

## Randy Baker

I live in Spokane and work in riparian restoration in Eastern Washington. I am writing in support of Soap Lake's designation as an Outstanding Resource Water - Tier III(B)., This unique habitat that is a rare example of its kind with bacteria only found in this lake. Researchers with Montana State University have been awarded a series of grants totalling \$6.4 million to identify ways algae can be used for biofuels and other products as it removes carbon dioxide from the air. In addition to other research being conducted on the water and mud in the lake. Soap Lake offers an extremely unique resource and habitat to our landscape. While it, like many of our resources, are bound to change to some degree with the future's climate, natural processes, and human interaction, we should do what we can to mitigate accelerated change and invest in research to see the full potential of this lake before that potential is lost.