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Neil Kornze, Director
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Director Kornze,

I am writing you due to my concern over the continued deterioration of the Bonneville Salt Flats and the impending demise of land speed racing. My wife and I have been involved in land speed racing for over 30 years and this incredible place has provided indelible memories for its beauty and the lasting friendships built within the "Bonneville community".

The Bureau of Land Management holds the key to the future of Bonneville through your governance and care of this historically significant and internationally recognized racing venue. I have seen a significant deterioration of the salt flats and the impending ruin of this National Historic Place, significantly over the last 5 years. The BLM needs to engage in an effort to start an immediate restoration program of the Bonneville Salt Flats and continue with an ongoing monitored remediation that will return this internationally recognized speedway to safe, high-speed racing conditions.

For many years I would leave one of the events saying "one day maybe a timing slip". I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis almost 9 years ago and my wish became reality through the efforts of many dedicated friends; my wife and I not only have timing slips but are current class land speed record holders. The Bonneville Salt Flats are not only a physical location in this great country, but place of community, desires and dreams of speed for over 100 years now. Please work on keeping these dreams and desires alive so that others can see and strive for "a timing slip" at this incredible place called the Bonneville Salt Flats.

Sincerely,

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Bonneville Record Holders

I/MMP 137.437 mph

I/BMMP132.7 mph

CC: Sally Jewel, Sectary of the Interior; Kevin Oliver, West Desert District Manager; Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah; Mike Crawford, Mayor of Wendover; The Utah Alliance; Save The Salt Foundation; Save The Salt Coalition; Utah Salt Flats Racers Association; Southern California Timing Association; Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials; Cook's Land Speed Events.