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I live in Bonner County Idaho, downwind from Newport. The proposed smelter will have a huge negative impact on our region in many ways. First, the EIS needs to consider the impact on air quality. At the minimum, I am requesting that one year's worth of air quality measurements be taken to give DOE an understanding of the issues in this region. We are prone to long periods of stagnant, poor air in the winter months due to inversions. How will the emissions from a smelter compound the already poor air quality during these periods? The health affect would be considerable. It is unacceptable to me that any more air pollution should be added to our skies. Also, how will the acid rain fallout from the smelter affect the forests and Lake Pend Oreille? Bonner County relies on its clean air (most of the year) and clean water for its tourist based economy. A smelter does not fit with our region's land based economy and culture no matter how many jobs that it would provide.

Another huge factor that Ecology needs to consider is the impact on our area due to increased truck and train traffic. Bonner County is a crossroads of major highways and railroads in the region. We will be negatively affected. The trucks will bring noise, congestion, emissions, and severe road damage. More trains will also bring noise, blocked surface crossings and the risk of derailments. These negative impacts will be felt by all of the citizens of our region while Pac West reaps the rewards.

Another issue that Ecology needs to address is what will happen to the waste produced by many years of smelter operations. Will waste be buried, affecting our groundwater? Will it be trucked away causing more traffic? I believe that Pac West should be sent packing back to Canada and let them build their smelter there!