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As a resident and council member of the city of Soap Lake, I support Soap Lake's Tier III(B) Outstanding Resource Water designation.

The lake has always been the cornerstone for the city. Early sanitariums catered to travelers suffering from a variety of ailments. Later, the VA identified the city as a location for a hospital serving war veterans. Local businesses provided lodging and food as well as entertainment. Later, workers lived in Soap Lake for jobs supporting the development of the Grand Coulee Dam, the Bureau of Reclamation's canal project including the Soap Lake Siphon.

Outdoor recreational opportunities on and off the water abound in the area. Tourists passing through purchase groceries, gas and eat in our restaurants.

Many thanks to the group that wrote and submitted the application to the DOE. And many thanks to the people who worked on engaging with people to gather these public comments.

Thank you for consideration of this designation. Soap Lake is unique, exceptional and in the long run must be protected as an important natural resource, not only for the city but for all persons interested in the character and quality of the lake and the opportunities held in the mud and water.