

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

Name and address of applicant:

Upper Big Hole LLC
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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past? Yes, under Francis Schindler

Location:

County: Beaverhead **Township:** 6S **Range:** 15W **Section:** 11

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:

Big Hole River

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction:

Rainbow Trout

Is this species native to the drainage? If not, was it introduced legally (i.e. by a fish management agency)?

List species of special concern present in the drainage:

Arctic grayling, westslope cutthroat trout, burbot, lake trout

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes No **Explain:**

Pond outlets through screened control box to irrigation ditch.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of wild fish populations?

None Minor Major

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

Only in event of a catastrophic flood event

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish populations due to competition and/or predation?

None Minor Major

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

Only in event of a catastrophic flood event

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

None__ Minor X Major__

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

Only in event of a catastrophic flood event

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

None X Minor__ Major__

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

No spawning habitat available

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

Via age induced mortality in the absence of stocking and/or use of a licensed piscicide

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

Possibly, through the defacto creation of a source of whirling disease or other fish disease or parasite

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.

List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:

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

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? Yes__ No X If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.

Literature Cited:

EA prepared by:

Richard Oswald

Comments will be accepted until:

NA

Comments should be sent to:

Email Address: