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We support the Department of Ecology's proposed rule to designate Soap Lake as a Tier III(B) outstanding resource water. We agree with all the points made by Soap Lake Conservancy and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in their nomination of Soap Lake as Outstanding Resource Waters.

There are ongoing efforts to protect the original meromictic character of Soap Lake's waters. These include efforts to halt infiltration of man-made fresh water resources and City of Soap lake regulations.

Soap Lake has no outlet. What enters the lake (chemicals, sewage, litter, other pollutants) will be there forever. The proposed designation will protect the unique character of Soap Lake and its ecosystem for future generations.

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