

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit No

Location: County Madison Township 3S Range 6W Section 10NW ¼, NE ¼,

Name of drainage where the pond would be located: Jefferson River

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

Is this species native to the drainage? If not was it introduced legally?
Legally introduced by FWP

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? No. Inlet and outlet are composed of spring seepage through gravel drains and do not connect with live streams.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None ___ Minor X Major ___

Comments:

It is not likely for hatchery fish to escape and enter Jefferson River and if a limited number of fish reached the river, the genetic influence would be small.

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

Comments:

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

None X Minor ___ Major ___

Comments:

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

None X Minor ___ Major ___

Comments:

No inlet or outlet with significant flow water results in lack of suitable spawning habitat.

If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?
The pond (gravel pit) could be dewatered via pumping.

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).

Stocking a species already present in the drainage (eg. Rainbow Trout) is a reasonable alternative.

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

Ensuring that pond water does not connect to the Jefferson River

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

DNRC Water Rights Bureau

List all agencies and individuals outside of FWP who have been notified of this proposed introduction: Landowner, FWP, DNRC

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No

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Comments will be accepted until

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