



## **Amphibian Refuge**

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### **RE: Comment on DEIS Post-2006 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead**

Dear Bureau of Reclamation

Amphibian populations are declining worldwide, and amphibians are experiencing high extinction rates due to habitat loss, chytrid fungus, pollutants, pesticides, invasive species, and climate change. Amphibians are the most threatened class of vertebrates.

Amphibian population monitoring surveys should be conducted to monitor amphibian population trends for species including Colorado River toad, Couch's spadefoot, Great Plains toad, lowland leopard frog, northern leopard frog, and relict leopard frog. Protected areas for amphibians should be established. Water flows should be managed to maintain sensitive species including amphibians.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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