

GSL 2034



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The Great Salt Lake 2034 Charter



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THE GREAT SALT LAKE 2034 CHARTER

A Declaration of Awareness and Action

We, the signers of the Great Salt Lake Charter, affirm the economic, ecological, and cultural value of Utah's inland sea. We recognize a direct connection between a healthy lake, our well-being, and the future prosperity of our state.

Our great lake stands as a defining physical characteristic of Utah. It frames the geography of northern Utah, serves as the namesake of our capital city, and provides substantial economic, ecological, and cultural benefits to our state, nation, and world.

The Great Salt Lake is a critical part of Utah, and we are its stewards.

We affirm that low lake levels at the Great Salt Lake imperil human, economic, and ecological health. We must protect the economic contributions of the lake and preserve its vital functions that increase our snowpack, enhance our watershed, provide habitat for more than 10 million migratory birds, and support the highest quality of life in the nation.

We commit to, and invite other Utahns to commit to, these Great Salt Lake principles of awareness and action.

See our commitments 



COMMITMENTS

1. We are all in this together. Restoring the lake to healthier levels demands that all Utahns — individuals, families, business and community leaders, ranchers, farmers, researchers, elected officials, conservationists, the media, and more — work together for our shared prosperity.

2. We acknowledge that lake stewardship is Utah stewardship. As stewards, we will protect, conserve, innovate, and act.

3. We recognize the interconnectedness of our economy, ecology, and culture. Too often, we solve one problem while creating others. By balancing competing priorities and tradeoffs and following data-informed research, we accelerate progress.

4. We understand the need for further action. Lake restoration requires an ongoing, multi-decade commitment to invest, reprioritize, change behaviors, and find new and better ways to support the Lake. We are committed to saving the Great Salt Lake.

5. We realize the urgency of the moment. We envision a future where Utahns rally to restore the Great Salt Lake to improved health in time for the 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Our progress will be a rare international success story for saline lakes and demonstrate the pioneer spirit of all Utahns. In doing so, we will further Utah's standing as a healthy, beautiful, and prosperous state and share our light with the world.

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of the
GREAT SALT LAKE
AND
ADJACENT COUNTRY
in the
TERRITORY OF UTAH.
Surveyed in 1849 and 1850.