

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

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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit   Yes 3-681

Location: County Gallatin Township 6S Range 3E Section 35

Name of drainage where the pond would be located:  
Middle fork of the West fork of Gallatin River

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction:  
Rainbow Trout

Is this species native to the drainage? Not native, but was legally introduced.

List species of special concern present in the drainage: None

**RISKS:**

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes. Pond overflow drains to dry ground isolated from state waters.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None  Minor  Major

Comments:

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:

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

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

Yes, cumulatively private fish ponds do pose risks to wild fisheries.

**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.**

None

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

None

**Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required?** No. An introduction of this scope does not warrant a full EIS.

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**Comments will be accepted until** N/A

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