

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

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Is approval for a private pond permit application recommended? Yes

Location of pond:

County: Carter **Legal description:** T2S R56E Sec 20

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:

This pond is located in Davis Creek which is a small, ephemeral stream that eventually connects to the Powder River.

Fish species proposed for introduction:

Rainbow trout are proposed for introduction into the private pond.

Is this species legally present in the drainage?

Rainbow trout are found in private ponds in the Powder River Drainage.

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage:

There are no other fish in this drainage.

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: Fish are not able to survive outside of the pond habitat.

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: None

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:

Notification via State of Montana electronic bulletin board.

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 minor.

EA prepared by: Brad Schmitz **DATE:** June 9, 2006

Comments will be accepted until: June 23, 2006

Comments should be sent to: Brad Schmitz

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