Kathryn Galbreath

I am very concerned about the effect of constant light and noise upon our community. How does PacWest propose to mitigate the glare at night and the noise of 24-hour plant production and heavy traffic upon our roads? I demand residents of neighboring Bonner County ID are entitled to a NEPA study - this area is less than a mile downwind, downrange and downstream from this project and don't seem to be considered at all in PacWest's proposal of a a smelter.

Furthermore, the smelter is enormous and its very tall smokestacks will be the most prominent feature of our community if built. Its location in a rural, recreational area will drive away prospective families looking to build and live here, as well as tourists, outdoors enthusiasts, and retirees. What alternative sites have been looked at? How will the employment offered by the plant (no firm numbers, indefinite operational timeline) compensate for the lower property values and loss of tourism dollars? In other words, inspect carefully the long term economic impact likely in Pend Orielle County, WA and Bonner County, ID. What can PacWest offer to offset the ugliness of this huge industrial plant?

PacWest is only here for cheap labor, cheap land and cheap power. Please examine the economic justice of selecting this particular low-income area for a very dirty industry. WA DoE should also take into consideration during the scoping process that this facility is not in accordance with the Pend Oreille County WA growth/economic plan.

Thank you.