



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Mr. David A. Spicer
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Dear Mr. Spicer:

On behalf of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it gives me great pleasure to present you with the Service Citizen's Award. This award recognizes private citizens and organizations for their voluntary contributions to the mission and goals of the Service.

This award is presented to you for your community leadership and dedication to the conservation for the Amargosa toad (*Anaxyrus nelsoni*), an endemic species to the Oasis Valley in southern Nye County, Nevada.

You founded a non-profit organization, STORM-OV (Saving Toads through Off-Road Racing, Ranching and Mining in the Oasis Valley), and implemented conservation actions throughout the range of the toad. You initiated and completed 12 habitat improvement projects, which has restored or enhanced 57 acres of wetland, including one mile of the Amargosa River, and 11 springs. You took the initiative to design and construct spring outflows to maintain functional toad habitat through Nevada's dry, hot summers. Your passion for conservation of the Amargosa toad and community leadership has brought together a wide range of organizations and interests, including those not usually associated with species conservation. Your efforts have improved Amargosa toad habitat, increased the Service's knowledge of the species, and reduced the threats to the toad. Your efforts can be directly attributed to the Service's 'not warranted' decision on a petition to list the toad on July 20, 2010, and are an example of how one person can make a difference.

With gratitude, I present you with the Service Citizen's Award as an expression of the Service's deep appreciation of your outstanding contributions to the conservation of the Amargosa toad.

Sincerely,

DIRECTOR