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April 15, 2010

File: Amargosa toad

Mr. David Spicer
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Dear Mr. Spicer:

Subject: Conservation Accomplishments on Behalf of the Amargosa Toad in
Oasis Valley, Nye County, Nevada

As you know, the Amargosa toad has been the focus of conservation efforts for decades involving numerous partners. During this time, you have been instrumental in achieving results that have improved toad habitat, increased our knowledge about the species, and reduced threats to the toad.

The goal of the non-profit organization you co-founded, STORM-OV, is to implement actions to ensure that the toad does not become a threatened or endangered species. You have led or assisted with many conservation efforts in support of that goal. Since Amargosa toad population monitoring surveys began in the 1990s, you have allowed access to your property for population monitoring surveys. You have implemented and provided support for habitat improvement projects including labor, equipment, and materials. Having recognized the difficulty in maintaining spring habitat for the toad, you took the initiative to design spring outflows and construct them on your property.

You also developed project proposals for several springs on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management that have become degraded due to overgrowth of vegetation. In 2009, your participation in community planning efforts contributed to a master plan for Beatty and outlying areas that we anticipate will provide conservation for the toad. Finally, when our agency was petitioned in 1995 and 2008 to place the Amargosa toad on the Federal list of threatened and endangered species, you provided important information on the species.

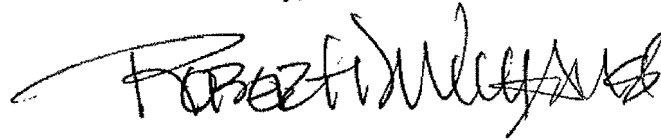
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We greatly appreciate all your efforts to conserve the Amargosa toad by working cooperatively with our agency and other conservation partners in the Oasis Valley. We look forward to continuing to work together to maintain or improve the status of the toad. If you or anyone would like to discuss your involvement in Amargosa toad conservation, please feel free to contact me at (775) 861-6300, or Michael Burroughs, our lead wildlife biologist for the species, at (702) 515-5230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Williams". The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left.

Robert D. Williams
State Supervisor