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I have been a resident of Soap Lake for almost 25 years but have been coming here my whole life. Soap Lake is such a special body of water, there is no other like it in the world. It has been so difficult to see the degradation of it over the years. The run off from the highway goes into the lake, the storm run off from the town goes into the lake as well as many other less obvious pollutants are making it closer and closer to being unusable.

Soap Lake has been known as a place of healing back into the days of the native Americans in this area. There is some documentation and LOTS of anecdotal evidence that it really does reduce the suffering of several diseases. As a massage therapist and nurse in Soap Lake, I can tell you I have seen with my own eyes people coming to Soap Lake with SERIOUS psoriasis, more than half their body covered in open wounds that look like hamburger and leaving with pink healthy skin after using the water and the mud therapeutically. There is no way to know what else Soap Lake can heal or cure without more study, but if it becomes so polluted it can't be used, we will never get that chance.

Please help us stop this. Thank you so much for your consideration.





