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I am strongly against the proposed silicon smelter. It will negatively impact the air quality of our area and impact the quality of life of tens of thousands of people. Should the project go through, some people in Newport would gain jobs (if they even need them given the low unemployment rate), however, the environmental pollution would impact thousands of jobs in the tourism industry across Priest River, Sandpoint, Coeur D'Alene and beyond. It seems penny wise and pound (dollar) foolish. The environment is this area's largest asset. If that is jeopardized it will also impact home sales, construction and many other ancillary industries as the area becomes less desirable. There are far too many negatives to take this risk.