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This Smelter is OPPOSED by an overwhelming majority of the citizens residing in Pend Oreille County, WA, Bonner County ID, Boundary County, ID, Kootenai County, ID and into Western Montana. It will affect air and water quality, dramatically alter the landscape, directly impact wildlife, Increased Noise Pollution by increased truck traffic, as well as Facility Noise. It will dramatically affect the lives, lifestyle and health of all residents living near the proposed facility. In addition it will decrease residential property values. Any jobs created will primarily go to those coming from out of the area and any local jobs created will be few and lower wage.

The EIS needs to address all the following concerns: Short and Long Term Air Quality, Short and Long Term Water Quality, Short and Long Term Impacts on Wildlife both direct and indirect (displacement, loss of habitat, increased road kill due to higher traffic), Landscape (this area is beautiful and why we choose to live here - it is not to have an eyesore in our backyards replacing trees and wildlife), Increased Noise Pollution, and Effects on Residential Property Values (Some people have already moved in the anticipation of the shelter, have considered relocating, consider relocating but financially unable, and have lost sales due to the proposed smelter. Thus one can conclude that residential property values will decrease if the Smelter moves forward. Who wants to live or buy a home or property with that in your backyard.)

As stated, this Smelter is OPPOSED by the Mass Majority of Residents. That alone should nix this project if people matter at all. Politics should not play a role. Corporation should not come before Citizens. Do the right thing and deny the Smelter. Same time and money. Avoid the inevitable, lengthy and costly court battles, protests and picketing that will ensue should the Smelter be approved to move forward.