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Neil Kornze
Director
Bureau of Land Management
1849 C Street, N.W., Room 5665
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Kornze:

As governor of Utah, I would like to express our deep concern with the deteriorating conditions of the Bonneville Salt Flats and the consequent impending demise of land speed racing.

Our alarm is amplified because the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which is responsible for the care and protection of this national historic landmark, has long identified the internationally famous speedway as an "area of critical environmental concern," and yet the Bonneville Salt Flats are not only severely damaged but are, in fact, approaching ruin.

On behalf of the people of Utah and recreational users worldwide, particularly land speed racers, we respectfully ask 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,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

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