

Sen. Mitt Romney and Speaker Brad Wilson Tour Great Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY – Sen. Mitt Romney and Speaker Brad Wilson toured areas connected to and dependent on the survival of the Great Salt Lake today. Stops along the tour included Bear River inflows, an agricultural site, Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative, and Farmington Bay. As part of the tour, Sen. Romney and Speaker Wilson toured the Great Salt Lake on an airboat to have a firsthand look at the implications of a receding lake.

“The Great Salt Lake is more than just a lake – it is an irreplaceable asset that directly impacts our state’s environment, economy, and quality of life,” said Speaker Wilson. “Preserving the lake requires a collaborative effort and I appreciate Sen. Romney’s efforts to bring attention, funding, and policy change at the federal level. Preserving the Great Salt Lake will continue to be my top priority and I am optimistic for the lake’s future.”

“With the Great Salt Lake currently at the lowest levels ever recorded, we must do whatever is necessary to save it. Today’s visit was informative in our ongoing efforts to restore this critical body of water,” Senator Romney said. “I appreciate Speaker Wilson’s leadership in working toward a permanent solution to save our state’s iconic body of water, and I am proud to support Utah’s efforts on the federal level. I hope that the House will soon pass my legislation—The Great Salt Lake Recovery Act—to study historic drought conditions and protect the long-term health of this lake.”

During the 2022 General Legislative Session, the Legislature appropriated over \$300 million and passed significant policies to preserve and protect the Great Salt Lake. Speaker Wilson sponsored [HB 410 Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement](#), which created a water trust to identify conservation and sustainability projects to increase water quality and quantity to the Great Salt Lake. The Legislature passed several other bills directly related to the preservation of the Great Salt Lake and water conservation.

This summer, Sen. Romney introduced the *Great Salt Lake Recovery Act*, legislation to study historic drought conditions and protect the long-term health of the Great Salt Lake. Romney’s legislation, which builds on the efforts taken by the Utah Legislature, [passed the United States Senate](#) on July 28. In 2021 Romney introduced legislation, [Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act](#), which would establish a scientific foundation and ongoing monitoring system to inform coordinated management and conservation actions for threatened Great Basin saline lake ecosystems and the communities who depend on them.

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