



## ENDANGERED SPECIES

### FWS will consider protections for tiny toad found in Nev.

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The Dixie Valley toad was the first new toad species discovered in the country in half a century. Kris Urquhart/Fish and Wildlife Service

A tiny toad has a chance to leap onto the list of endangered species.

The Dixie Valley toad, recently discovered in Nevada, could qualify for endangered species protections, the Fish and Wildlife Service announced yesterday.

After completing a 90-day review, FWS decided that the toad warrants a more comprehensive yearlong study to determine its status.

The 2-inch amphibian with bumpy green, black and brown skin has been found in only one small marsh in Dixie Valley, about 400 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

The Center for Biological Diversity had petitioned the agency for protection of the toad, saying a proposed geothermal energy project could threaten its habitat.

“The Dixie Valley toad is one of the most vulnerable species in Nevada,” said Jenny Loda, a biologist and lawyer with CBD (Henry Brean, Las Vegas Review-Journal, June 26).  
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