

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

Name and address of applicant Greg & Kathy Lemond (Upper Pond)
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit Yes

Location:

County Gallatin Township 7S Range 3E Section 5

Name of drainage where the pond would be located S. Fork, W. Fork Gallatin River

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:

Extremely unlikely that fish escape to S. Fork and interbreed with wild cutthroat trout.

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish population 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

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

None Minor Major

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

Yes, by chemical means.

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

Yes, private ponds constitute a significant cumulative threat to wild and native fish populations and communities.

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 to westslope cutthroat 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 November 10, 2000

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