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Dear Mr. Pfeifer,

As you look at PacWest's proposal for a silicon smelter, please consider carefully the cumulative deposition of NO_x and Sox creating changes in nutrients regimes and soil pH impacting sensitive alpine ecology. Consider how this will affect the native species of fish, amphibians and invertebrates who are more susceptible.

Please look into the effects of Charcoal manufacturing which creates large pollution emissions of carbon monoxide and VOC's that when combined with NO_x and other large sources of VOC will form ground ozone.

A full assessment is needed considering the accumulation of persistent toxins like mercury, dioxin, arsenic and others on the landscape and subsequent runoff. These pollutants will impact terrestrial and aquatic life and biomagnify creating chronic and acute toxic effects both in the organisms and the people who eat them.

Please take the long term view and investigate this application from PacWest with vigor, integrity and honesty