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I have been living in north Idaho for more than 20 years and my wife and I are raising our daughters here because the quality of life is wonderful. However, we worry about them swimming in Lake Coeur d'Alene because of the devastation caused by mining in the Silver Valley. The decisions concerning mining made long ago still has lasting negative impacts on our region. A large smelter will have similar long-lasting, negative impacts. Please make a responsible choice and reject this smelter. The short-term, short-sighted potential economic benefits will be dwarfed by the long-term, dangerous environmental impacts.