

EA# 54-06

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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant: Howard Chrest  
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? No

Location: County 25 Township 4S Range 5W Section 32

Name of drainage where the pond would be located: Mill Creek → Ruby River

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

Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage? Yes, introduced.

List species of special concern present in the drainage: Westslope cutthroat trout,  
Arctic grayling

### RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? No. Groundwater Pond

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None \_\_\_ Minor X Major \_\_\_

Comments: Only in event of catastrophic flood or berm failure

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

Comments: see above

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

None \_\_\_ Minor X Major \_\_\_

Comments: see above

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

None X Minor \_\_\_ Major \_\_\_

Comments: No spawning habitat available

**If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?**  
Yes, via dewatering, use of licensed piscicide, and/or age related attrition in lieu of stocking.

**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).** Species limited to rainbow trout.

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

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

**Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required?** No.

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