

EA# 74

Date: September 27, 2006

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant: Highland View Cattle
2788 Hwy 287
Sheridan, MT 59749

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

Location: County Madison Township 3S Range 6W Section 3 SE 1/4

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

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

Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage? Legally Introduced

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? None

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?

None ___ Minor X Major ___

Comments: Very low possibility fish could enter Jefferson River

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

Comments: Very low possibility that fish could enter Jefferson River.

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

None ___ Minor X Major ___

Comments: Pond water enters drain ditch and travels to Jefferson River. Therefore aquatic life in pond can travel through 3/8" screen and reach the Jefferson River.

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

None X Minor ___ Major ___

Comments:

If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?
Removal via chemical treatment and/or dewatering would be very difficult, but possible.

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). No action. Stock compatible species such as rainbow trout.

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

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

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

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No. No significant impacts anticipated.

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Comments will be accepted until: N/A