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To: Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management

I and Team Vesco are very concerned with the deteriorating conditions of the Bonneville Salt Flats, a National Historic Place, and the impending demise of land speed racing.

I am further alarmed because the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), responsible for its care and protection, has long identified the internationally famous speedway as an "area of critical environmental concern" and yet the salt flats have been severely damaged and is approaching ruin.

I have been going to the Bonneville Salt Flats for over 25 years and have witnessed many record breaking events that can only have occurred on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Luckily, I myself was able to set a record in 2012, which enabled me to become a 200 MPH Club, 300 MPH Chapter Member. Sadly, because of the BLM's neglect, many events were cancelled in the past 2 years and therefore, many people have lost their chance of setting records and entering the prestigious 200 MPH Club, unless action is taken now to protect and repair the Bonneville Salt Flats.

Understand that while most of our motorsports activities are conducted on a paid, professional level, we stand in solidarity with the land speed racing community and recreational users worldwide, respectfully asking the BLM 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 the internationally recognized speedway to safe, high-speed racing conditions.

Sincerely,

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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.