

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

**Name and address of applicant:**

Michael Alamia  
7210 Spring Creek Trail.  
Helena, MT 59602

**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit?** No

**Location of pond:**

**County:** Lewis & Clark

**Legal description:** T11N R5W Sec 33, NWSE Lot 57 Spring Creek  
N 46° 39'49.2" W112° 14'39.7"

**Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:**

Skelly Gulch/Sevenmile/Tenmile /Big Prickly Pear Creek/Missouri River (Lake Helena)

**Fish species proposed for introduction:**

Brook Trout

**Is this species legally present in the drainage?**

Yes.

**Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:**

Yes (Pure Westslope Cutthroat trout upstream of this pond)

**RISKS:**

**Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations:**  None  Minor  
Major

Comments: No significant impacts are expected.

**Impacts to any life stage of existing fish populations due to competition and/or predation?**

None  Minor  Major

Eastern Brook Trout are abundant downstream of this pond and are restricted from the upper reaches of Skelly Creek by a barrier.

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

None  Minor  Major

Comments: Pond is newly constructed

**Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location:**

None  Minor  Major

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

Yes. Pond can be easily drained

**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).**

Do not stock.

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

Species restrictions.

**List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:**

None.

**List all agencies and individuals that have been notified of this proposed introduction:**

DNRC (Water Rights Justification).

**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.**

No. Impacts expected to be very minor.

**EA prepared by:** Steve Dalbey Helena Area Fisheries Biologist    **DATE:** 6/26/03

**Comments will be accepted until:** 7/11/03

**Comments should be sent to:**

Steve Leathe, Regional Fisheries Manager, 4600 Giant Springs Rd., Great Falls, 59604