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My name is Saya Moriyasu. I split time between Seattle and Soap Lake. I also volunteer with the Soap Lake Conservancy with the website doing research, photography, writing, and social media. I have been coming to Soap Lake for decades, especially for the mineral water. It's a truly unique place that needs our help and the status of Tier III(B) Outstanding Resource Water designation will help those efforts.

I've been researching other saline or mineral lakes around the world. So many of them are in trouble or have been destroyed due to human mismanagement. I would hope that we can avoid that here.

Lake attributes:

- tribes held these sites sacred and were to be shared by all peoples for sacred and medicinal use
- one of a handful of unique lakes that have been studied to see about life on Mars
- unique bacteria and other organisms - specifically the tufa in Soap Lake

The mineral content of Soap Lake is diminishing due to environmental challenges, including pollution, climate change, and loss of mineral content. Please help protect the remaining minerals and mud in the lake. I support the Soap Lake Conservancy and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in taking decisive action to safeguard Soap Lake.

Soap Lake is exceptional because:

1. the unique habitat, which is regionally rare and an exceptional statewide ecological significance
2. value as a recreation destination
3. the distinct mineral content of Soap Lake. It has one of the highest concentrations of mineral water in the world.

Soap Lake is a remarkable natural treasure, and through collective action and public engagement, we can protect and preserve its unique mineral content and ecological value