

## Dianne Salmons

I live in Soap Lake, I love the lake and I use it for my own healing I am writing in support of Soap Lake"s designation as an Outstanding Resource Water - Tier III(B)., Soap Lake has unique, mineral-rich water created by the geology of the region concentrating the minerals in the water and the mud., This is a regionally unique recreational value and destination for healing nature of water. Used since pre-historic times to heal and rejuvenate people living here., The layers of water that do not mix in Soap Lake. This is unique. The chemically stratified layer of naturally formed meromictic lakes ... has evolved uniquely adapted species., Helping keep the lake healthy will help the economy of Soap Lake. The minerals keep the water from excess forming toxic algae. "i would come here every year for vacation to visit family for 10 days, and would get in the lake every day. i myself was amazed at how good my body felt. As the years passed and we kept returning, and we got closer to retirement age my husband one day said honey we should think about retiring there, I just love the weather and most of all I love how the lake makes you fell. I have severe arthritis , so one day we sold are farm, packed up and moved to Soap Lake. Its been eight years now and I have no complaints . I actually have found some relief due to the lake it works magic for me. I certainly hope you do everything in your power to save the lake for future generations, as so many of us have been doing for years. I support the DOE recommendation for Soap Lake to be protected as a tier111b ORW in WA state.

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