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I support Soap Lake's Tier III(B) Outstanding Resource Water designation.

Soap Lake, a highly mineralized lake formed following the Ice Age, is renowned for its exceptional healing properties. The lake has always been an essential destination for indigenous culture and gathering. Also attracting people from across the globe for the lake's unique mineral content, which has relieved various ailments.

The mineral content of Soap Lake is diminishing due to environmental challenges, including pollution, climate change, and loss of mineral content. Please help protect the remaining mineral and mud in the lake. I support the Soap Lake Conservancy and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in taking decisive action to safeguard Soap Lake.

Soap Lake is exceptional because:

1. the unique habitat, which is regionally rare and an exceptional statewide ecological significance
2. value as a recreation destination
3. the distinct mineral content of Soap Lake. One of the highest concentrations of mineral water in the world.

Soap Lake is a remarkable natural treasure, and through collective action and public engagement, we can protect and preserve its unique mineral content and ecological value.

On a personal note I moved to Grant County in 2013 and began enjoying the health benefits of Soap Lake then. As I age, my body becomes more and more riddled with arthritis and I also suffer from degenerative disk disorder. The water of Soap Lake greatly assists me in my mobility.

Please, please help us to protect this valuable resource!