

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

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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit?

Location:
County Sanders Township 19N Range 25W Section 21

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Clark Fork River

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Eastern brook trout

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes

Species of special concern present in the drainage Bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout

RISKS:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None Minor Major

Comments:

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

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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, 10' x 10' 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.

Brook trout are now allowed under current moratorium (they would be allowed under draft policy). Pond owner will be offered rainbow or cutthroat trout pending decision on brook trout.

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 (10' x 10') pond; closed basin.

EA prepared by: Jim Vashro

Date: 11/13/00

Comments will be accepted until 11/27/00

Comments should be sent to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Attn: Fisheries Division
490 N. Meridian Rd.
Kalispell, MT 59901

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