

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: Yellowstone River Watershed

County: Park **Township:** 2S **Range:** 9E **Section:** 1

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located: Dry Creek Drainage

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. This is an introduced species.

List species of special concern present in the drainage: No fish in the Dry Creek Drainage

RISKS:

Inlets to or outlets from the pond? Yes X No ___ **Explain:** Inlet is ground water and requires no screen. Outlet is through a screened overflow and an overflow channel that discharges into a crop field.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of wild fish populations?

None ___ Minor X Major ___

Comments required for minor or major impacts: Escapement of fish is minimal and the fish would not likely survive and be able to reach flowing water.

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 of fish is minimal and the fish would not likely survive and be able to reach flowing water.

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 present in the pond are all that would potentially be impacted and 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 very low with no inlet or outlet channel present.

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 a cumulative 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.

The pond would only be permitted for one species (Rainbow and trout) and the permit and pond will be reviewed in 10 years.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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.

The limited impacts of this action are not significant enough to warrant an EIS.

Literature Cited:

N/A

EA prepared by:

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Comments will be accepted until:

Comments should be sent to:

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