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Say no to this Smelter, I live in the Silver Valley of Idaho where the EPA has been cleaning it up for over 20 years now from the Smelter that was here. I have seen the damage, I have had to buy special insurance for my home because most insurance won't cover a superfund area , no one wants the Smelter. No one wants North Idaho ruined for years and decades to come like the Silver Valley has been, we can't eat the fish we catch so it down to either no fishing or catch and release. I won't hunt in this area and I know many other hunters who leave the area or has just stopped hunting. Children still have to be tested once a year for lead poisoning. I lost every dog I had ,4 , in the first year I moved here in 2007 and that was after the EPA was cleaning up the valley and my yard had already been cleaned , all young healthy dogs , all suddely came down with cancer and died. I no longer live in the valley but on the outskirts in Rose Lake area where neighbors said they have issues out here also from back when the smelters where here. Don't destroy the Newport , Blanchard , Priest River and the rest of that area. Thank you