

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

Name and address of applicant: Carol Jean Moravec
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Is approval of private pond permit application recommended?

Pond was licensed on 2 April 1980 (license #4-1236) and authorized for "bass, bluegill, or crappie". This EA is to re-issue license to a new pond owner to allow stocking of trout and to remove bluegill from list of authorized species.

Location of pond:

County: Choteau
Legal description: T25N R14E Sec 16, NE1/4

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:

Pond is located along Eagle Creek, about 25 miles SE of Big Sandy, MT. Eagle Creek is an intermittent drainage that drains directly to the Missouri River.

Does pond have legal water rights? (describe) Unknown. Pond was licensed originally in 1980.

Fish species proposed for introduction:

Rainbow trout, brook trout, cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, white & black crappie, yellow perch.

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes, in Missouri drainage..

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:

None in immediate area. Several species including pallid sturgeon, blue sucker, siclefin and sturgeon chubs in mainstem Missouri River.

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

Comments: These species are already present in drainage.

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction? None Minor Major

Comments: Fish will consume some invertebrates in pond.

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location: None Minor Major

Comments: Trout unlikely to spawn successfully due to intermittent inlet stream. Bass and crappie would likely reproduce, but have already been authorized for this pond. Perch would likely reproduce.

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

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 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.

No. Impacts expected to be very minor.

EA prepared by: Steve Leathe

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