

Beatty Habitat Trails Committee

BOXHOLDER
Beatty, NV 89003



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FACTS

about the

**BEATTY
Habitat
Trails
Project**

A BRIEF HISTORY...

1994 - PETITION TO LIST THE AMARGOSA TOAD AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

1995 - U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (USFWS) ISSUED A "NOT WARRANTED" FINDING.

THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE (NDOW) & NEVADA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM (NNHP) CONDUCTED STATUS SURVEYS & CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE AMARGOSA TOAD.

1997 - U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) CONSIDERS DESIGNATION OF AREA OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN (ACEC) IN BEATTY - OASIS VALLEY AREA.

2000 - BLM WOULD ISSUE A RANGE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) AMENDMENT FOR AN ACEC DESIGNATION IF HABITAT PROTECTION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH OTHER MEANS.

THE AMARGOSA TOAD WORKING GROUP (ATWG), INCLUDING NYE COUNTY, NDOW, USFWS, BLM, TNC, NNHP, AND UNR, DEVELOPED AND SIGNED A CONSERVATION AGREEMENT TO PROTECT THE AMARGOSA TOAD TO PREVENT LISTING UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.

JULY 2000 - THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD (BTAB) APPOINTED THE BEATTY HABITAT COMMITTEE (BHC) AND ASSIGNED THE TASK OF DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HABITAT OF THE AMARGOSA TOAD.

THE OVERALL PLAN

THE OVERALL PLAN IS TO LEASE THE PUBLIC LAND FROM THE "NARROWS" IN BEATTY, THROUGH THE OASIS VALLEY TO THE NORTH END OF THE OLD TORRANCE RANCH, WHICH IS NOW OWNED BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY (TNC). THIS LAND WOULD BE LEASED FROM THE BLM BY THE COUNTY/TOWN THROUGH A RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES (R&PP) LEASE.

PHASE 1

WOULD INCLUDE THE PUBLIC LAND ALONG THE RIVER FROM THE NARROWS TO THE NORTH END OF THE STAGE-COACH. THE PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH HABITAT AREAS, A VISITORS' CENTER, TRAILS, AND PICNIC AREAS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS, AND TO PROTECT THE HABITAT.

PHASE II

WOULD CONTINUE THE HABITAT PRESERVATION, TRAILS AND PICNIC AREAS THROUGH THE OASIS VALLEY TO THE NORTH END OF THE OLD TORRANCE RANCH, WHICH IS NOW OWNED BY TNC AND BEING RESTORED AS A "WILD" AREA FOR NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA, AND EVENTUAL EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.





BEATTY HABITAT TRAILS PROJECT AREA



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WHAT IS AN ACEC AND AN R&PP LEASE?

- BOTH INVOLVE PUBLIC LAND NOW ADMINISTERED BY THE BLM
- AN ACEC (AREA OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN) IS PUBLIC LAND, ADMINISTERED BY THE BLM, WHICH IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AND IN NEED OF PROTECTION.
- AN R&PP LEASE (RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES) IS PUBLIC LAND LEASED BY A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY FOR A PERIOD OF 25 OR MORE YEARS. FOR THE HABITAT-TRAILS PROJECT, THE LESSEE WILL BE NYE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF BEATTY, AND WILL BE LOCALLY MANAGED.

NOTE: ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS OUTSIDE THE R&PP LEASE AREA MAY BE DESIGNATED AS ACEC SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION BY FEDERAL AGENCIES AND THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCYS' (EPA) LAWS.

EDUCATIONAL - ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL ADVANTAGES

for BEATTY

TOURISM AND RECREATION:

TOURISM AND RECREATION FOR TOWNSPEOPLE AND VISITORS WILL BE ENHANCED BY THE TRAILS, VIEWING OF HABITAT AREAS, PICNIC AND REST AREAS, THE INFORMATION CENTER, BIRD WATCHING AND OTHER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

EDUCATION:

- STUDY PROJECT AND FIELD TRIPS FOR YOUNGSTERS
- UNR & UNLV - STAFF AND GRADUATE STUDENTS HAVE USED THE AMARGOSA TOAD FOR STUDY PROJECTS FOR MANY YEARS
- UNR HAS ESTABLISHED A FIELD STATION IN BEATTY, STAFFED BY MASTER & DOCTORAL STUDENTS, WHO STUDY THE AMARGOSA TOAD AND HABITAT CONDITIONS AS PART OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL GOALS.
- STUDENTS, WHO HAVE COME TO STUDY IN BEATTY, HAVE COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES.

AGENCIES & GROUPS ENDORISING the HABITAT - TRAILS PROJECT

through:

FINANCIAL AID, TIME AND EXPERTISE OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF, STUDENT TRAINING, VOLUNTEERS AND PUBLICITY:

- NYE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
- THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
- U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
- NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
- UNIVERSITY OF NV (RENO & LAS VEGAS)
- U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
- NV NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM
- BEATTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.
- BEATTY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
- BEATTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
- HIGH DESERT RC&D COUNCIL, INC.
- FRIENDS OF RHYOLITE
- NV DIVISION OF FORESTRY
- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE - DEATH VALLEY

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