

Date: September 6, 2006

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

**Name and address of applicant:** David and Cora Rall  
PO Box 205  
Mesquite, NV 89024

**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past?** No

**Location:** County Gallatin Township 1S Range 6E Section 8

**Name of drainage where the pond would be located:** Middle Cottonwood Creek,  
East Gallatin Drainage

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

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

**List species of special concern present in the drainage:** Arctic Grayling have been  
reintroduced to Gallatin Drainage.

**RISKS:**

**Inlets to or outlets from the pond?** No. Inlet is a screened flume drawing from  
Cottonwood Creek. Outlet is a screened standpipe discharging to irrigation ditch  
off Cottonwood Creek.

**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:** May impact amphibian population found at site.

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

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

**Comments:** Artificial stream may support reproduction.

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

Via drainage of pond or via age related mortality in the absence of stocking (given natural reproduction does not occur).

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

Yes, cumulatively, private ponds 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.

**EA prepared by:** Tim Weiss  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Bozeman, MT 59718

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