

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

Name and address of applicant:

4-Dot Subdivision
c/o Larry Hicketier
321 Tabiano Trail
Belgrade, MT 59714

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

Location:

County: Gallatin **Township:** 1N **Range:** 4E **Section:** 28

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located: West Gallatin 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)?

Not native, was introduced

List species of special concern present in the drainage:

Arctic Grayling have been reintroduced to this drainage

RISKS:

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

Pond outlets via screened pipe, to ditch which eventually drains to West Gallatin River

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of wild fish populations?

None___ Minor X Major___

Comments required for minor or major impacts: Pond inhabitants may escape if screening is not maintained.

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: See above

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

None X Minor___ Major___

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

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

None X Minor ___ Major ___

Comments required for minor or major impacts:

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

Yes, via age-related mortality in the absence of stocking. Also via draining pond and mechanical removal.

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

Cumulatively, 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 or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:

None

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

None

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.

An introduction of this scope is adequately addressed via the EA process

Literature Cited:

EA prepared by:

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Comments will be accepted until:

NA

Comments should be sent to:

Email Address: