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This proposed silicon smelter will operate 24/7. How will PacWest mitigate the impact of its proposed urban industrialized silicon metals smelter on the local culture, rural character and quality of rural life Newport and surrounding area has had for 100 plus years?

How will the increase in pollution, noise, vibration and activities surrounding truck and rail traffic impact our downtown area with the rail yard just a few hundred meters from city center? Our Farmers' Market? Our Museum? Our business'? Our Rodeo and Rodeo Parade? Our Saturday and Sunday church activities and worship? Our Pend Oreille Player theatre?