require different fish species or deny permit.

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:

George Anderson, Warden

Dennis Hagenston, Warden Captain

Harvey Nyberg, Regional Supervisor

DNRC, Billings

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 November 2, 2000

Comments should be sent to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Attn: Fisheries Manager

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