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I am in the process of carefully researching the economic impacts of the silicon smelting facility in Newport, WA as proposed by PacWest Silicon. My preliminary investigation shows that NO in-depth Economic Impact Study has been conducted for this facility. Downwind air quality impacts of this project have NOT been quantified. Specifically, "What is the OPPORTUNITY COST of this project on recreational communities such as Priest Lake, Sandpoint, and on east into Montana since the prevailing wind derives from the southwest.

I submit that after construction, only a few permanent jobs will be created in this capital intensive facility. Authoritative estimates of direct and indirect jobs creation at and near the facility must be weighed against the "regional impacts" (particularly the recreational industries such as tourist, outdoor sports, etc.).

Accordingly, I specifically request that objection comprehensive studies be conducted BEFORE any possible approvals of the silicon smelting facility occur. Please address this request in writing and in a publically transparent mannner. Thank you very much.

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