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Soap Lake (Smokiam-page 10 of Half Sun on the Columbia; by Ruby/Brown says the definition means 'healing water where the Great Spirit Doctor lives) Soap Lake is an 'ancient lake'. It was the first lake created in the Lower Grand Coulee by the Ice Age Floods It is defined geologically as a part of the ancient chain of Lakes that includes the Dry Falls State Park. The Department of Ecology defines it in its descriptions as a part of the ancient chain of Lakes in the old studies they have done. They acknowledge it as one of the Lower Grand Coulee chain, but also state that it was not included in the Sun Lakes State Park 1936, because of its 'uniqueness' . Chief Moses and his People , the Sinkiuse , were moved off their land cycle in the Big Bend Country 1880 This Lake has been utilized as a 'healing water' and a 'mineral water' continually since that time. It qualifies for ORW status as an amazing world wide; national; and state and local attraction. And it is in the very center of Washington. The only thing it has lacked thru over a century is proper care to conserve its very existence. Please do the right thing and give this amazing miracle of nature the gift of being recognized for its importance and finally begin guarding it as the Natural and Nation Wonder that it is. Thank you Bonnie Holt-Morehouse