

EA# 50-06

Date: 08/18/06

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant: Jeff Trom
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? Yes

Location: County Gallatin Township 1S Range 7E Section 10

Name of drainage where the pond would be located: Stone Creek, East Gallatin River Drainage

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

Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage? Probably was native, not present in drainage now.

List species of special concern present in the drainage: None

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes. Seasonal spring feeds pond, screened safe outlet drains to dry ground.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None X Minor Major

Comments:

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 Minor Major

Comments:

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

Yes, via draining pond or age related mortality in absence of stocking.

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

Yes, private 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 an EIS.

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Comments will be accepted until: N/A