

An aerial photograph of the Simpson Desert, showing a vast, flat, orange-brown landscape with sparse, low-lying vegetation. A winding dirt road or track is visible, leading towards a small cluster of vehicles in the lower right quadrant. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

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