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Mr. Spicer,

The Beatty Town Advisory Board is pleased to be considered a partner in, and extends its support of the Beatty Community Recreational Tourism Enhancement Project also known as the Oasis Valley Trail and Trails-OV.

Beatty is here today because of our forefathers ability to identify the value of the natural resources in the land that surrounds us. Beatty's economic fortunes have varied over the years due to an economy which was primarily based upon the use of the land and its resources. We feel the Oasis Valley Trail project is an opportunity to diversify our use of the lands and natural resources while also diversifying our economy to make it more sustainable.

STORM-OV (Saving Toads thru Off-Road Racing, Ranching & Mining in Oasis Valley) has proven its ability to create environments that benefit people and nature alike. Their fantastic work that has already been done in the Oasis Valley has been recognized by Local, State and Federal Agencies such as; the Nye County Board of Commissioners, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service as well as private groups like; The Center for Biological Diversity and The Nature Conservancy to name a few. STORM-OV and the Town of Beatty have also received recognition from Senator Harry Reid and Congressman Joe Heck for the conservation work that was done on behalf of the Amargosa Toad. STORM –OV and the Town of Beatty have created an atmosphere wherein diverse groups can comfortably come together over a success and will carry this model far into the future.

The Oasis Valley Trail project is a continuation of that work, and will be another example of how common goals of responsible and shared land use on our public lands can and will produce positive results. Allowing all types of land user groups; miners, ranchers, off-road vehicle enthusiasts, non- motorized off road enthusiasts, and the conservation community to work together to create something that all can use and enjoy and more importantly prove once again that responsible use of public lands is good, healthy, profitable and appropriate. Other stakeholders are indicating their enthusiasm for this multi-use approach and joining us in this effort, including Barrick Gold Corporation, Valley Electric, U.S. Ecology, D&H Mining, Gro-Promotions, Boy Scouts of America and others.

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This project may also positively impact Beatty's long-term economic fortunes by providing permanent employment and a revenue source. The Trails project is one that has the potential to grow and sustain this community for the foreseeable future by increasing tourism and recreation in and around Beatty Nevada. Drawing more people to the area and extending their stay at the Hotels and RV Parks here in Beatty which will increase the amount of room tax collected.

The Beatty General Improvement District, our parks and recreation department, the Beatty Chamber of Commerce and the Beatty Museum are all funded by room tax. The possible increase in income to those groups is very exciting to the community. It will give these groups the ability to improve the infrastructure of our existing outdoor recreation assets, reach out in different ways to people in the United States and Abroad, and continue to protect and honor the history of our Town.

Increased stay will result in more use of our local services; restaurants, stores, gas stations and saloons. These activities result in the collection of several types of taxes most of which contribute greatly to Beatty's general fund which is primarily used to maintain, improve and build public infrastructure.

More importantly we also believe the increase in demand for local services will result in job creation here in Beatty, offering more employment options for our citizens, and to that end the Beatty Town Advisory Board sees itself as a partner in this project and will support and participate in activities and events that will help see this project to fruition.

We see this project as a way for Beatty to improve the lifestyle, health and economic status of citizens living here, a way to introduce Beatty to more people who may want to make it home, and of course a way to share this beautiful and historic part of our Country's public lands with the world.

Sincerely,

The Beatty Town Advisory Board

				
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