

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

Name and address of applicant: Triple DJ, LLC
521 Park Avenue, #6
New York, NY 10065

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? Yes.

Does the pond have water rights? This reservoir (Deep Lake) has a statement of claim water right # 41K 189178-00 for stock water use and a priority date of July 10, 1899. This water right includes the amount of water consumptively used for stock watering purposes at the rate of 30 gallons per day per animal unit with a maximum flow rate of 35 gpm. Animal units shall be based on reasonable carrying capacity and historical use of the area serviced by this water source. This stock water right identifies ten different reservoirs as places of storage, but because of its minimal flow rate is only adequate to concurrently maintain a few small reservoirs. It likely will be difficult to maintain a viable fishery with this water right.

Location of pond:

County: Teton

Legal description: T22N,R8W,S09,N½NE¼NE¼; N 47.682599°, W112.629837°

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located: The pond is located on an unnamed ephemeral coulee approximately 2.5 miles upstream of Battle Creek.

Fish species proposed for introduction: Rainbow trout, brown trout, cutthroat trout, brook trout.

Is this species legally present in the drainage? All species are locally present within the Deep Creek drainage except for genetically-pure cutthroat trout.

Species of Special Concern present in the drainage: None known.

RISKS:

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

Water enters the pond via a canal / ditch system diverting surface water from Green Timber Gulch. Downstream escapement of trout from the pond may occur during an exceptional precipitation event. It is possible these fish may eventually enter Battle Creek in the Deep Creek drainage.

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations: None
 Minor Major

Comments: Adverse genetic impacts are considered unlikely. The proposed species are not native to the Deep Creek drainage except for westslope cutthroat trout, which have long been extirpated from all nearby waters. Trout that might escape from this pond would have little negative impact on the genetics of non-native trout populations.

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

Comments: May eat minnows or other fish if present in pond.

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

None Minor Major

Comments: Trout will consume some invertebrates or possibly amphibians in the pond.

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location: None Minor Major

Comments: No inlet stream or suitable spawning habitat is available for rainbow, brown or cutthroat trout. Brook trout may spawn in areas of groundwater upwelling within the pond, if available.

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

Yes. This pond could be chemically treated or species removed through attrition.

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).

Do not stock.

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

Species restrictions.

List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction: None.

List all agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction: None.

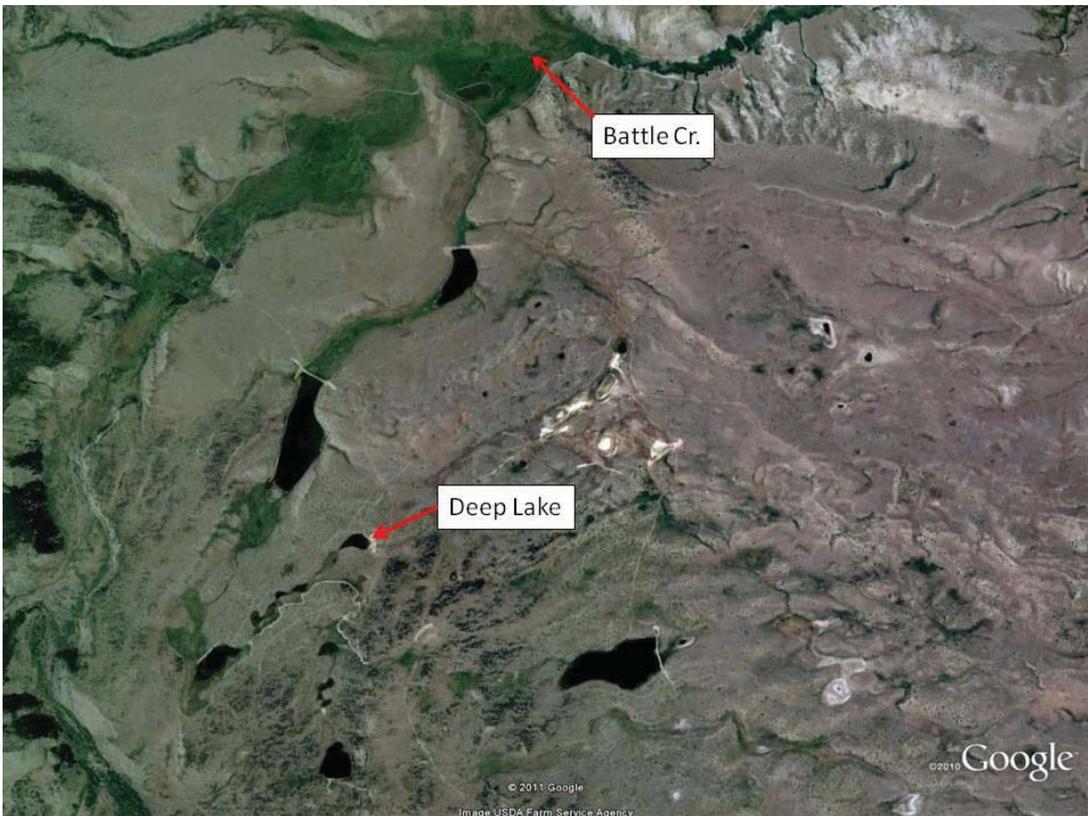
Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? YES/NO? If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.

No. Minor impacts expected.

EA prepared by: Dave Yerk

DATE: 08/03/2011

Triple DJ Deep Lake Private Pond Photos



**DECISION RECORD
FISH POND LICENSE**

DECISION: Issue

- Private Pond License**
- Commercial Pond License**
- One Time Permission to Plant Letter**
- Denial**

EA Title: Triple DJ ,LLC - Deep Lake Private Pond EA

APPROVED SPECIES: Rainbow, Brook, Brown, Westslope Cutthroat Trout

LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:

DECISION REASONING:

- Pond meets all other requirements for Private Pond License.**



George Liknes
Regional Fisheries Manager

3/13/2012

Date