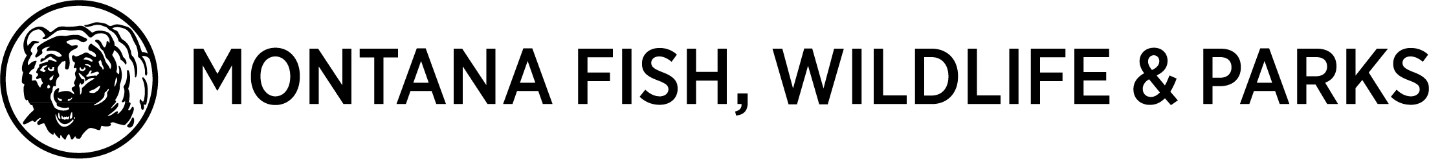
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**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTION**

**Description of water body:**

**Name**: Ike’s Fishing Pond

**County:** Roosevelt

**Legal description:** T28N, R56E, S29

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

The excavated pit is located within the Charlie-Little Muddy Creek drainage.

**Fish species proposed for introduction:**

Rainbow Trout

**Is this species legally present in the drainage?**

Rainbow Trout are not native to the drainage but have been legally introduced to the drainage.

**Species of Special Concern present in the drainage and associated risks:**

Sauger, Blue Sucker, Northern Redbelly Dace, Northern Redbelly Dace X Finescale Dace Hybrid, Sicklefin Chub, Sturgeon Chub, Pallid Sturgeon, Paddlefish, and Shortnose Gar are known species of special concern present in the drainage. Presence of these species is limited to the Missouri River, Little Muddy Creek, Hardscrabble Creek, and Charlie Creek. There are no associated risks to species of special concern within the drainage, as Ike’s Fishing Pond is confined within an excavated pit, and Rainbow Trout are present elsewhere within the drainage.

**RISKS:**

**Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations:**

\_X None Minor Major

Comments: There are no existing fish populations present within this pond.

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

X None Minor Major

Comments: There are no existing fish populations present within this pond.

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

None X Minor Major

Comments: Aquatic invertebrates would be consumed if present, but no population level impact is expected.

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

**X** None Minor Major

Comments: Rainbow Trout will not reproduce in this pond as spawning habitat is not present.

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

Yes, the proposed species could be removed via netting or chemical treatment or draining the pond.

**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).**

Alternative 1 – No Action: The No Action alternative would result in not stocking the proposed species and not providing additional recreational angling opportunity in Northeast Montana.

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

The community pond and proposed species would be managed according to the general Eastern Fishing District regulations.

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

The proposed waterbody is considered a community fishing pond. The site where the pond resides will be managed by the city of Culbertson.

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

N/A

**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 EIS required.

**Describe the level of public involvement and, given the complexity of the proposed action, is the level of public involvement appropriate?**

To ensure adequate public involvement opportunity, this draft EA will be posted on the FWP website and copies will be made available at the FWP Region 6 Headquarters Office in Glasgow. A notice of the proposed action and EA will be advertised through local news outlets.

Given the simple nature and minor impacts of the proposed action, the level of public involvement is deemed appropriate.

**Comments will be accepted until:** 5:00 p.m. on April 23rd, 2021

**Comments may be submitted to:**

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