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Mr. David Spicer  
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**Re: Recognition of STORM-OV's efforts for protection of the Amargosa toad**

Dear Mr. Spicer:

The Nye County Board of Commissioners would like to formally recognize the efforts of STORM-OV in habitat restoration, protection, and community involvement with the Amargosa toad (*Bufo nelsoni*). This species occurs in Oasis Valley, along a 10-mile stretch of the Amargosa River. Until July 20, 2010, the species was under consideration for protection under the Endangered Species Act by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Nye County became involved with the Amargosa Toad Working Group in October 2000 with signature of the Conservation Agreement for the Amargosa Toad, a multi-agency partnership. The goals of this agreement were, in part to:

1. Identify and eliminate threats to the continued existence of the species or substantially minimize those threats that cannot be completely eliminated;
2. Maintain habitats on key parcels through implementation of proposed actions to protect, restore, and enhance toad habitat;
3. Continue population monitoring and investigate the natural history of the toad to provide the basis for management actions; and
4. Experimentally test methods of habitat manipulation and monitor the effectiveness of these methods on key parcels.

STORM-OV, through innovative use of grazing to maintain toad habitat; donation of equipment and operator time for restoration of spring flows by improvement of spring mound drainage; piping water to create additional toad habitat; and cooperation with Local, State, Federal, and private partners has been instrumental in achieving progress toward goals 1, 2, and 4.

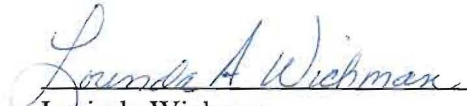
The progress made by this partnership toward the above goals has prevented Federal listing of the Amargosa toad as a threatened or endangered species – an achievement which has gained recognition among State, Federal, and private agencies. This ongoing effort has allowed multiple

uses of land where toad habitat occurs, which would not be the case if the species were to be Federally managed.

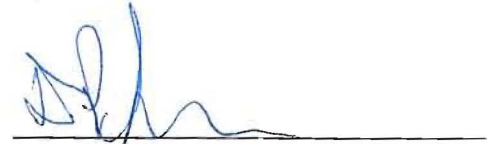
STORM-OV's commitment to working with partner agencies to improve the habitat of the Amargosa toad is to be commended – they are a key partner in achieving the preservation and enhancement of the species.

Sincerely,

  
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Chair, Nye County Commission

  
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Lorinda Wichman  
Nye County Commissioner

  
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