

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS
PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant: River Rock Subdivision

C/O P.C. Development

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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit ? Yes, This is an amendment to permit #3-010045, to change permitted species from westslope cutthroat trout to rainbow trout.

Location:

County Gallatin **Township** 1S **Range** 4E **Section** 15, N1/2, SESW

Name of drainage where the pond would be located? West Gallatin

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:

No surface linkage to natural waters.

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 _____

Comments:

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

Unlikely to be able to spawn.

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

Yes, by chemical treatment.

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

Yes, individually this is a low-risk pond, but cumulatively, private ponds are a threat to wild fisheries.

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

Not to issue license.

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

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

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

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DEQ

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No

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Comments will be accepted until April 8, 2002

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