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Since 2008 to now, Soap Lake has not changed much except that the lake appears to be quite lower in level since then. The mineral water still has the silky feel on the skin as before and the beautiful cliffs surrounding the lake still change colors along with the lake as the sun rises and sets.

This serene setting is a family recreational paradise for children and adults. Shallow clear one foot deep areas perfect for toddlers and three foot areas for beginning swimmers.

Soap Lake is perfect for kyaking and canoeing for the adventurous adults as well in the areas of greater depth.

The West Beach which is the most widely utilized has about 50-70 feet of sand on its base before one feels the soft mud (well sought after for skin applications due to the maximum availability of minerals).

In 2008, I was summoned by the Soap Lake Revitalization Committee, to assist in the construction of a Scientific Research Institute to be located near the McKay Hospital. Being a Civil and Solar Engineer, the project was of great interest to me along with my architect.

Plans were drawn and presented, however the financial turmoil of markets in 2008 placed an abrupt halt to this very needed venture.

Designation of Soap Lake as an Outstanding Resource Water (which it is), will likely recreate this location as a scientific Mecca for researchers to study the unusual life forms existent in this unique lake.

Having a meromictic lake in the US is indeed rare. All protective measures should be instituted for maintaining the quality of this body of water for the education and enjoyment of future generations.