

# Carl Blish

Dear Sirs/Ladies:

When it comes to potential ecological, long term flora/fauna damage nothing could be more valuable than an unbiased and honest study of the effects and threats associated with a silicon smelter such as that proposed just outside of Newport, Washington but wanting to use North Idaho roads and rails as they pollute OUR atmosphere, OUR health and OUR land for the GREED of a few uncaring people. MANY of us live quite rural because we enjoy UNADULTERATED nature at its finest above ALL else.

I would guess this smelter and the effects they all produce will NOT BE THE FIRST the WSDOE has had the duty to study before it is put into operation. Would you have us believe the input from those of us that actually live close will have any real bearing in whether or not this MEGA polluting/foreign owned smelter will truly be a benefit to those of us that have lived here for decades?

The good folks of Newport have shown they do not always make good decisions by bringing in anyone and anything they believe could aid in the economic growth of their little town.

Unconcerned of who or what it will affect around them.

In closing, IF the WSDOE is in need of land within a short distance(10 miles)from this proposed smelter,I can offer you a portion of ours. We are located just north of Blanchard in a south easterly direction from the proposed smelter.

Sincerely,

Carl Blish