

# USA Flight Archery

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Dear Mr. Kornze:

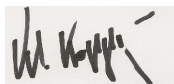
I am a member of the USA Flight Archery Committee. Annually we host an international Flight Archery Competition on the Bonneville Salt Flats (BSF) in western Utah. The tournament attracts competitors from North America (US & Canada) as well as Europe, Asia, and Australia. We have hosted this event on the BSF since the mid-1970s. Anecdotal information documented in letters and reports from that time onwards, and personal observations from current participants suggest a continued degradation of the area's salt crust. For that reason, we wish to add our concern to that of others about the declining conditions of this important American geologic resource.

I am writing this letter in support of the efforts of several organizations working to see to the preservation of the natural environment of the Bonneville Salt Flats (BSF) in western Utah. These organizations include the Utah Alliance to Save the Salt, the Landspeed Racing Community, Save the Salt Coalition, among other groups. All are dedicated to balancing the concerns of the Bonneville Salt Flats' many stakeholders--those seeking to preserve these public lands, those who use the lands for recreational and other purposes, and those who have utilized the revenue potential of the mineral make-up of the Salt Flats. In effect, there is agreement that it is in everyone's best interests to ensure that the unique environment of the BSF is preserved, and indeed restored to allow continued use for research purposes, recreation, and business concerns.

To that end, I encourage the Bureau of Land Management not just to consider, but also strenuously implement the restorative measures outlined in the Position Paper of the Land Speed Racing Community at the Bonneville Salt Flats Summit Stakeholders Meeting, held on May 17, 2016. The measures identify how salt brine left-over from the mineral extraction can be returned to the flats and in so doing, can restore the top salt layer.

Without these or other measures, we risk losing this unique geologic resource through neglect or complacency. It is in everyone's interests that the BLM fulfill its mandated responsibility in the care-taking of these historic lands.

Sincerely,



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