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The wind here is very mild averaging 4 miles an hour. I am greatly concerned the toxin in the air will not be dispersed efficiently enough and will cause a constant cloud of waste in the air. The proposed smelter will very near my own house concerning me with my son's already life threatening asthma. Diamond lake is near by and those toxins could pollute the cleanest lake in all of WA and the most stalked (people eat the fish that could be contaminated) and the many other water ways that connect underground. I get all my drinking water from a well, the water in this area could be contaminated. I am extremely, allergic to synthetic chemicals which is why I moved to the country for the fresh air, my livelihood deserves fresh air. This earth deserves better than the pollution. Many people like myself live on mountaintops the smoke stacks could cause toxic air to send the debris right to their door. We have a lot of problems with forest fires that have already increased air pollution, I can't imagine how toxic the air will be combined with the smoke from forest fires. The worst economic failure in my lifetime was the housing crash and I fear another for the poor town of Newport, where the people and their health should come first. Allowing such a factory to be built in an area that is Not zoned for it would be a tragedy for the citizens and makes any "protection" of our environment a pointless process when it will obviously dump extreme amounts of toxins in to the air. Newport is 600 acres and this is proposed to take up 1/3 of its pristine environment. I am also concerned for the residents of Idaho where it will be along their boarder polluting the pan handle of Idaho could have extreme impacts on them and they didn't have a voice in their neighbor's poor decision. Thanks for your time and I hope we start putting our environment first before it's too late.