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Mr. David Spicer  
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RE: Conservation efforts for the Amargosa toad and other wildlife species in Oasis Valley, Nevada

Dear Mr. Spicer:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has been closely involved with conservation efforts focused on the Amargosa toad (*Bufo nelsoni*) since the early 1990s. Throughout those efforts, a key element of success has been the support and involvement of private landowners in the Oasis Valley. Private lands in the valley serve a critical role in providing essential habitat for the toad and other wildlife species, and also through maintenance of those habitats they provide corridors for the movement of animals among private and public lands. This dynamic mix of habitat types and movement corridors is essential to maintain viable wildlife populations throughout the valley.

NDOW recognizes and is extremely appreciative of the efforts to manage, restore and maintain habitat for the toad and other wildlife that you have undertaken on your Boiling Pot Ranch property and on other parcels of private and public land through your non-profit organization STORM-OV. We believe that STORM-OV is an outstanding example of a locally- and community-based conservation partnership using successful and innovative techniques to benefit wildlife while demonstrating that such management actions can be done in a way that is compatible with and complementary to other resource uses on public and private lands. The positive and productive partnerships that you have built not only with NDOW, but with other organizations and agencies including The Nature Conservancy, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Beatty Habitat Committee, NDOT and others speaks volumes to the effectiveness of your efforts and to the great value of the STORM-OV organization. Furthermore, and perhaps most importantly, the animals have responded in kind.

Again, your support for NDOW's conservation and monitoring efforts for the toad, and your effective implementation of innovative management techniques to benefit the toad and other wildlife both individually and through STORM-OV, is very much appreciated. We look forward to continuing this positive partnership into the future not only to benefit Nevada's native wildlife species, but because of the many positive benefits it brings to the Beatty community, private landowners and public land users in the Oasis Valley area.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon C. Sjöberg".

Jon C. Sjöberg  
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