

Energy project could crush rare Nevada toad



Development threatens the Dixie Valley toad. Photo/Patrick Donnelly/Center for Biological Diversity

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A type of toad that only lives in a remote Nevada valley could be in trouble if proposed geothermal power project becomes reality.

Ormat Nevada is seeking permission from the Bureau of Land Management to build two 30-megawatt power plants and 15 production and injection wells on federal land about 43 miles northeast of Fallon in Dixie Valley.

The problem is the area is in the habitat of the Dixie Valley toad, a rare amphibian that doesn't live anywhere else.

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