

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

**Name and address of applicant:**

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**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit in the past?** No, this is a newly constructed pond

**Location:** Gallatin River Watershed

**County:** Gallatin      **Township:** 2S      **Range:** 6E      **Section:** 31 NE

**Name of the drainage where the pond would be located:** Limestone Creek

**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)?**

No. Yes.

**List species of special concern present in the drainage:**

NA

**RISKS:**

**Inlets to or outlets from the pond?** Yes X No \_\_\_ **Explain:** Inlet is pumped groundwater and requires no screen. Outlet is through an Agri-Drain with a screen.

**Potential for impacts on genetic structure of wild fish populations?**

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

**Comments required for minor or major impacts:** Escapement potential for fish is minimal and if it occurred minor genetic impacts to wild fish would be expected.

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

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

**Comments required for minor or major impacts:** Escapement potential for fish is minimal and if it occurred minor impacts to existing wild fish populations could be expected.

**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:** Aquatic life forms in the pond may potentially be impacted. The pond is man-made.

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

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

**Comments required for minor or major impacts:** Spawning potential is low but possible given a constructed channel connecting the two ponded areas.

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

Yes. The pond could be lowered and the fish could be removed mechanically or with chemicals.

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

Yes. Private ponds constitute accumulative impact to wild fisheries and aquatic systems.

**Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).**

No action. The pond would not be permitted for stocking of fish.

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

Rainbow trout only and from an approved source.

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

NA

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

NA

**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:** NA

**EA prepared by:**

Michael Vaughn for Bruce Rich

**Comments will be accepted until:**

NA

**Comments should be sent to:**

NA

**Email Address:**