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My main concern is the water use. PacWest has been vague about how much water they will use. I've heard that they will need to dig wells, not a well but wells to supply their water needs. The State Ecology Department has made it difficult for individuals to dig wells on their property for single families for fear of depleting the States water tables. How can they allow PacWest to dig wells and use thousands of gallons of water a day or even a week.

As for other pollutants the smelter will generate, I would hope that in this modern age a smelter can be built to keep pollutants at a safe level.

My second most concern is the traffic that this smelter will generate. I don't believe that the City of Newport or the South end of Pend Oreille County has the infrastructure to accommodate that kind of traffic.

This next comment has nothing to do with ecology. The employment that this smelter would generate would be nice, however I think the city and/or county could recruit some other industry that would be much cleaner and provide jobs.