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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 you are aware, the state of Utah is grateful to be the home of the internationally renowned national historic landmark, the Bonneville Salt Flats. I have long marveled at the sheer beauty of the site, and the educational, technological and cultural achievements this unique landscape has inspired. Unfortunately, I write today to express my concern with the shrinking and deteriorating surface conditions of the Bonneville Salt Flats.

The opportunity and challenge the Salt Flats present can be found in two Bureau of Land Management designations: not only is the Salt Flats a National Historic Landmark but it is also an "area of critical environmental concern." With the last-minute cancellations of several international land-speed race events due to unsafe conditions, I have become increasingly concerned about the future of the Salt Flats.

On behalf of all those who have and are yet to experience the wonder of the Bonneville Salt Flats, I respectfully encourage the BLM to continue discussions and to work with those concerned to restore the Bonneville Salt Flats and the internationally recognized speedway.

Sincerely,



Senator Mike Lee

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