

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

Name and address of applicant HWL Properties LLC (G. A. Swyassink
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes

Location:

County Madison Township 4S Range 5W Section 18

Name of drainage where the pond would be located Wisconsin Creek – Ruby 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 case of catastrophic failure or flood.

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

Comments:

See above.

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

See above.

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

None Minor Major

Comments:

No spawning habitat is available.

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

Yes, via pond draw down, use of piscicides, and/or natural age related mortality and attrition.

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

No, there is no connect into a natural stream fishery.

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:

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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