

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

Name and address of applicant John Osborne
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes

Location:

County Madison Township 5S Range 6W Section 6

Name of drainage where the pond would be located Beaverhead River

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:

Only in the event of a catastrophic flood.

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish population due to competition and/or predation. None Minor Major

Comments:

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

No spawning habitat available.

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

Yes, via dewatering of pond and use of piscicide or natural attrition via related mortality in the absence of stocking.

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

No, the pond has no inlet or outlet and is static level with water table.

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

No action.

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:

NRCS and Ruby Valley Conservation District.

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No

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Comments will be accepted until N/A

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