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I am writing in support of the proposed Outstanding Resource Water designation for Soap Lake. My father's family were itinerant farmers in Eastern Washington and he was born at the Soap Lake hospital, so my family has been aware of this unique place for many years. While the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project has served agricultural resources in the region, it also poses the need for extra care for affected waters and adjacent water bodies as well as support for tribal communities whose safe land and water access have been interrupted in the service of agriculture. The mineral waters of Soap Lake are cherished by many. The ORW designation will provide a preliminary water quality criteria (conductivity) threshold to limit detrimental development permits and provide warning of changes in water chemistry that could indicate a trend of loss of the unique Soap Lake characteristics.